

# St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

**Newsletter Friday 2nd February 2024**

*Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.*

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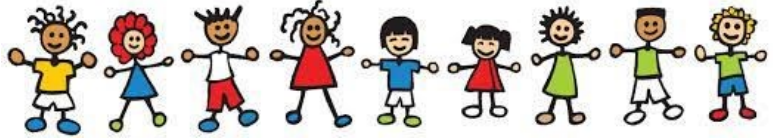


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

This week we have found out about the Gospels.

## Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. This week our attendance is 92.71%.



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

## This Week...

On Tuesday 'Drama for All' came into school to complete workshops for our younger children based on the theme of the Wild West. The children had a lot of fun and really enjoyed their experience.

Tuesday also saw Dave start his art group and he would love to invite others to join him – please see further on in our newsletter for more information.

Today our children in Year R, 1 and 2 were excited to find out about different creatures in their "Jaws 'n' Claws" workshops:



Tonight we are looking forward to our PTFA Discos and we thank the PTFA for organising the event and, of course, to DJ Lollipop!

## Have you been to Charlie's Angels on Camden Road?

It is an ethical eatery, where they operate on a 'pay-as-you-feel' basis for hot food and surplus delights. Pay what feels right to you, knowing that every bite supports their mission and the community.

Dave informs me that on a Saturday afternoon and Monday afternoon they often have bread and some other items going spare.

Do go and have a look....



## The Winter Mini Challenge last call.

From 1st December 2023 children will be able to take part for free via the Reading Agency's dedicated children's website, [wintermini.org.uk](http://wintermini.org.uk), and gain online rewards for reading and reviewing books!

All children have to do is read at least three books between **1st December 2023 and 19th February 2024**. They can choose any books they like! Fact books, fiction, joke books, picture books, eBooks, audio books, the choice is theirs and all of these can be reserved and borrowed for free from any Kent library with a child's library card!

Once they've read a book, add it to their website profile (over on the Reading Agency's website) and write a review to let everyone know what you thought. Remember to also log their books online to unlock virtual rewards too!

Read and add just 3 books (or more) to complete the Winter Mini Challenge!

## Creative Afternoons for Parents

I can't paint

I can't draw

I'm not creative

Does this sound like you? Come along on Tuesday afternoons and let me show you that EVERYONE can be creative. Join our relaxed afternoons finding our creativity together. If you have already unleashed your creativity please come along and share your skills with the rest of us.

Come along from Tuesday 30th January at 1.30pm for a coffee in the school hall to find out more and have a go everyone welcome.

Contact me if you want to find out more or to offer your skills

Thank you

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## **Term dates for 2024– 2025**

### **Term 1 (2024)**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 - **staff development day (no children in school)**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September - **term starts for Years 1-6 (Reception details to follow)**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October - **term ends**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November - **half term holiday**

### **Term 2**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November - **term starts**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - **term ends**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 – **Christmas holiday**

### **Term 3 (2025)**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 – **term starts**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - **term ends**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February – **half term holiday**

### **Term 4**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February - **term starts**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - **term ends**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – **Easter holiday**

### **Term 5**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April - **term starts**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - **Bank Holiday**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - **term ends**

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May – **half term holiday**

### **Term 6**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - **staff development day (no children in school)**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - **term starts**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - **term ends**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - **staff development days (no children in school)**



## Friday Worship

In our Friday 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:

Reuben, Nina, Robert, Charlie, Spencer, Asu, Yasmin, Mya, Ishrat, Alexis, Stefan, Ayda and Daisie.

Team points winners this week... Saints.

## 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](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

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## 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.

## 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 packed lunch boxes.

Please make sure children are dressed in the correct uniform and have a named water bottle everyday.

Have a lovely weekend!

With best wishes

*Moira Duncombe*

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