

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

**Newsletter Friday 21st November 2025**

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

[www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)



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. **As we continue in this cold and flu season, please encourage your child(ren) about washing hands and hygiene to stop the spread of infection.**



## This Week...

Thank you again to every one who supported Children in Need and as a school we raised over £225! Pudsey says thank you to everyone who donated.

On Tuesday, our KS2 children went to the Trinity Theatre to see Sonic 3 as part of the Into Film experience. The children had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

On Wednesday, Betsy joined us on Wednesday and had a lovely time visiting all the classrooms and also meeting our Acorn children for the first time. Miss Langley (Betsy's Mum) informed me that Betsy had a lovely time and was very tired after behaving so well and meeting so many people and she can't wait to come back again!

Yesterday we opened our doors once more to prospective parents and again it was lovely to share our school and all our amazing learning.



Today we had a musical visit from a real orchestra which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Please see our school Instagram for more information: @stbarnabas.office

## Reception places 2026– 2027

To apply for a place at a Primary School for your child for September 2026, you will need to complete an online form called a Reception Common Application Form (RCAF form for short).

The application process starts on 7th November 2025 and closes on 15th January 2026. You will need to apply at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>.

You will receive an email on 16th April 2026 after 5pm advising you of your child's offer.

## School Dates

### November

Tuesday 25th **from 8:30am**: Coffee morning in the Outside classroom with Dave and the PTFA.

Tuesday 25th: Year 6 trip

Wednesday 26th: Girls Football Final

Thursday 27th: Year 5 singing in the RVP for Demelza House (information emailed next week)

### December

Thursday 4th: KS1 Nativity

Friday 5th: KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 16th: KS2 Carol Service pm—St Barnabas Church (not at School)

Thursday 18th: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day

Friday 19th: End of term

## PTFA News

It has certainly turned colder, but the PTFA are here to bring some festive cheer! Here are some upcoming events we will be running to warm you up and have some fun...

### **Hot Chocolate sales**

On Tuesday 25th November we will be serving hot chocolate and tasty treats at collection time. Why not come along for a warming drink and to find out how you can help the PTFA?

### **Christmas movie**

On Friday 12th December, we will be showing a Christmas movie (title and end time to be confirmed) after school and having a few small festive games to play afterwards. There will be refreshments for children to buy during the film, and for any parents/carers who wish to buy afterwards we will have a card machine too. Look out for more information coming soon.

It's time for our **Festive Class Hampers!**

Every year, each class is invited to make a hamper of goodies to be raffled off to lucky winners. Last year, we held an Own Clothes Day in exchange for a hamper item and this was so successful we're doing it again! This will be on Friday 28th November.

The winners will be drawn after the Christmas movie on Friday 12th December and, as an extra incentive, Mrs Duncombe will pick the best-looking hamper with the prize of pizza for the whole class! Here are this year's colours:

Acorn - **Red**      Willow - **Silver**      Beech - **Gold**      Maple - **Green**      Chestnut - **White**

Lilac - **Blue/purple**      Oak - **Orange**

Please hand your donations to class teachers. Any food/drink items must be unopened. Children are welcome to dress in Festive/Christmas clothes, or the colour of their class hamper, if they wish! Raffle Tickets are now available on Arbor and will also be sold at the Nativity and hot chocolate sales.

## 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:

We were very pleased to have the Tunbridge Wells Symphony Orchestra visit us today during our assembly and to find out about Englebert Humperdinck.

Well done to Mila who achieved a silver medal in her latest Gymnastics competition.



*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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Oak: [oak@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto:oak@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

## Safeguarding Concerns

Please can we remind everyone that the School Designated Safeguard leads are Mrs Duncombe, Mrs Pring and Miss Burkinshaw.

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...

Keep warm this weekend!

With best wishes,  
*Moira Duncombe*



ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS  
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

# Golden Legends and Fairy Tales

**MENDELSSOHN**

*A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Overture, Nocturne and Wedding March

**DVOŘÁK**

*The Golden Spinning Wheel*

**HUMPERDINCK**

*Hänsel und Gretel* Evening Prayer and Dream Pantomime

**RIMSKY-KORSAKOV**

*The Golden Cockerel* Suite

**Peter Selwyn ~ Conductor**

SUNDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2025, 3pm



Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells

Theatre Box Office 01892 554441



Tickets from £22, Students & Under 18s £5

[www.rtwso.org](http://www.rtwso.org)



The RTWSO is a registered charity, no. 295781

As part of the RTWSO outreach programme, tickets to hear Evening Prayer and other great classical pieces played at the Assembly Hall Theatre on Sunday 23rd November at 3pm are available at the knock-down price of £5 for children. Accompanying adult seats are available at £10 per ticket, which is an absolute bargain to hear this semi-professional symphony orchestra.

These reduced ticket prices only apply to seats in the circle, and are only available to schools participating in this Education outreach. To buy the cheap tickets, please go The Assembly Hall Theatre website: and enter this discount code at the checkout: RTWSOEDU5612 NB: select the Adult and Child seats as normal, and then input the code on the final screen (after they have tried to sell you lots of junk food!) when you see Enter discount code. The Adult seat will then change to £10.