

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 24th April 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 explored looking wider at our community and the 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 our attendance is 97% - well done!

This Week...

Welcome back! I hope you had a peaceful Easter break and enjoyed the sun and the bluebells that seem to be out in abundance. Over the Easter holiday the school was deep cleaned and our hall floor re-polished! We also had our CCTV updated to cover more of our playground and also the front office.

This week the children have settled back into school life brilliantly and are hopefully ready for the term ahead.

A huge thank you to everyone who has collected sponsor money to support our Play in a Week venture, which is an amazing experience for our children.

Today we have our older boys going to play in a friendly football match at Pembury and we wish them well.

Uniform

With the new term starting please can I remind you of key uniform expectations:

- Children should be in correct uniform every day including their PE kits.
- Hair should be tied back.
- **No jewellery** and if there is a need to wear earring these need to be a pair of studs.
- School shoes not trainers and in the warmer weather closed toe sandals.
- A coat is still needed in this mixed weather.
- Everything named!

Website reminder

Do remember to look at our School website (www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk) for our latest newsletter, school menu and class blogs. Each class has a class blog which shares with you what the children are learning or have learnt this 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: Hudson, Zach, Lorraine, Raif, George, Evana, Bella, David, Zayn, Juan, Shashank, Joshua and Molly.

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...

Enjoy the sunshine!

With best wishes,
Moira Duncombe