

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

**Newsletter Friday 2nd December 2022**

*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 found out about hibernation!

## Attendance

We are always challenged to have the best attendance we can and our target this year is 97%. As a School our attendance stands at 92%

Do remember that we close our gates at 8:45am everyday and we finish at 3pm. Have a look at the next page about some attendance facts...



## This week...

Didn't we have a fabulous time at the disco last week! The hall was full of laughter and, of course, dancing! A huge thank you to our PTFA for organising such a fabulous event!

This week the school has been full of the sound of Christmas music as our KS1 and KS2 continue to rehearse. Our Pop-Up Choir has been enjoying wonderful singing weather and looking forward to our PTFA Hot Chocolate and Carol events. Please do remember to read the latest emails from the



office about all of the end of term events.

This week the children have been very creative from creating Christmas characters from multilink to sketching and fine drawing peppers to designing Greek art 'mugs'. We can't wait to see them once they are finished.

Our swimmers go from strength to strength and we are in the final stages of planning for swimming next term.

Next week is our last week for clubs and thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaire about our 'club signing on' procedures.

Thank you also to those who use the easyfundraising app

as it has raised £20.00 for School funds.



**Wednesday 14 December**  
**Please bring your items to class by Friday 9th December**



**Xmas Raffle tickets: raffle tickets will be sent out via Arbor very soon!**

**LOTS OF  
PRIZES TO  
BE WON!**

### Friday Worship

On a Friday our worship is all about 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.

Our stars this week are:

Adam, Mahe, Billy, Cody, Bradley, Ishrat, Maryam, Hayden, Nusrat, Xian, Jessie and Isabel A. Well done to Ekansh for achieving his handwriting award.

Well done to Saints who are top of the team points.

### 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 Safe-guard leads are Mrs Duncombe and Mrs Pring. If you have any concerns do contact us.

### Date List

Wednesday 7th December 2pm: KS1 Nativity - book tickets in Arbor

Thursday 8th December 2pm: KS1 Nativity - book tickets in Arbor

Tuesday 13th December 2pm: KS2 Celebration

Thursday 15th December: Christmas Lunch—**must be booked**

**16th January: Closing date for applications to Acorn class 2023**

## 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 pack lunch boxes**

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the football!

With best wishes

*Moirá Duncombe*

@StBarnabasSchoolTW



Admission to

# Primary school in Kent 2023

Apply online at  
**[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)**

Opens Friday 4 November 2022 and closes at  
midnight on Monday 16 January 2023

For children born between  
**1 September 2018**  
and **31 August 2019**,  
Transferring to Primary school  
in **September 2023**

## What to do

### Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at [www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

### Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 4 November 2022** and closes at midnight on **Monday 16 January 2023**.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

### Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Monday 17 April 2023**) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Monday 1 May 2023**. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

## Key dates

<b>Friday 4 November 2022</b>	Online application process opens. Go to <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</a> to register and apply.
<b>Monday 16 January 2023</b>	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <a href="mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk">kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</a>
<b>Monday 17 April 2023</b>	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
<b>Monday 1 May 2023</b>	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
<b>Friday 12 May 2023</b>	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</a> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

## Need help?

Email [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk) or [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk)  
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](https://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

