

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 27th February 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 the parable of the feeding of the five thousand.

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.

On Monday our attendance was 99% which was amazing!

Our whole week attendance was: 96%

This Week...

Our first week of term 5 seems to have flown by and wasn't it nice to have some sunshine on Tuesday – it certainly makes such a difference!

Our Year 3 and 4 children have started to learn their parts for their play 'Wind in the Willows' and the singing is travelling down the stairs, already sounding brilliant!

On Wednesday we had a guest author come and spend the day with some of our Year 3 and 4 children as well as children from St James', St Peters and also Hilden Oaks. The children had a great time creating poems and several of them won prizes!



Please can we remind families of our uniform expectations especially shoes, as we do seem to have several children coming in with brightly coloured trainers.

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/>

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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.

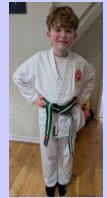
This week we congratulated: Sammy, Krastina, Sara, Gianluca, Farah, Eren, Jamal, Abigail, Finn, Aser, Cristian, Victor and Molly.

Congratulations to Salah who achieved his Handwriting Award.

Congratulations also to Luke who achieved his green stripe in Karate.

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 weekend.

With best wishes,
Moira Duncombe

Midday Supervisor

We are seeking a motivated, enthusiastic and hardworking member of staff to work in our school hall to support children during lunch time Monday to Friday during term time. This role is fixed term to July 2026 in the first instance.

We are looking for an active and lively member of staff to support children eating their lunch, promoting positive table manners and assisting with positive behaviour in and around school.

The role is 9.45 hours per week and the hours of work are 11:45am-1.30pm.

The post would especially suit someone who has worked or lived with children, but applicants with no prior experience will be considered, as there will be training onsite.

We are looking for someone that:

- Enjoys working with children
- Can effectively work with adults to deliver and excellent experience for the children.
- Engages with children and staff positively.
- Will work within set procedures and guidelines for good practice.
- Pro-actively supporting positive behaviour of pupils and communicating with teachers daily.
- Work well as part of a close knit team.
- Awareness of safeguarding rules and wellbeing of pupils.

For all enquires about this role and to have an informal chat in the first instance, please contact Mrs Duncombe, on the email address headteacher@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk.