

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 1st May 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 differences.

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! Hurrah!



This Week...



Last week the St Barnabas boys' squad may have lost their match away to Pembury on Friday, but they were all winners in view of their spirit, commitment and never-say-die attitude. Mr Goodyer would like to give special mentions to Edward who performed some *miraculous* saves in goal and Henry who scored an *outstanding* solo goal which the team thoroughly deserved.

This week the school has continued to be a busy learning community with our Year 6 preparing for their up and coming assessments. Over the last two days Mr Mackinnon has been leading Maths workshops for Year 1 and 2, sharing some activities that families can do together and Miss Evans will be leading Acorn's shortly.

This week information was sent out about Swimming at St Barnabas which will be for children in Year 1 upwards. We have also updated our Sports Day dates and they are as follows:

Monday 22nd June: KS1—timings to follow

Tuesday 23rd June: KS2—timings to follow

Have a lovely long weekend and we look forward to seeing everyone on **Tuesday 5th May**.

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: Ella, Andriani, Jewel, Oliver, Mary, Esme, Oliver, Adam, Jewel, Debbie, Max, Layla and Charith.

Well done to Jack and Luke who achieved their Blue Peter Badges.

Well done to Jewel who has achieved her Handwriting award.

This week our team point winners are Disciples.

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 and enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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TUNBRIDGE WELLS CAN!

Climate & Nature Fair



Headlining - Michaela Strachan, much-loved wildlife TV presenter and Springwatch star.

- ♥ Amazing line-up of national speakers
- ♥ Community groups & open forums
- ♥ Family activities & crafts
- ♥ Energy & Renewables advice
- ♥ Live music, poetry & upcycled catwalk
- ♥ Food, coffee & eco stalls

FREE ENTRY!

Join us for a vibrant day of community, fun, solutions and hope for the planet we love.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, 3rd May 10am - 5pm

Calverley Grounds, Tunbridge Wells

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