

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 6th June 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.

Attendance

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



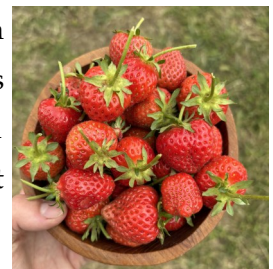
Our School gates open at 8:30am every day and School starts at 8:45am.

Whole School attendance was 95% this week.

This Week...

I do hope you all had a lovely May half term and are ready for our last term together this academic year. Term 6 is always a very busy term with productions, trips, Sports Day events, phonic assessments, multiplication test and learning too!

Over the half term the blue soft surface was replaced and it certainly looks clean and blue and hopefully will last this time. Colour is also evident in our raised beds with the lovely red roses and also our amazing strawberry crop this year. Year 1 also had some beautiful poppies flowering. We are looking forward to seeing what other produce will come from our garden.



On Thursday some of our Year 4 took part in an 'Aim High' session where they worked with children from other schools alongside Rob Parkinson who brought along his poetry and many musical instruments!



We have hosted five 'Aim High' sessions this academic year and we are looking forward to hosting more events next year.

Year 3 also had a great time at The Amelia finding out about the Egyptians to support their topic this term.

Next Saturday we are taking part in the Tunbridge Wells Yard Sale and we do hope you will get involved. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer for the event. Do look out for the posters in the playground.

Kent Test

Kent Test Registration for the Kent Test for children due to start secondary school in September 2025 opened on Monday 2 June 2025 and will close at midnight on Tuesday 1 July 2025. Late registrations cannot be accepted.

This year, the tests are due to take place on Thursday 11 September 2025 for pupils in Kent primary schools.

Further information, including how to register, can be found by following the link below: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>

Sports Day

Our Sports days are on the 1st and 2nd July and an email will be coming out soon to share when each class will be competing.

Over the next few weeks the children will be practising their races and need to have their PE kit and especially their trainers in school every day.



Although it is currently raining... being safe in the sun!

Please can we ask that:

- Your child comes in with a named hat to wear
- Your child has a high factor sun cream (at least SPF 15) applied before sending them to school.
- Your child brings a water bottle to school and encourage them to drink plenty of water – we will remind them too!

Uniform reminder

Please read the email from earlier this week about uniform. It has details of how to order new items, or request preloved items from the PTFA.

With the ever changing weather, please ensure that your child(ren) bring in the appropriate equipment/clothing every day.

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: Noah R, Davina, Kareem, Ivy, Kynia, Maple Class, Tilly, Brijesh, Jane, Macie, Riley, Hanvika and Hayden.

Team Point winner: Saints.

Well done to Saira and Edward for their sporting success.

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...

Did you know that the School Office have an Instagram and Facebook account? Do have a look and maybe follow us to keep up to date!

Have a lovely weekend and if you are getting ready for the Yard Sale, happy sorting!!

With best wishes, Moira Duncombe

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