

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 23rd 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 Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the temple.

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...

On Monday the Young Voices choir went with Mrs Barter, Fr John and myself to the O2 to take part in a concert with over 8,000 children! The choir spent the afternoon rehearsing not only the songs but also the dance moves needed for the concert later in the day.

After a tea break and a little rest... the concert started at 7pm with music and lights and all the children performed with gusto! During the concert there were some guest singers, a dance group who performed and of course the 8,000 singers!

It was a fabulous night and the children came home excited and very tired! We look forward to going again next year.



The weather has still been a challenge and thank you to everyone for remembering your coats!

Acorn class are still looking for volunteers to read with their children. If you are available please do let the school office know. The children are very keen and would love to read with others.

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: Ryan, Naher, Blake, Millie, Audrey, Diksha, Evana, Henio, Asu, Demi, Rayaansh, Destiny and Heidi.

Well done to Catherine for achieving her handwriting award.

Well done to our Young Voices Choir!

This week our team point winners are: Angels.

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! Have you bought your tickets for Jack and the Beanstalk?

With best wishes,
Moira Duncombe

@StBarnabasSchoolTW

CDeebies' Patrick Lynch presents...

Jack and the Beanstalk

Winner of best show at the International Youth Arts Festival

Friday 30th January - 4.30pm

St Barnabas School Hall

£6 - Adult. £4 - Child.

£10 - Family ticket.

(2 adults + 2 children)



General public welcome... contact
St Barnabas school office for tickets

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

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Lanterns
A CREATE PRODUCTION

WINTER
PLANTERN
PARADE 2026

Join the parade!

**This year's theme is
'Monsters' and you can
make your own lantern
at one of our workshops**

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