

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

Newsletter Friday 11th October 2024

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

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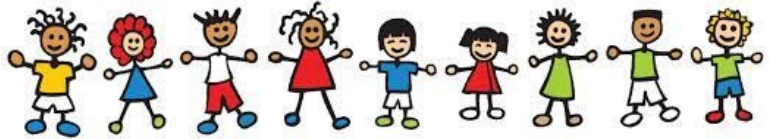


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

We discussed how Harvest means thank you for all gifts.

## Attendance

As we start our new year together we have new Attendance expectations from the Department for Education.



Our School gates open at 8:30am every day and School starts at 8:45am.

This week our Whole School attendance was 97% - well done for reaching the target!

## This Week...

Harvest and saying thank you has certainly been a main focus this week. Last Friday our Year One class visited Lynne's Organic Farm near Eridge and had a fabulous time:

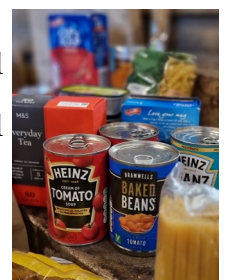


The weather was very kind and the class will be sharing more about their visit soon. Our thanks go to the Countryside Trust who helped to support and enable this trip.

On Tuesday as part of the Puppet Festival our younger children and families were able to watch Hullabaloo Puppet Show. Yesterday Year 3 and 4 went to see Atom and Luna performed by the Applause Theatre Company and the children had a great time watching the show.

Today was our Harvest Festival service and it was lovely to see so many parents and carers join us. Our thanks go to everyone who was able to donate and our goods will go with St Barnabas Church gifts to our local food bank.

What a lovely week.



## Cross Country Competition



On Thursday we sent a team of Year 5 and 6 athletes to the Uplands Cluster Cross Country Competition.

All of our performers competed wonderfully and demonstrated the school values of Aspiration and Perseverance in what were very challenging, muddy conditions.

Congratulations to Alicia, Molly, Henry, Charith, Alexis, Charlie, Rafi, Zoe, Lois and Oscar who all competed well and finished the race.

(Very muddy photo to be included in the newsletter next week)

Extra congratulations for Molly (5th) Oscar (4th) Charlie (9th) Rafi (11th) and Lois (16th) who have all qualified for North Wealden Partnership Final.

If your child is interested in taking part in a competitive cross country race but was not selected for the team this time around, we are planning an inter-school cross country competition in the spring which will be suitable for anyone who wants to be involved.

## Dates for your diary

### October

Wednesday 16th: Year 5 trip

Friday 18th: School Disco

Monday 21st: Parent Consultations

Tuesday 22nd: Parent Consultations

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Thursday 24th: Open Morning for Reception 2025– 2026

Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November: **Half Term**

Thursday 31st October: Year 7 Admissions deadline for current Oak children

### November

Tuesday 5th: Open Morning for Reception 2025-2026

Poppies on sale

Thursday 28th: Flu Immunisations

### December

Thursday 19th: Proposed Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th: Last Day of Term

## 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:

Well done to all our Cross Country team and our Year 3 and 4 children who exhibited outstanding behaviour on the coach yesterday.

Well done to our Acorn class and their buddies who were fantastic at our Harvest Festival today.

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

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

## 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. If your child has to wear earrings please can we ask that they are small and not hooped.*

## And finally...

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

With best wishes,

*Moira Duncombe*

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