

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 31st 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 what a proverb is.

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...

I do hope you all had a restful half term and are ready for the business that is Term 2! This week in school has been very busy with settling back into the routine and also getting used to the change of the hour... today I even had to de-ice my car!

On Wednesday our Year 6 went to Lynne's Organic Farm as part of their Science topic. This trip again was supported by the Countryside Trust. The children had a great time finding out about farming life:



Yesterday Acorn and Willow classes had a visit from a member of Dentaid who came to talk to us all about brushing teeth and how to keep them healthy and strong! Both classes really enjoyed learning about good oral hygiene and taking part in the discussion.

Also yesterday we had our first Open Morning with several families looking around at our school for Reception 2026– 2027! It was lovely to show our school off in the sunshine and our children were excellent ambassadors.

Mrs Johnson and her Honeypot team had some fun this week with carving their pumpkins and have shared the



photograph to the left.

What a week!

School Dates

Friday 31st October: Deadline for secondary school applications

Tuesday 4th November: Open Morning for children joining Reception in September 2026 (fully booked)

Tuesday 4th November pm: Year 6 trip

Thursday 6th November: Girls Football Tournament

Tuesday 11th November pm: Year 2 Cinema trip

Friday 14th November: Children in Need – details to follow

Tuesday 18th November: KS2 Cinema trip

Thursday 20th November: Open Morning for children joining Reception in September 2026 (spaces available)

Tuesday 25th November: Year 6 London trip

Thursday 4th December: KS1 Nativity

Friday 5th December: KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 9th December: Year 4 trip

Friday 12th December: Year 2 trip

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

Term dates can be found on our website: <https://www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=387>



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>

Remembrance Day

We will be laying our School Wreath at St Barnabas Church next Sunday, 9th November. If you would like to join us the service begins at 10:50am.

Our children will be able to buy Poppies and accessories in school from next week.

The prices are as follows:

- ⊙ Slap band - £1
- ⊙ Wrist band - £1
- ⊙ Zip pull – 50p
- ⊙ Paper poppies – any amount

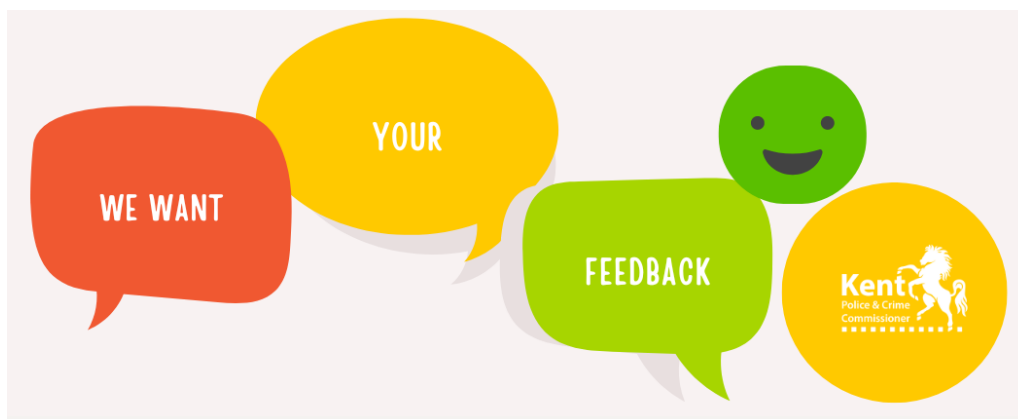
If your child wishes to purchase something, please ensure they bring the money in coins.

Please remember all the profits and donations go to the Poppy Appeal Foundation.

Thank you for your help.



Annual Policing Survey 2025



Have your say on policing in Kent.

Our annual Policing Survey is now live! Share your views on how safe you feel, how much you trust Kent Police, and how well you think Kent Police are performing. Your feedback helps shape the future of policing in your community.

[Annual Policing Survey 2025](#)

Pumpkin Winners

Congratulations to Reuben in Year 2 who successfully named the baby pumpkin. It's name was.... Hat-head!

Congratulations also to Mrs Karri who was the closet in guessing the weight of the larger pumpkin.

A huge thank you to the Gardening Club for running these competitions and we look forward to finding out what they are growing next!!



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 this week's Stars: Skye, Zach, Andriani, Audrey, Emily, Bryanna, Oliver, Chestnut Class, Demi, Rakshita, Saira and Vrishank.

Well done to Year 2 Reuben and Mrs Karri for their success in our Pumpkin competitions.

Our team point winners for the last two weeks 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

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...

Have a lovely weekend and keep safe!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

@StBarnabasSchoolTW



**TOCH
HIGH BROOMS
Woodland Road TN4 9HH**

Christmas Craft Fair

**8th November 2025
11am to 2pm**

**Hand Crafted Gifts and Tombola
Tea, Coffee, Scones and Cake**