

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

**Newsletter Friday 5th September 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 discussed all our Super Powers.

## 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. Thank you for your positive comments regarding the changes in opening the gates.

## This Week...

I do hope you all had a fabulous summer holiday and were able to enjoy the sunshine. The weather was very changeable and the pattern seems to be continuing this week! Please can we ask that your child brings in their coat **every day** as we do try and get the children outside during their breaktimes.

Over the summer our school has had its own spa day both inside and out!! We were very pleased to find out that our school bell was still in place and that it works! Fr. John has been investigating further and we are looking at ways of incorporating the bell into school life.

Miss Evans and Ms Burkinshaw have been visiting our Acorn families this week and today we welcomed our Acorn children for their first school session today; we look forward to getting to know them over the next few weeks.

Do remember our school website ([www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)) is one of the main places to find out about school life. If your child is in Years R-5 you can find out about your child's learning on their class blog. Year 6 use Google Classroom and the children will find out more information on this shortly.

Please can I remind all families about making sure your child has the correct uniform including shoes and also all uniform must be named.

We welcome Mrs Greagsby who is training to be a teacher with us this year and welcome back Mrs Banner. What a super start to the term.



## **Heritage Open Day: Saturday 20th September, 10am - 3pm**

At this year's Heritage Open Day, we are being joined here at the school by the team from Scotney Castle. They are coming along to try some new family workshops linked to the work they do, you can come along and try these activities for free, including gilding (walnuts/shells), painting, drawing, mending ceramics and more.....

## **Emotional Wellbeing Team (EWT).**

### **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.



Kent Emotional Wellbeing Team

### **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>

**If you are interested please contact the school office or Mrs Duncombe.**

## Celebration

In our Friday Celebration Assembly 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:

All our children have settled in well to the new school year – well done everyone! Well done to Reuben in Lilac Class, for achieving this year's Reading Challenge!

*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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Oak: [oak@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto: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](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*

## And finally...

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and hopefully we'll see some sunshine!

With best wishes,

*Moira Duncombe*

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