

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

**Newsletter Friday 12th 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 look towards the Christmas Story.

## 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 was: 97%



## This Week...

It was lovely to see everyone back on Monday and the children are following the adaptations linked to the 'Boil Notice' very well. This week we had an email from the Poppy Appeal to say that we as a school had raised £210.31 and the total raised across the schools in Tunbridge Wells was £8121.79. Thank you to everyone who donated!

Well done to our Dance Squad who performed their end of term dance on Tuesday and really showed their dancing skills!

This week our KS1 children performed their nativity 'Knock Knock' fantastically and it was lovely to see so many parents and carers with us in the audience. A member of the Diocese Education team came to watch and shared that:

*Wow! I was blown away by the staging, organisation and way the children (and staff) led the story. And the stable scene with the candles and fairy lights at the end - I had to hold back tears!*

*No wonder you invited me!*

Well done to everyone who took part and a huge thank you to the staff team!

Currently our KS2 are preparing for their Carol Service which will be in St Barnabas' Church next Tuesday at 2pm and we look forward to seeing parents and carers there.



## School Dates

Tuesday 16th December: KS2 Carol Service 2pm

Thursday 18th December: Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day.

**Children can wear a Christmas jumper for a monetary donation on Arbor.**

Friday 19th December: End of term

Monday 5th January: Term 3 begins



## Christmas Decoration Competition.



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the making of a Christmas decoration. There so many amazing designs and creations and our winners are:

Most Beautiful decoration: Diksha, in Maple Class.

Best Engineered decoration: Grayson, in Willow Class.

Thinking Outside the Box decoration: Rhamiel, in Acorn Class.



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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.

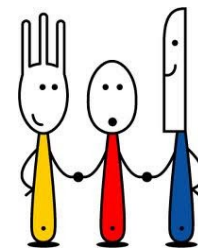
We apologise for the inconvenience this may cause you. We are working around the clock to get your supplies back to normal as soon as possible.

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## Help!



I wonder if you can help your child over the Christmas holidays by helping them to use a knife and fork when having a hot meal at home.

We are noticing that more of our children cannot use a knife or fork correctly.

Thank you for your help.

## 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:

Our Stars this week are: Phoebe, Lena-Mae, Noah R, Violette, Farah, Omer, Logan M, Shashank, Lily, Saira and Cansu.

Well done to Ellis for achieving his handwriting award.

Well done to Liliana who this term made her Brownie promise and also worked hard at her dancing.

*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)

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## 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...

Have a lovely weekend and see you next week.

With best wishes,

*Moira Duncombe*