

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 19th 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 reminded ourselves of the life of 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.

This week our attendance as a whole school was 95%.

This Week...

This week many of the classes have been voting to be part of the leadership of our school and be members of our School and Eco Councils. In Year 6 the children were given time to present reasons why they should be given this leadership role and the competition was fierce! Children in Year 4 upwards were also given the opportunity to apply to be Reading Ambassadors this year and Dr Charles and myself are looking forward to reading their applications.

Next week, if all is well, our Acorn children will get to know who their Year 6 buddy is and I know our Year 6 children can't wait!

Yesterday Mr Mackinnon and Mr Goodyer had over twenty children take part in the School Football Trials. All of the children showed great sportsmanship and we look forward to seeing these teams play in the future. Today it is the turn of our Chess players to finalise our Chess Squad for this academic year.

Today we held our Celebration Assembly, where we announce our Stars of the Week —children who have demonstrated our school values. We also celebrate achievements outside of school and share team points. Today, Acorn Class joined us for the first time and were absolutely fabulous. Well done!

On Tuesday next week Dave and the Emotional Wellbeing Team will be in the outside classroom for Acorn parents to have a cup of coffee and chat from 8:30am. Do come along and say hello!



Heritage open Day Saturday 20th September

At this years Heritage Open day here at the school on the 20th of September 10am - 3pm we are being joined by the team from Scotney Castle. The team will be running activities/workshops and linked into the work they do, including:

Gilding: You will be shown how to apply gold leaf to something small, like a walnut or shell then do one yourself to take home.

Weaving: Have a go at weaving on materials you can find at home, start something here take it home to work on more.

Ceramics: Fixing broken ceramics, see how well you can do an invisible repair on some broken ceramics.

Retouching: See if you can retouch the missing parts of a picture or have fun trying.

Making your own time capsule: Ideas for making your own piece of family history for others to find in the future.

Bring your own treasures: Adults and children bring your precious things along and learn from the experts how to look after and clean your object, any object from vases to plastic toys, from books to teddy bears.

There will lots more on the day, it is all free of charge no need to book!

Harvest Festival



Our School Harvest Festival is on Friday 10th October at 9:15am at St Barnabas Church.

We will be collecting dried goods for the local Food Bank which the children will be sharing during the service. You are very welcome to join us.

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:

Our Stars this week are: Sara, Tiara, Peggy, Ted, Mary, Davina, Bella, Robert, Aiden, Mahe, Moyo, Reuben, Ellis, Farisa and Daniel.

Congratulations to Elijah for achieving his Handwriting Award and well done to Tunmise who achieved two Summer Reading Awards and read over 92 books!

This week our team point winners were: Kingdom.

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...

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and have fun if you are taking part in the Heritage Weekend events in Tunbridge Wells.

With best wishes,

Moirá Duncombe

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Trinity Youth Theatre: Weekly Drama Workshops -

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Drama Workshops for School Years 2 – 5 – 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Drama Workshops for School Years 6 & 7 – 4.30pm – 5.45pm

Trinity Youth Theatre have spaces available in our Monday night Drama sessions for those in School Years 2 - 6 for our Autumn term!

With **FREE** taster sessions available for the next 3 weeks, this is a fantastic opportunity to try something different, meet some new friends and experience the magic of Youth Theatre.

Groups work on different things each term from script work, to devising and improv and are a great place to build confidence and learn new skills.

If interested please contact the theatre directly on:
youth@trinitytheatre.net

School Dates

Monday 22nd September:	AIM High session
Tuesday 23rd September, 8:30:	Parent coffee morning for Acorn families to meet Emotional Wellbeing team in the outside classroom.
Tuesday 30th September:	Year 1 trip
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Friday 10th October, 9.15am:	Harvest Festival in the Church
Monday 13th October – Wednesday 15th October:	Parent Consultations, timings to be confirmed
Wednesday 15th October:	Year 5 trip
Monday 20th October– Friday 24th October:	Half Term
Thursday 30th October:	Open Morning for children joining Reception in September 2026
Tuesday 4th November:	Open Morning for children joining Reception in September 2026
Thursday 4th December:	KS1 Nativity
Friday 5th December:	KS1 Nativity
Tuesday 16th December:	KS2 Carol Service pm
Thursday 18th December:	Proposed Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day
Friday 19th December:	End of term