

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

**Newsletter Friday 17th October 2025**

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

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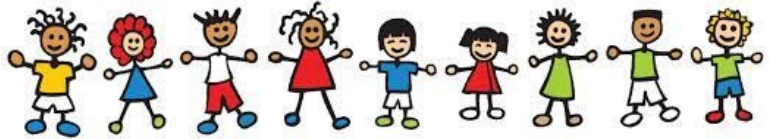


Our **School Christian Values** are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

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.

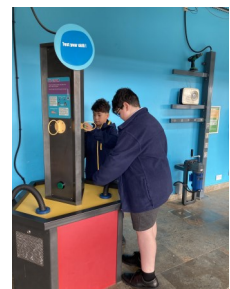
This week our attendance as a whole school was 96%.

## This Week...

Last Friday it was fantastic to see everyone having a wonderful time at our PTFA Discos. The dancing was fabulous and a huge thank you to everyone who helped to make the event so much fun.

This week we have had our Parent Consultation sessions and it has been lovely to meet together to discuss how your child has settled into their new class. If you have not met with your child's teacher please do make contact via the class email address.

On Wednesday Year 5 went on their class visit to the Observatory at Herstmonceux and had an amazing time finding out about space to support their Science topic:



Yesterday our Year 5 and 6 Boys football team played in a tournament at Uplands School. Mr Goodyer shared: 'The Year 5 and 6 boys represented the school with great esteem at the football tournament at Uplands on Thursday. They demonstrated unity, determination and perseverance as they finished joint 3rd and were, in truth, very unlucky not to qualify for the 1st place play-off. It is clear that this squad is going in the right direction.'



## School Dates

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

Tuesday 28th October 8:30—9:30: Coffee Morning. Come and have a cup of coffee with Dave at morning drop off.

Wednesday 29th October: Year 6 trip.

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

Friday 31st October: Closing date for Secondary school applications.

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

Tuesday 4th November: Year 6 trip.

Thursday 6th November: Girls Football.

Tuesday 11th November pm: Year 2 cinema trip.

Tuesday 18th November: KS2 cinema trip.

Thursday 20th: 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.

Monday 5th January: Term 3 begins.



### **Did you know?**

You can raise funds for our school just by shopping online and choosing to donate a percentage through Easy Fundraising. You can do this through their website, App or by setting a 'Donation Reminder' on your browser. Register with Easy Fundraising and search for 'St Barnabas CE VA Primary School PTFA' to select as your chosen charity. Then simply shop and the donation is made automatically! You can even see how much you have raised in your account. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

## 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:

Well done to our Stars this week: King, Zumra, Kleigh, Zenaida, Uriel, Albie, David, Darcey, Tilly, Mila, Dylan, Taisiia, Cody, Nina and Teddy.

Handwriting awards: Eloise, Evie, Oliwia, Nikola and Mya.

This week our team point winners for the last two weeks were Disciples.

*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)

Willow: [willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:willow@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 half term and relax!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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