

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 20th 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. This week we reminded ourselves about differences in flowers and how there can be links with us too!

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...

The weather has been glorious and we are making sure the children are keeping hydrated and also as cool as they can be. Please can we ask that your children have shorts in their PE kits rather than leggings. The children have been practising for Sports Day and it is great to have Mr Luckhurst back with us to help us prepare.

A huge thank you to the Mackinnon family for organising the Yard Sale for the school and of course the School Office. It was another sunny day and we had a steady stream of customers!! There was lots of fun on the bouncy castle and a good time was had by all!



Thank you

We would like to thank all the kind parents, carers and students who donated goods for the Kench Hill minibus fundraiser - you are amazing! Thank you as well to all those who bought from us at the yard sale and after school to support the cause. I am delighted to say that we raised an amazing £230! Kench Hill are so grateful for our donation and wanted me to pass on their thanks too.

Hopefully, they will be able to reach their target soon and continue to provide an amazing experience for our year 6 children.



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: Reading Challenge AOW

Tuesday 1st July: KS1 Sports Day

Wednesday 2nd July: KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 3rd: 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

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: Krastina, Lucy, Olivier, Omer, Jamal, Charlie, Fred, Evie, Destiny, Macie, Aaron, Scott and Lola.

Team Point winner: Kingdom.

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 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!