

# St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

**Newsletter Friday 20th 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.

In our worship this week we looked at worries.

## 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 is: 92%

## This Week...

Yesterday I had the pleasure in supporting our Year 3 and 4 pupils at their performance of *The Wind in the Willows*. The children have been learning the songs over the last few weeks and yesterday spent the day at the theatre finalising and then performing this play. The children were fabulous and a huge thank you to all the Year 3 and 4 team who led this project.

Here is the cast :



Our Acorn class went to visit the Fire Station on Wednesday and had a great time finding out about people who help us. Carrying on this theme, Willow class had Reuben's mum come in and talk about being a very busy nurse. If you have an interesting job or hobby do let us know...

Today we have a Fire Officer coming into school to speak to the whole school about fire safety. We are also supporting Comic Relief and their Red Nose Day. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this charity—we are still taking donations in cash or via Arbor.

Finally for those of our community celebrating the end of Ramadan, 'Eid Mubarak'.

## Spring Sponsored Walk



Exciting news! Spring is finally here. And what better way to celebrate the changing of the season than with a sponsored walk?

On **Wednesday 1st April**, every child in the school will be getting out of the classroom, putting on their walking shoes and completing a Wind in the Willows themed Spring Sponsored Walk to raise money for the Year 3 and 4 Show-in-a-Week production.

Acorn and Year 1 will complete a 1.5km route.

Years 2 to 6 will complete a 3km route.

We desperately need to raise funds to make sure that the show-in-a-week concept can continue and become a regular part of the school calendar. So please, get involved and start raising sponsorship money straight away!

We kindly ask that you approach family members, friends and neighbours and ask them to pledge money in support of your child's walk. Sponsors could pledge a total amount for the entire walk or choose to pledge an amount per km.

We also kindly ask that all sponsorship money is collected and handed in to school no later than Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Sponsorship raised in cash can be handed in to the school office in a named envelope. Sponsorship payments can also be made using the Arbor School Shop.

As you may remember, last year Mrs Mackinnon organised small prizes and an Alice in Wonderland Tea Party to reward children who engaged with the sponsorship element of the event. This year, Mrs M has some more small gifts and another magical experience up her sleeve. If you would like to be involved, please make sure you start raising sponsorship money as soon as possible. Please keep an eye out for further details.

If you would like to join us on our walk and become an additional adult helper, please contact the school office and register your interest.

If you have any questions regarding the sponsored walk, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Mackinnon directly.

## 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: Archie, Oscar F, Peggy, Albie, Kareem, Maple Class, Tilly and the whole of Year 4, Cody, Reuben Dr., Daniel and Kimmy.

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 for their fabulous performance.

This week our team point winners are Saints.

*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](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

Willow: [willow@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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 and we look forward to seeing you at Parent Consultations next week—if you haven't yet booked your meeting on Arbor, please do.

With best wishes,

*Moira Duncombe*