

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 4th April 2025

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

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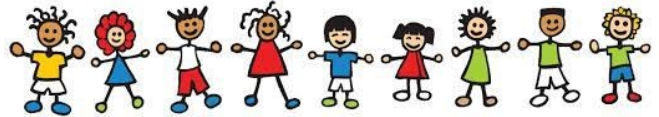


Our **School Christian Values** are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

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 95% this week.

This Week...

What a fabulous day we had last Friday. The whole school took part in our Sponsored Walk and although for Year R and 1 the weather was not as kind, it was lovely to see and hear our children return happy, excited and eager to share the password and unlock their ice creams! The day carried on with many children watching a film.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part, helped and of course for collecting sponsor money. Our target was £3800 and currently our total stands at over £2,200—wow! Please remember to pay your sponsor money by Tuesday 22nd April 2025 and keep an eye out for our final total....

This week has seen Year 5 make shortbread as part of their Victorian topic, and the children enjoyed the taste-testing afterwards.



Year R went to Kidsbury as part of their topic People Who Help Us.

The children had a great time exploring different jobs.

On Thursday our Year 6 took part in a World War 2 day with the children dressing up and taking part in a range of activities:



Today is our last day before our Easter break. It has been a busy term! A huge thank you to all our team for their hard work and dedication.

Have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 22nd April at 8:45am.**

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

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St Barnabas Sponsored Walk



Who are the Emotional Wellbeing Team?

Who are we?

We are the Emotional Wellbeing Team at your child's school. Emotional Wellbeing Teams are a government initiative also known nationally as Mental Health Support Teams. We're specially trained to help children at school with their emotional wellbeing and mental health. From time to time, children and young people need additional support with their emotional wellbeing and mental health, so we're here to help. Getting the right support early can prevent problems getting bigger, so that your child can enjoy school, home, time with family & friends, and other activities.

Who can we help?

We provide support to all children in the school, and work together with everyone in the school community to promote a 'whole school approach' to emotional wellbeing and mental health. We also work with children and their parents/carers in group or 1:1 sessions to support with specific problems.

How we can help

We have several ways to support your child, including:

- Whole school activities and workshops to promote emotional wellbeing and increase understanding of how to take care of our mental health.
- Group and 1:1 sessions to support parents/carers including:
- Supporting your children with worries and fears
- Understanding your child's behaviour

Website link:

<https://www.nelft.nhs.uk/kent-primary-schools>

Our work in primary schools:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8TVCwJDjU-c>

Zuska Kennard – Senior EWP:

I am so excited to be part of the West Kent team expanding into your school. I am looking forward to working collaboratively to support children, young people and families to promote wellbeing.



Kerri Adofo – EMHP:

"I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all and working alongside you to support the young people in your schools. I am passionate about the difference we can all make when it comes to helping children navigate life's challenges and realising their potential."



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: Zenaida, Himansh, Daisy, Robert, Steven, Arlo, Tilly, Sydney, Ted, Rakshita, Layla, Teddy and all of Oak Class.

Well done to Debbie, Taisiia, Brijesh and Billy for their success in chess!

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

And finally...

Have a lovely Easter break!

Moirá Duncombe

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