

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 25th October 2024

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

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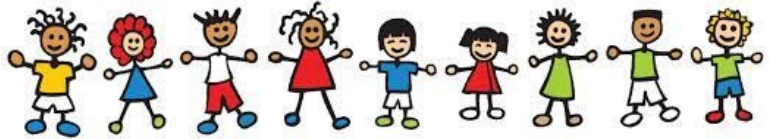


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

We found out about pearls.

Attendance

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



The target for attendance (pupils being present) is 97% and this week our Whole School attendance was 94%. Our School gates open at 8:30am every day and school starts at 8:45am.

This Week...

Thank you to our PTFA who organised our two school discos on Friday. The children had a great time.

Every Friday we celebrate children who are stars of the week, those children who have demonstrated our School values. Over the past few Fridays we have also presented badges to our Reading Ambassadors, Worship Leaders, Cross Country team and today our Football squads. Last week our Year 5 and 6 Girls' team took part in a tournament and played fabulously and came sixth. Mr Mackinnon particularly highlighted the girls determination and drive.

This week we have been celebrating children's progress at Parent Consultations. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us this week and if you have not met your child's class teacher please do make contact after half term via the class email.

Pumpkins have again taken over the school office with super pumpkin pies and a Guess the Weight competition. A huge congratulation to Cristian who guessed the closest weight which was 2534g. Thank you to everyone who took part and helped to raise funds for the Gardening Club.

Today is our last day of term 1; a huge thank you to all our staff for their hard work and dedication.



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 is 7th November.

Acorn Class 2025

If you have a child born between 1 September 2020 - 31 August 2021, due to start school next September, please get in touch with the school office to book a place on our upcoming Prospective Parent tour taking place in November. Reception applications open on Friday 5 November 2024 and close at midnight on Monday 15 January 2025. Applications should be made online via KCC- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

Year 6 Secondary School

The online application window for children enrolling into Year 7 in September 2025 will close at midnight on Tuesday 31st October 2025. Apply via <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places>.

Did you know?

You can raise funds for our school just by shopping online and choosing to donate a percentage through Easy Fundraising. You can do this through their website, App or by setting a 'Donation Reminder' on your browser. Register with Easy Fundraising and search for 'St Barnabas CE VA Primary School PTFA' to select as your chosen charity. Then simply shop and the donation is made automatically! You can even see how much you have raised in your account. Please visit :<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

Attendance this term

This week we had the LA attendance officer come and review our attendance data since September. After half term we will be inviting families into school to discuss attendance expectations and the ramifications if children are not in school.

Since the start of term our class attendance is the following:

Willow: 94.52%	Beech: 95.92%	Maple: 94.44%
Chestnut: 96.31%	Lilac: 97.14%	Oak: 95.51%
Acorn Class: 96.23%		

Do have a look on Arbor to see your child's current attendance.

From the Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner:

This week I'm launching my Annual Youth Survey. I run this every year to ask young people about their experiences of social media, online bullying and safety.

This year, I am asking Parents and Guardians for their views for the first time.

Please find below the links:

Primary School Pupils: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PrimaryYouthSurvey/>

Parents: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentSurveyKent/>

It may be a good opportunity to sit down with your child, if you feel appropriate, to complete the pupil survey with them and prompt some discussion around internet safety.

Dates for your diary

October

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

Tuesday 12th: Year 6 Greek day

Friday 15th: Children in Need Day—more information to come in a separate email.

Thursday 28th: Flu Immunisations

December

Thursday 19th: Proposed Christmas Lunch

Friday 20th: Last Day of term

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

Remembrance Day

On the 10th November several of our children will be taking part in Remembrance Parades in Tunbridge Wells. We will be laying our School Wreath at St Barnabas Church. If you would like to join us the service begins at 10:50am.

Our children will be able to buy Poppies and accessories in the first week of term 2 (4th-8th November).

The prices are as follows:

© Slap band - £1

© Wrist band - £1

© Zip pull – 50p

© Paper poppies – any amount

If your child wishes to purchase something, please ensure they bring coins in a **named** envelope (no change will be given). As is a very limited amount of accessories, children will only be able to buy one accessory. There are plenty of poppies though! Please remember all the profits and donations go to the Poppy Appeal Foundation.



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:

Stars of the Week: Sara, Millie, Audrey, Imani, Ajus, Spencer, Chestnut Class, Daniel, Vrishank, Hanvika, and Stefan.

Well done to Luke, Taiisia and Lily, who achieved their yellow belts; Audrey her Red and Fred his Orange at Karate last weekend.

Team Point winner: Saints.

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

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

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

And finally...

I hope you all have a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 4th November. Do remember that the clocks go back on Saturday night!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

@StBarnabasSchoolTW



WORKSHOP

Are you between the ages of 7-14? Do you have a passion for speed, excitement and all things motorsport? Then buckle up and get ready for an adrenaline-fueled day at our motorsport workshop.

We'll introduce you to different types of racing, from formula one to rally and beyond. JUMP into our simulators and feel the thrill of high-speed racing all in the safety of our workshop.

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