

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

Newsletter Friday 12th September 2025

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

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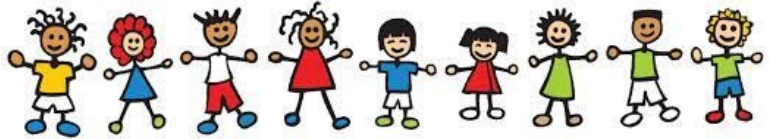


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

We explored the importance of communication.

## 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.

This week our attendance as a whole school was 97%

## This Week...

Our first full week has continued to be a week full of busy-ness. Our Acorn children have spent more time in school and today have had their first full day. Do remember that information about your child's learning this term can be found on the school website and class blog.

Our clubs have started this week and it has been lovely to see Lego being built, artistic creations being started, and chess being played amongst other wonderful events!

Yesterday some of our Year 6 completed their PESE or 11+ tests and all the children tried their best and worked very hard. Whilst they were busy, the rest of Year 6 went on a trip to The Amelia and then Trinity Theatre and their report is on the next page. The Year 6 team have highlighted how fantastic the class were – well done Oak class!



Our weather has continued to change from hour to hour and this is a plea to everyone that your child brings a **named** coat every day. Can I also remind everyone that children wear correct shoes and not trainers, hair should be tied up and no jewellery should be worn.

Next week are going to have a second hand uniform sale run by the PTFA after school and so do have a look in the outside classroom—further details will be emailed.

With our newsletter this week we are sending out some information for parents about Roblox... please do take a look!

## Beautiful St Barnabas Artwork Wows at Trinity Theatre

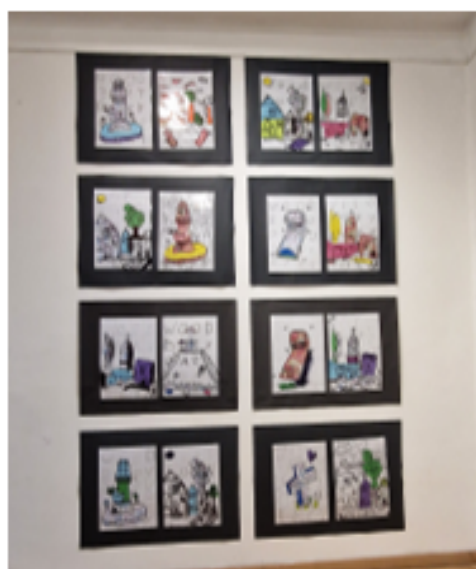
A new Woodbury Park Cemetery exhibition displays art by our young, talented artists

By our Year 6 reporters: Nina, Julia, Alicia, Riley, Destiny, Joshua, Edward, Luke, Teddy, Nyla and Macie

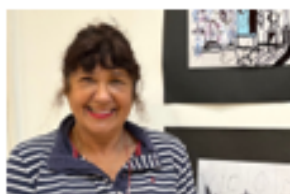
Children from St Barnabas School currently have posters on display at Trinity Arts Centre, as part of an exhibition celebrating the history of Woodbury Park Cemetery.

Pupils from Years 1-6 were selected to participate in a design-focused activity, which were based on architectural drawings created by Lilac Class with the support of local artist John Fagg. The young artists collaborated to simplify the images into bold lines on acetate, before layering these over brightly-coloured paper.

The children created posters depicting the historic local Woodbury Park Cemetery, including gravestones, fountains, bird baths, and the church itself. The posters have been enlarged, and are shown in full colour within a wider exhibition that forms part of the Heritage Days trail around Tunbridge Wells.



The exhibition is currently running at Trinity Arts Centre, inside the Gallery. This is downstairs near to the café and reception desk. Everyone is welcome, and the event is free to visit. The exhibition will run until Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September, daily from 10am until 3pm.



Jeanne Pope, one of the organisers of the exhibition said "St Barnabas School has been involved with Woodbury Park cemetery for a number of years- the school even planted a lilac tree years ago, which is still thriving today. When the posters are displayed all together, I think they look absolutely wonderful."

Our group of young reporters loved the artwork, and really enjoyed seeing the work from their school on display. Teddy said "it feels very artistic," with Riley commenting that "it made me feel closer to the art." One group of girls noted that Trinity had done an amazing job arranging the posters, and Destiny added that "seeing the art really made me want to go and visit the actual cemetery again."





## 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.....

## Did you know?

The Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) warns that more than 300 children a year are rushed to A&E after swallowing magnets and one in ten needs life-saving surgery.

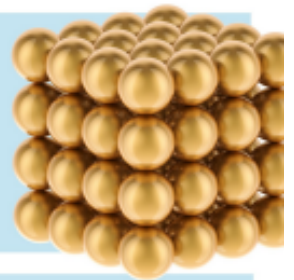
When strong magnets stick together inside the body, they can cause life-threatening injuries.

Magnets don't just come in toys – they're also found in jewellery kits, fridge magnets, puzzles, dartboards, fidget toys and desk gadgets. Worryingly, some magnets sold online are 17 times stronger than the UK safety limit.

## Magnets can rip holes in your child's gut



Magnets can be great fun. But it's really dangerous if a child swallows them.



They can attract to each other inside the body, cut off the blood supply and tear holes in the gut.

A child may need major surgery to remove them. So, keep them away from young children. And teach older children the risks.



If you suspect a child has swallowed magnets, get medical help straight away.

Scan to learn more



 [capt.org.uk](http://capt.org.uk)

 [@ChildAccidentPreventionTrust](https://www.facebook.com/ChildAccidentPreventionTrust)

 [@capt\\_charity](https://www.instagram.com/capt_charity)

## 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:

This week's Stars are: Molly, Charith, Aser, Nikola, Mila, Aayan H, Eddie, Esme, Oliver, Emily, Logan, Vinnie and Dyuthi.

Congratulations to Shashank for achieving his Handwriting Award.

This week our team point winners were: Angels.

## 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)

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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...

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

*Moira Duncombe*

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