

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 28th March 2025

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 thought about Holy Week.

Attendance

We continue to work hard to achieve the Attendance expectations from the Department for Education.



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

I do hope everyone who has been poorly this week is now on the mend and do check recent school emails for further information.

Whole School attendance was 89% this week, due to the stomach bugs lots of pupils have had.

This Week...

It certainly has been a very full week this week with our Year 6 children going off on their residential at its beginning. The weather was very kind and although the early mornings were cold, the children had great fun. Do look at the photographs on the next page and our thanks go to Miss Mercer, Miss Swannell, Mrs Barter and Fr. John.

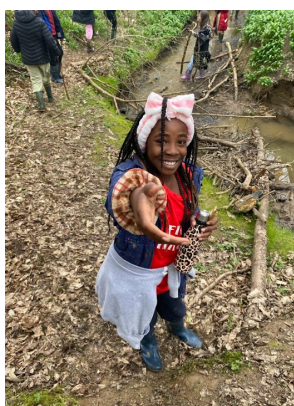
We have been fortunate to have the Kent Emotional and Well Being Team working with us to promote the importance of friendship and how to understand emotions. They are currently spending some time in class but if you feel our child would like some support do come and talk to Dave or Mrs Duncombe.

Today we are celebrating our Fun Friday with our Sponsored Walk and Film Night. A huge thank you to everyone who has sponsored their child and of course to the children who are busy taking part in the Alice in Wonderland Walk. Our Years R and 1 had their walk this morning and Year 2 upwards completed their walk this afternoon. It is lovely to see our Year 6 leading the groups around the walk answering the challenges but I don't think any of the children saw the Cheshire Cat!!

We kindly ask that all sponsorship money is collected and handed in to school no later than Tuesday 22nd April. Sponsorship raised in cash can be handed in to the school office in a named envelope. Sponsorship payments can also be made using the School Shop in Arbor.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Fun Friday such a success!

Year 6 Residential 2025



Miss Sarjeant is running the Race for Life

Miss Sarjeant, who is training to be a teacher with us, is running the Race for Life soon. If you would like to sponsor her please click on the following link:

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/olivias-race-for-life-32746570175573?urn=524790305&utm_medium=email&utm_source=mcamp&utm_campaign=N25LRRWEA1&utm_content=N25LRRWEA103&utm_team=Race%20for%20Life_InSeries_25_Email_Welcome%20N25LRRWEA1



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: Oscar K, Emily, Amelia-Rose, Arlo, Tilly, Chestnut Class, Layla, Teddy, Lois, Christo and all of Oak Class.

Team Point winner: To be shared next week.

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

Dates:

Tuesday 22nd April: Start of Term 5

Tuesday 22nd: Applause theatre visiting

26th April: Pool set up!!

And finally...

Have a lovely weekend and a Happy Mother's Day!

Moira Duncombe

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