

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 9th January 2026

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

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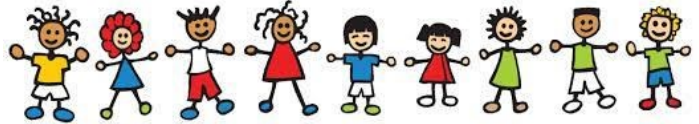


Our School Christian Values are Aspiration, Love, Trust, Perseverance, Reconciliation and Compassion.

We reminded ourselves about Epiphany.

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: 96%

This Week...

Happy New Year! I do hope everyone had a restful Christmas holiday and is looking forward to 2026. This week has certainly been a challenge with the colder weather, water concerns and of course today's rain!

On Tuesday we celebrated Epiphany together as a whole school, with Fr. John blessing the school and remembering the Three Wise Men.

If you look closely at the school entrance you will see the blessing on the left hand side of the Entrance door.

With the new term comes our new topics and new challenges and all the children have begun the year really well.

Remember, next Tuesday there is a Coffee Morning for parents and carers with Dave at drop off.



Reminders

With the new term, I would like to remind everyone about our school expectations linked to uniform:

- Please can the correct uniform be worn at all times and be named
- PE kits should be in school every day
- All long hair must be tied up
- No jewellery apart from an analogue watch or small earrings (not hoops)
- No nail varnish

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:

This week's Stars are: Logan, Michael, Pearly-May, Oscar C, Alfie-Lee, Aaradhya, Jamal, Logan, Catherine, Finn, Ivaan, Eloise, Destiny, Anas and Nina.

Well done to Reuben in Year 5 for achieving the Winter Story Garden Certificate—the winter reading challenge from the Reading Agency.

This week our team point winners are Saints!

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, Mrs Pring and Miss Burkinshaw.

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...

Keep warm this weekend!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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