

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 13th February 2026

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk



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

We found out about AI and the importance of questioning what we see and also read!

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: 95%

This Week...

Our last week of term 3 before half term has certainly been busy! Our thanks firstly go to the PTFA for another set of amazing school discos. A HUGE thank you to everyone who came and supported the discos; without your support our special events are not able to run.

This week our Year 5 children and Singing Club went to Claremont Primary School to practice for the Tunbridge Wells Singing Festival. The children performed confidently in front of the other schools and will be outstanding in their final performance.

On Tuesday, and all this week, we have been exploring the role of AI as part of the National Safer Internet day. In last week's newsletter I shared some information about AI – do take another look.

On Wednesday and Thursday we were delighted to have The Drama Geezers come back and work across the school creating a story about Max and some missing diamonds. We have been working with the Drama Geezers for over 6 years now and we look forward to receiving our published story after half term.

Do remember that after half term we are starting a

new lunch menu which you can find on the school website and which has also been sent home.



Road Works

You might have noticed some road work signs outside the school.
Looking at the website Causewayone.Network it shows:

Quarry Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN11 3JL

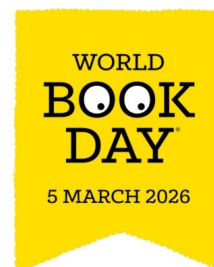
Next two weeks

Multiple items near this location

- Quarry Road**
23 Feb 22:00 - 24 Feb 06:00
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ECLIPSE POWER DISTRIBUTION LIMITED
- Western Road**
14 Feb 08:00 - 22 Feb 18:00
ECLIPSE POWER DISTRIBUTION LIMITED
- Quarry Road**
14 Feb 08:00 - 22 Feb 18:00
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Fortunately some of this is during half term but please be aware if you are driving to school. The website link is: <https://one.network/uk/kent>

World Book Day 2026



World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March this year. To help mark the occasion, children are invited to dress up as a **book character**.

We always encourage simple, creative ideas and would like to reassure families that there is no expectation to buy costumes. Children may also wish to bring in a favourite book to share during the day.

If you would like some ideas about what to dress up as, please visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/resource-types/dressing-up/>

February Half-Term
at The Bluebell Café

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Bluebell Café
Cornford Lane, Pembury, Kent, TN2 4QU

Follow your Heart Trail
Tell us what makes your heart happy to receive a treat

16-20 February, 10am-4pm
FREE to take part

No pre-booking required, collect an information sheet from the Cafe.

Charity no: 1171446 aspens.org.uk

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Bluebell Café

February Half-Term: Decorate a Plant Pot and Sow a Seed!

Wednesday 18 February

11-11:30am & 11:30am-12pm

£2 per child

Pre-booking is required. Please text 07916 158577.

Thank you for supporting our charity's mission to empower people on the autism spectrum and with learning disabilities.

Charity no: 1171446 aspens.org.uk

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: Talha, Rohullah, Pearly-May, Reuben, Davina, Charlotte, Jasper, Jack, Dexter, Iris, Mya, Aaron and Macie.

Congratulations to Pearly-May on being invested as a Cub this week and Grayson for his success in Taekwondo.

This week our team point winners are Angels.

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...

Have a lovely restful half term.

With best wishes,
Moira Duncombe

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