St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 2nd April 2026

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

In our worship this week we explored Easter traditions.

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 93%.

This Week…

What a busy last week of term!

On Monday Year 5 cooked traditional shortbread from Mrs Beeton with great success!

Tuesday saw a group of our children, who serve at St Barnabas Church, take part in the regional Chrism Mass at Rochester Diocese. Fr John informs me that the boys performed their duties to the highest level and even met the new Archbishop of Canterbury!

Also on Tuesday, our Year 5 went to the Amelia to take part in a Victorian workshop and Acorn class made their own Easter gardens (see left).

Yesterday the children had a fabulous time taking part in their sponsored walks. They followed all the clues around the park and our Year 6 were great leaders. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Mackinnon for organising the event and to everyone who has sent in their sponsor money already…….. are you going to the Bubble Bonanza?

Final donations deadline: Friday 24th April.

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 our Stars of the week are: Rhamiel, Aaliyah, Ryan, Himansh, Vedhashree, Salah, Eddie, Adam, Jewel, Taisiia, Oliwia, Teddy and Luke J.

We congratulated: all our team leaders on our Sponsored Walk yesterday and Luca, Edward, Daniel and Henry who served at Rochester Cathedral.

This week our team point winners are Saints!

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 and Happy Easter!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

PURE FC
TEAM TRIALS
2026/27

CURRENT YEAR 1 - YEAR 6
Wednesday 22nd April
Longmead Stadium

Training and Matches at Longmead Stadium
Highly competitive teams and leagues
Pathway into Tonbridge Angels FC
Links with professional clubs
Qualified coaches

apply here or at
https://www.purefootballacademy.co/trials

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CHERRY BLOSSOM PICNIC
SAT 18TH APRIL: 12-3 PM
THE HUB / COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Celebrate spring Japanese-style!

Join us at the hub for Japanese crafts (Kokeshi doll painting and fan making), plus food and drink stalls with Japanese treats to buy.

Follow the Sakura trail up to the community orchard for Japanese games and story time under the blossom. Bring a picnic or pick up something delicious on the way.

Story time in the orchard:
12.30 & 1.30 - for younger children (reception - Y4)
1.00 & 2.00 - for older children (Y4+)

- This is a family friendly event, all are welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- In the event of very bad weather, the story-telling activities may transfer to the Hub!