

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

Newsletter Friday 26th 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 continued to find out about different saints.

## 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 96%. Nearly at our target of 97%!

## This Week...

My goodness what a busy week! On Monday we hosted an AIM High session where children from four schools came together and worked with the poet Ed Boxall.



The children created some fabulous creative pieces of work and had a very interactive day. It was lovely to see all the schools working and playing together.

This week our Year 6 and Acorns met their buddies and had their first getting-to-know-you session.

Finally, congratulations to Molly and Henry our Football Captains this year.

## On Tuesday 30th September....

We will be having a coffee afternoon from 2:30pm in the outside classroom. This is a start of a monthly coffee stop for parents to get together.

We will also have members of the Emotional Wellbeing Team who are coming to say hello! We have attached with this newsletter online courses which are being run by the team this term.

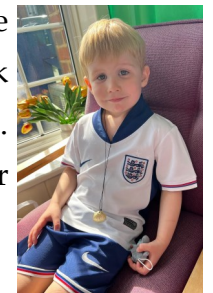
On the same day from 3pm-3:30pm our classrooms will be open for you to come and see your child's classroom—please come and sign in at the main office.

## Parking, Parking, Parking.....

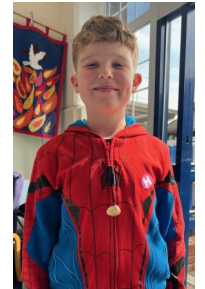
We have had neighbour complaints regarding inconsiderate parking across their drives along Western Road — again. We ask those parents who drive to be considerate of the people who live around the school. Please note that there is no access to the road to the right of the school as it is owned by UK Power Networks. We are currently making contact with Kent County Council to see what support they can give us.



A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Heritage Open Day last Saturday and took part in the workshops provided by the team from Scotney Castle. We had 121 people through the door on the day and I had so many lovely comments from you all as you left with the items you had made. The team from Scotney also said what a lovely day it has been and that all the families were 'warm, engaged and an absolute pleasure to meet'. Now we have made that link with Scotney, the aim is to continue it into the future with other collaborations. Those of you there on the day may have noticed Jake doing a painting of our newly refurbished Bell Tower which he has given to the school.



Dave



## 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. Please do come along for a lovely service and help support the church and school with donating goods.

During our celebration assembly today we had a presentation of the Jeffery Hale Award from Jeanne Pope, which we are delighted to have won again.

Our current Year 6 children were part of the amazing show at Trinity Theatre celebrating the history of the historical and beautiful Woodbury Park Cemetery.



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**NO  
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**We strive to create a safe and secure environment for pupils and staff alike.  
And we WILL take action when necessary.**

#### School Dates

- Tuesday 30th September:** Year 1 trip
- Tuesday 30th September:** Parent Coffee morning to meet Emotional Wellbeing team
- Friday 10th October:** Harvest Festival in the Church—9:15am  
School Discos—after school
- 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.

## 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: Jack, Rohullah, Melodie, Himansh, Oliver, Tunmise, Millie, Adam, Zayn, Debbie, Jane, Josh and Kimmy.

Well done to Evana, Diksha, Olivia and Adam who shared their amazing Home Learning with us.

This week our team point winners were: Angels.

*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)

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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...

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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