

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 30th September 2022

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

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Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

This week we looked at the story of Ruth and Naomi and the importance of being friends.

Attendance



We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%.

Do remember that we close our gates at 8:45am everyday and we finish at 3pm.

This week

Well done to our Year 1 children who with Mrs Pring and Mrs Packham led their class worship yesterday all about books. The children shared their favourite books and the different places they read in school:



The children also shared some of their work they had completed on The Sky Garden and also Journey. Did you know that if you read 20 minutes a day with your child you will read 1,800,000 words per year! Please do keep reading with your child and thank you for your support.

PTFA Fair Winners

Well done to Daisie, Shaarvi and Oliwia who won prizes for their Heritage Artwork.

Well done also to Spencer, Stanley, Luke D and Tom for their amazing Lego models!

We also achieved the Gold award for our Garden area too...



Tunbridge Wells Mayor's Toy Appeal



As a school we are able to access the Mayor's Toy Appeal on behalf of any families who feel they may struggle to afford any presents for their child/children this year. If you feel this applies to you, please contact Dave direct on 07966190428 ASAP, in confidence, to arrange a time to talk to him about your child's/children's needs and likes so that we can then put in a request on your behalf. Closing date for requests 3rd November.

Admission to Secondary school in Kent 2023

Apply online at
[kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

Opens Thursday 1 September 2022 and closes
at midnight on Monday 31 October 2022

For children born between
1 September 2011
and **31 August 2012**,
Transferring to Secondary
school in **September 2023**

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Thursday 1 September 2022** and closes at midnight on **Monday 31 October 2022**.

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Wednesday 1 March 2023**) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Wednesday 15 March 2023**.

If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Thursday 1 September 2022	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 31 October 2022	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to secondaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Wednesday 1 March 2023	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Wednesday 15 March 2023	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 28 March 2023	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk or kent.secondaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email - please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.



Thursday 6th October Special Menu



Welcome to Autumn Day
Thursday 6th October



Sticky Orange Chicken

Served with Noodles and Mixed Vegetables

Sweet Potato and Red Pepper Pie (v)

Served with New Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables

Pasta with Cheese Sauce

Fruity Autumn Cake

Seasonal Fruit



Our School Harvest Festival is on Monday 10th October at 9:30am at St Barnabas Church. We will be collecting for the local food bank dried goods which the children will be sharing during the service.

Friday Worship

On a Friday our worship is all about celebration. We share our stars of the week, children who are in our Golden books for showing our School Values, team points and any other celebrations from our School community.

Our stars this week are:

Nellie B, Sofia, Lilianna, Mya, Francesco, Kimmi, Stanley, Aimee, Nellie G, Alice, Isabel J and Ruben

Well done to Disciples who are top of the team points

Keeping in contact

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher here are the class email addresses. If it is an urgent matter please contact the School office.

Acorn: acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk Willow: willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Beech: beech@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk Maple: maple@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Chestnut: chestnut@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Lilac: lilac@st-st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk Oak: oak@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Safeguarding Concerns

Please can we remind everyone that the School Designated Safeguard leads are Mrs Duncombe and Mrs Pring. If you have any concerns do contact us.

Did you know that today in...



1659

Robinson Crusoe is shipwrecked
(according to Daniel Defoe's famous novel)

Reminders

Please can we ask that we have no chocolate nut spread in sandwiches as we have children who are allergic to nuts in school.

Chocolate should be in moderation and we ask that the children do not have other sweets in their pack lunch boxes

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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