

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 14th November 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 a different proverb and about the importance of remembering.

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 92%.



This week our Local Authority Attendance officer came into school to look at our attendance and review our data. As a school we were praised for all our hard work in being in school but also it highlighted that the day each week when we have our lowest attendance is a Wednesday...!

This Week...

Well done to everyone who paraded last week as part of the Tunbridge Wells Parade. A huge thank you to Heidi who helped to lay the School wreath at St Barnabas Church.

On the 11th November the whole school came out onto the playground and with the help of Fr. John stood in silence at 11am.



There is a definite Autumnal air this week and with the darker nights drawing in, can we remind you of the importance of making sure that our children are seen in the dark with something reflective. Please can we ask again that every child comes into school with a named coat.

This week Year 2 went to the Trinity Theatre as part of the Into Film Project and enjoyed watching a film together and our older children will also be going later in the term.

Today it is Children in Need day and our thanks go to everyone who has supported this worthy charity.

What a busy week!

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: Melody, Tiara, Demi, Kareem, Mina, Esme, Darcey, Arlo, Moyo, Ted, Luke, Edward and Heidi who are our Stars of the Week.

Handwriting awards: Luke and Bill.

Special mention to Edward for being a Mascot this week.

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

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. Please remember the message from the PTFA about the Christmas order deadline of next Friday.

With best wishes,
Moira Duncombe