

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

Newsletter Friday 13th June 2025

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

[www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)



Our **School Christian Values** are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion. This week we reminded ourselves about St Barnabas.

## 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 96% this week.

## This Week...

Another busy week and special congratulations to our Year 1, some of our Year 2 and Year 4 who completed their Phonic and Multiplication assessments respectively. All the children tried their best and the results will be shared in our End of Year Reports.

On Wednesday we celebrated St Barnabas with our annual procession from the back gate to the Church for our Patronal Mass. Our servers performed fantastically and all those involved sang with confidence and filled the church with sound! The sun also shone which also made the afternoon so special.

Today our Year 2 are off to Tonbridge for their trip to find out more about the Castle and also travel by train! This trip was postponed from last week due to the weather and it certainly looks to be a super day!



Tomorrow (Saturday 14th June) it is Yard Sale day and there are many different activities happening. Year 6 have been preparing some tasty treats to sell at the event to raise money for a new minibus for Kench Hill. Kench Hill is the centre where our children go for their residential trip. We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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>

## 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!

### Dates

Monday 23rd June: Reading Challenge AOW

Tuesday 1st July: KS1 Sports Day

Wednesday 2nd July: KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 3rd July: Year 1 trip to Scotney Castle

Monday 7th July: Year R Vision Check

Monday 14th July: Year 6 Production

Wednesday 16th July: Leaver's Mass

Friday 18th July: Year 6 AOW pm

End of term

Monday 21st July: INSET

Tuesday 22nd July: INSET

The St. Barnabas School

# YARD SALE

Loads of Stalls + Theatre  
Bouncy Castle  
Activities • Games  
Produce • Food and More...

**SATURDAY 14TH JUNE**

**11 AM - 2 PM**

**FREE ENTRY • EVERYONE WELCOME**

# 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: Rohullah, Amelia-Rose, Kyza, Year 2, Zayn, Spencer, Reuben, Iris, Luke, Heidi, Robert and Alexis.

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](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

Willow: [willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:willow@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...

Have a lovely weekend!

With best wishes, Moira Duncombe @StBarnabasSchoolTW

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