

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

Newsletter Friday 19th July 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.

We discussed our School Values and memories.

## Attendance

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



## This Week...

Our last week is always a busy week with special events to mark the end of the academic year. We say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 who have had a fabulous year and time at St Barnabas:



We wish you all well in your new schools and we hope that you keep in touch with us as you embark on your next adventures. This week we also say goodbye to Mrs Newborn who has been working with us to support Special Time. Mrs Newborn also worked with St Barnabas as a teacher for many years. Miss Brugnone is leaving us from Year 5 and we thank her for all her support especially in computing.

Today we are also saying goodbye to Miss Traviss who is leaving us to go on her own exciting adventure. We thank her for all her efforts as our Acorn class teacher.



Woohoo!!! We achieved the School Games Gold award again!

### School Sports Day results

Key Stage 1 Sports Day results:

	Angels	Disciples	Kingdom	Saints
Year R	75	58	32	81
Year 1	79	61	46	74
Year 2	59	48	64	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>234</b>

Key Stage 2 Sports Day results:

	Angels	Disciples	Kingdom	Saints
Year 3	83	73	95	49
Year 4	66	61	60	73
Year 5	39	105	72	59
Year 6	69	72	68	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>222</b>

# School Photographic Competition

This summer we are having a photographic competition for all members of the school community, on the theme 'This is my Town'.

There are 4 age categories:

Children in KS1

Children in KS2

Older Siblings

Adults 18+



(One entry per person)

The winner in each category will receive a 60 x 40cm enlargement of their winning picture.

**Closing date: 25th August 2024**

Please send each picture to: [stbphoto@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:stbphoto@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

With the name, age category and contact details.

All entries will be on a rolling display at the Heritage Open Day in school on the 14th September.

Good luck!

## Community Larders / Warm Spaces

**Tunbridge Wells Baptist Church Community Larder, 12 Upper Grosvenor Road, TN1 2EP**

**Tuesdays from 1pm – 2:30pm**

You are invited to come and choose from a selection of **fresh fruit and veg, chilled meats, bakery, chocolate, tinned food and more**. You will leave with a bag of groceries for a recommended donation of £2. Please bring your own bags.

Please email for any further information: [communitylarder@twbc.org.uk](mailto:communitylarder@twbc.org.uk)

The **Community Cafe** is open each **Tuesday from 11.00am - 1.00pm** in the main church Sanctuary.

Everyone is welcome to come along for hot drinks and cakes for a donation. No need to book.

**St Philip's Community Larder, Birken Road, TN2 3TE**

**Tuesday from 12pm-1pm** is the Community Larder where you can get a top up on food. Bring a carrier bag or a few and a little bit of money for a donation.

**St Mark's Community Larder, St Mark's Road TN2 5LU**

**Wednesday afternoons**. £3 suggested donation for a large bag of food and toiletries. To book a time slot for collection, please text 07984 523646 or email [stmarkscommunitylarder@gmail.com](mailto:stmarkscommunitylarder@gmail.com)

All very welcome!

**Christ Church Southborough Community Larder, Prospect Road, TN4 0EG**

**Thursdays - 12 noon to 1.00pm**. If you'd like to donate items to our Community Larder you can do so through the collection basket located in Costcutter, London Road Southborough, or for larger donations email - [dave@christchurchsouthborough.com](mailto:dave@christchurchsouthborough.com)

**St Matthew's Community Larder**

**Friday morning - 9.30 - 10.45am at the Bethel Hall (between 25-27 High Brooms Road)**

Anyone can come to the community larder. There are no restrictions and no referral is needed. For a small donation of £3 you can take away a bag full of quality food.

**For more information about the Community Larder, please visit the website <https://stmattscommunitylarder.co.uk/>**

**Rusthall Community Larder @ St Paul's Church Centre; High Street, Rusthall TN4**

**Friday - 12.30pm to 2.15pm**. Suggested donation of £2 per bag.

**Number One Community Centre; 1 Rowan Tree Rd, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5PX**

**Wednesdays; 9.15-10.30am**

## **Warm Spaces**

Tunbridge Wells Christian Fellowship - Tuesdays from 9am - 4pm

St Philip's Church - Wednesdays from 9am - 1pm

St Matthew's Church - Wednesdays from 10am - 4pm

Salvation Army - Wednesdays & Thursdays from 10am - 1.30pm

Christ Church (TW) - Tuesdays from 2-4pm & Thursdays from 10-12.

United Emmanuel - 2nd Tuesday of each month for Coffee Morning; 10-11.30am

Hawkenbury URC - 3rd Tuesday of each month for Coffee Morning; 10-11.30am

King Charles the Martyr Church Hall – Friday afternoon; 1.30-5.00pm

## Term dates 2024 – 2025

### Term 1 (2024)

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024: staff development days (**no children in school**)

Wednesday 4th September: term starts for Years 1-6

Friday 6th September: New Acorns start

Friday 25th October: term ends

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November: half term holiday

### Term 2

Monday 4th November: term starts

Friday 20th December: term ends

Monday 23rd December 2024 – Friday 3rd January 2025: Christmas holiday

### Term 3 (2025)

Monday 6th January 2025: term starts

Friday 14th February: term ends

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February: half term holiday

### Term 4

Monday 24th February: term starts

Friday 4th April: term ends

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April: Easter holiday

### Term 5

Tuesday 22nd April: term starts

Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday

Friday 23rd May: term ends

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May: half term holiday

### Term 6

Monday 2nd June: staff development day (**no children in school**)

Tuesday 3rd June: term starts

Friday 18th July: term ends

**Thank you to all the parents who replied about the changes to the length of our School day. After considering all of your comments, I am writing to confirm that as of September we will be finishing the school day at 3:15pm.**

## Celebration

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:

Congratulations to Luke for his success in Karate and Emily in her swimming.

*Please do let us know if you are awarded any achievement outside school – we would love to celebrate!*

## Keeping in contact

Class email addresses will not be checked regularly during the School holiday. For any concerns please email the school office or headteacher email address:

Office@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk headteacher@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

If it is an urgent matter please email 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-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: [safeguarding@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

## And finally...

What a fabulous year... we have continued to be a strong part of our community and our children have continued to demonstrate our School Values. In December we had our KS1 Nativity and also KS2 Carol Service. We performed at the O2... the Assembly Hall and the Trinity Theatre. We competed against other schools and achieved the School Gold Games award again. We also had several inter-house competitions and last week our Sports Day events. Ofsted inspected us in January.

For our Year 6 we wish you well and thank you and your families for all of your support over your time with us.

I would like to thank our amazing staff team who continually strive for all our children to achieve their best. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in September – keep a look out for our new website!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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