

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 30th 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 found out about being a fisherman.

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: 94%



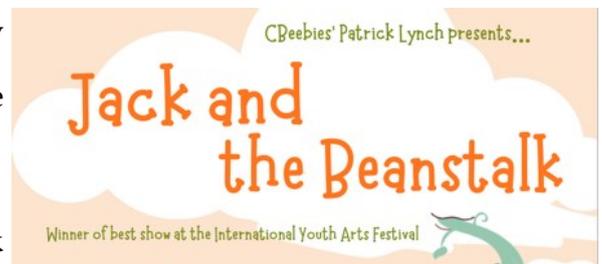
This Week...

We have had another busy week of learning throughout the school. Our year five children have been busy practising their songs for the Tunbridge Wells Singing Festival which is at the Assembly Hall on Tuesday 3rd March.

You might have seen in the education news regarding expectations of smartphones in Schools. While smartphones can be valuable tools for adults, an increasing body of research highlights the negative impact of smartphones and social media on children's mental health, as well as the potential exposure to harmful and dangerous content. Smartphones, which were never designed with children in mind, pose significant risks to their well-being and development.

Currently we allow our children in Years 5 and 6 who walk home from school to bring their phones into school but have them collected and stored before being given back at the end of the day. We will be consulting, like the other Primary schools in Tunbridge Wells, to be a Smartphone free school next academic year.

Today some of our families are going to watch Jack and the Beanstalk in the School Hall and we thank Applause Theatre company for making this happen.



The annual Winter Lantern Parade will be taking place in Tunbridge Wells on 7th February 2026.

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: Moore, Sophia, Dyuthi, Reuben, Raif, Emanuel, Millie, Biser, Ajus, Ted, Billy, Nyla and Julia.

A huge congratulations to Mary for sharing her success in dance.

This week our team points winners are Kingdom.

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...

Have a lovely weekend!

With best wishes,
Moira Duncombe

@StBarnabasSchoolTW

Please can we remind you:

- Children in KS1 are given fresh fruit or vegetables as a snack as part of the NHS Free fruit Scheme. They do not need to bring a snack into school.
- Children in KS2 are allowed to have healthy snacks but please can we ask that they do not have large bags of crisps or chocolate biscuits.



7th February 5:30 pm
From Calverley Precinct
Tunbridge Wells

winter
Lanterns
A CREATE PRODUCTION

**WINTER
LANTERN
PARADE 2026**

Join the parade!
This year's theme is
'Monsters' and you can
make your own lantern
at one of our workshops

Book a workshop:
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