

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

Newsletter Friday 5th December 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 have explored about being together and the importance of Togetherness.

## Attendance

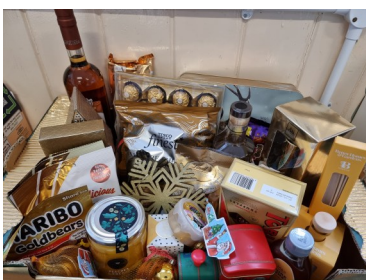
We continue to work hard to achieve the Attendance expectations from the Department for Education. Our School gates open at 8:30am every day and School starts at 8:45am.



## This Week...

Well what a week! I do hope you are well and have water both in your homes and also in bottle form! Thank you to everyone who has been working on their Home Learning and to our teaching staff for organising the Home Learning. Also, huge thank you to our Office staff for keeping everyone informed about what was happening. As a school we were getting limited information and often very late in the day or early morning!

Now we look forward to the last two weeks of term and our Christmas celebrations. Below are some of the Christmas Hampers which are being raffled off at the end of this week:



With this newsletter will be additional information about Christmas events. We will also include information about re-opening.

What a week!

## School Dates

Tuesday 9th December, 2.15pm: KS1 Nativity

Wednesday 10th December, 2.15pm: KS1 Nativity

Friday 12th December pm: Year 2 Ice Skating

Friday 12th December: Year 4 farm trip (moved from the 9th)

Friday 12th December: The PTFA will be showing a Christmas movie 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, a card machine is available.

Tuesday 16th December, 2pm: KS2 Carol Service

Thursday 18th December: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 19th December: End of term

Monday 5th January: Term 3 begins.

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## IMPORTANT BOIL WATER BEFORE USE



### YOUR TAP WATER MAY BE CONTAMINATED



✗ Do not drink your tap water unless it has been boiled



✗ Your pets should not drink tap water unless it has been boiled



✗ Do not clean your teeth with tap water unless it has been boiled



✓ Tap water can be used for washing and bathing



✗ Do not prepare or cook food using tap water unless it has been boiled



✓ Tap water can be used for other general household purposes, including toilet flushing



We will let you know when your water is back to normal. Check our website for regular updates.

Please check that your neighbours understand what they have to do, and help them if necessary.

We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause you. We are working around the clock to get your supplies back to normal as soon as possible.

For further information visit [southeastwater.co.uk](http://southeastwater.co.uk)

24/7 helpline: 0333 000 0365

## Practical Information - Water Stations

Bottled water stations open today

- Tunbridge Wells Sports Centre, St John's Rd, TN4 9TX until 10pm
- Odeon Cinema, Knights Way, TN2 3UW until 10pm
- B&M Store and Garden Centre, Linden Park Rd, TN2 5QL (bottled water and grab bags of water, not for drinking) until 10pm

A walk in bottled water station is available at The Amelia, Mount Pleasant Road, TN1 1AW during opening hours.



St Barnabas School would like to invite your child to join in our 'Make a Festive Decoration' competition, to really get us all into the spirit of advent!

Grab whatever materials you have handy, and create something lovely that could hang upon a tree. Don't worry if you don't have glitter or ribbon, as special consideration will also be given for decorations that are creative with materials than might not usually be used...

### Criteria

Pupils need to make a decoration that:

- Is eye-catching and attractive
- Can hang upon a tree branch
- Can be brought into school without breaking
- Is labelled with the maker's name and class

### Entry

Please bring your decoration to the Outdoor Classroom in the morning before school. Entries will be left on a table for viewing and judging, so a small label with the pupil's name and class would also be very helpful.

Submissions can be made for the first two days once school reopens.

### Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for three categories:

- Most beautiful decoration (focusing on colours, sparkles, etc)
- Best-engineered decoration (focusing on thoughtful design, great shape etc)
- Thinking-outside-the-box decoration (focusing on reusable materials, surprising features etc)

### Judging

The winner for each category will receive a small prize. Date of judging is to be confirmed.

Have fun and be festive!

The St Barnabas Team

## 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:

Congratulations to Luke in Year 5 who achieved his Blue Peter Book Badge. To earn this badge Luke had to write about a book he had enjoyed reading recently and draw a character or scene from the book. He also had to share about other books he had enjoyed too!

Also congratulations to Tunmise who has written published her own story called 'The Magic Sandwich and the Lost Moonlight. It is a fabulous story and we look forward to Tunmise sharing her story across the school.

We also want to celebrate our Whole School Community who have had a very challenging week.

Our team point winners to be announced next week.

*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 Ms 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...

Take care this weekend and we look forward in seeing you on Monday!

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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