

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

Newsletter Friday 3rd October 2025

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

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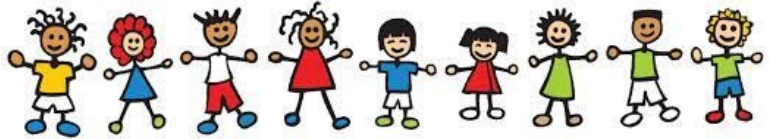


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

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 97% - we reached our whole school target!

## This Week...

...has been a week of celebration! On Monday Kimmy and Saanvi represented our School with Mrs Watkins at the Royal Tunbridge Wells in Bloom award ceremony. We were very pleased to hear that we had been awarded the Gold Award in the Schools Category:



A huge thank you to our Gardening Club and team for another successful year!

On Tuesday, Year 1 went to Lynne's Organic Farm and had a great time exploring and meeting a range of animals. We are very lucky to have links with the Country Trust who helped subsidise the coach travel for us.

Do look at the class blog for more photographs.

Today our Head Student Team, Sport Leader and House Captains were named and we look forward to working with them this year.



## 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.



## School Dates

### October

Friday 10th: Harvest Festival in the Church – all welcome

Friday 10th: School Disco – please see poster

Monday 13th: Flu Vaccinations

Monday 13th to Wednesday 15th: Parent Consultations – timings to be confirmed

Wednesday 15th: Year 5 trip

Thursday 16th: Boys Football – PM

*Monday 20th October – Friday 24th October Half term*

Wednesday 29th: Year 6 trip

Thursday 30th: Open Morning for children joining Reception in September 2026.

### November

Tuesday 4th: Open Morning for children joining Reception in September 2026

Tuesday 4th: Year 6 trip

Thursday 6th: Girls Football

### December

Thursday 4th: KS1 Nativity

Friday 5th: KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 16th: KS2 Carol Service – PM more information TBC

Thursday 18th: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

Friday 19th: End of term

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**NO  
EXCUSE  
FOR  
ABUSE**

We strive to create a safe and secure environment for pupils and staff alike.  
And we **WILL** take action when necessary.

## 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: Mark, Ryan, Sophia, Zak, Reuben, Diksha, Olivia, Abigail, Tilly, Cristian, Liliana, Macie and Luke.

Well done to Cristian for achieving his handwriting award.

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

@StBarnabasSchoolTW

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# **DISCO**

**FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER**

**KS1 3:30 – 4:30PM**

**KS2 4:45 – 6:00PM**

**IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

**TICKETS ON ARBOR £3.50**

**TICKET SALES END 3PM THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER**

**ALL CHILDREN MUST BE COLLECTED BY A DESIGNATED ADULT**

**FACE GLITTER**

**SNACKS**

**GLOW STICKS**

**SHOW US YOUR BEST**

**DANCE MOVES FOR PRIZES**

**NO SCARY COSTUMES PLEASE**