

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 6th March 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 importance of art in our world.

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 we had the Local KPAS Attendance Officer visit us and praised everyone for their hard work. We did discuss all our families who had attendance lower than 80% and how important it is that all our children are in school every day.

This week our attendance was 97% and it was lovely again to see several high days of attendance, one including 99%!!

This Week...

Another wonderful week with so many exciting learning experiences. On Monday a small group of Year 6 took part in Bikeability, training to be assessed on riding their bikes safely. The weather initially was not kind to the group but they battled through and had their awards given to them today.

On Tuesday the majority of Year 5 and other members of our singing group performed with other schools at the Assembly Hall. Fr. John conducted and Dr Charles and Mrs Barter led the music. The children performed beautifully, not only in the ensemble groups but also their own school items. Many people shared how brilliant they all were — well done everyone!! They performed today during our worship and it was certainly fabulous.

On Wednesday our Year 6 took part in their Evacuee Day as part of their World War 2 creative writing project. The children experienced being evacuated and took part in activities with their new families. They also went to The Amelia and Charlie's Angels to have a "Make Do" lunch of tomato soup and bread. The children were excellent ambassadors for St Barnabas' and fully immersed themselves in the day. We can't wait to read their diary entries.

Finally on Thursday we celebrated World Book Day and many of our children (and staff) dressed up. Reading is a key part of life at St Barnabas' and we had a lovely day celebrating reading. We hope you continue to share this love at reading at home.



What a week!

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: Esme, Kleigh, Demi, Luca, Olivia, Charlie, Dylan, Evie, Jane, Lovinia, and Luke.

Congratulations to all our Bikeability children and all those who took part in the Tunbridge Wells Singing Festival.

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

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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