

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 8th May 2026

Each child is uniquely created and loved by God.

www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk



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

In our worship this week we looked at doing our best.

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 96%



This Week...

I hope you had a lovely long weekend and are enjoying the start of the month of May. Our Year 6 children have continued to prepare for their assessments next week and we are sure they will try their best! We will be holding a SATs breakfast from Monday to Thursday for them in the Outside Classroom to prepare for their hard work that morning.



On Thursday our Year 2 children went to the park as part of their Time and Place unit. The weather stayed dry and the children had a great time exploring and even had an ice cream! It has been very busy in Year 2 this week as they also published their own adventure story called 'The Legend of Arbonia'... it is a fabulous read!

In other news....we have had several complaints about parking along Western Road and children running in and out of parked cars.

Please be considerate to our neighbours and be very aware of your children when dropping your children off before and after school.

ROAD SAFETY



Please keep the roads clear and stay mindful of moving vehicles near the school gates.

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: Treasure, Oscar, Michael, Leo, Kareem, Khloe, Logan, Nellie, Mila, Luke, Nikola, Riley and Lovinia.

Well done to Ivaan and Mila who have achieved their Handwriting awards.

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...

Have a lovely weekend!

With best wishes,

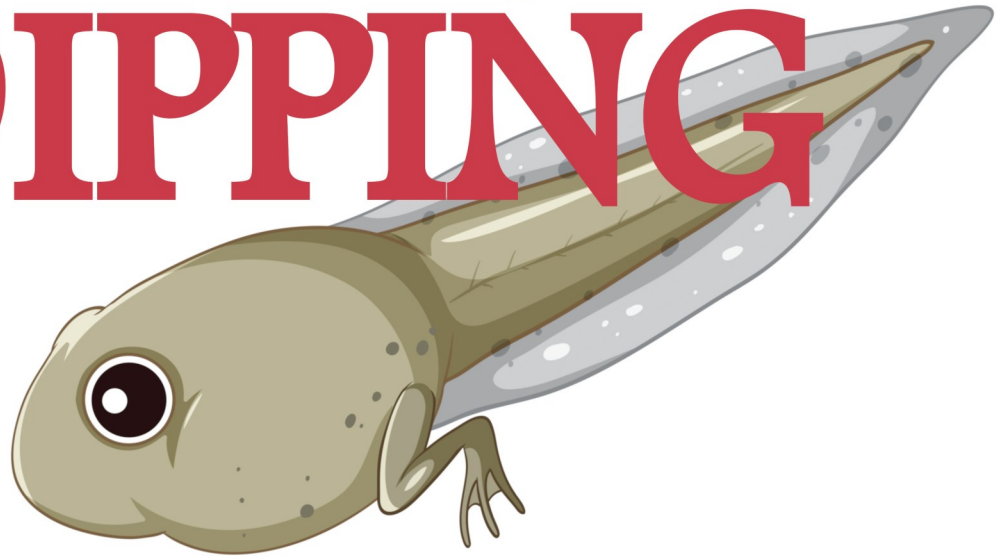
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POND DIPPING



Join us as we discover the creatures that live in the Park's water habitats with local expert Martin Sutton.

Sunday 10th May 2026

10:30 - 12:30 pm

Meet at The Hub

This is a drop-in event, come & go as you please!

All children must be accompanied by an adult

**A FOGH
FAMILY
FRIENDLY
EVENT**

fogh.org.uk/events



Miss Swannell's Wicked, Wistful Watercolour

Fun, relaxed
silliness
and
laughter!

workshop

WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY

10AM - 1PM

ST BARNABAS SCHOOL HALL

Quarry Rd,
Tunbridge Wells

AGES 8-12
(not strict on ages!)

ALL
MATERIALS
INCLUDED

Create,
paint,
laugh,
repeat!

- ♥ Learn a range of watercolour techniques in a relaxed environment.
- ♥ Team work in creating a large painting altogether.
- ♥ Each child will get a copy of the painting shortly after workshop.
- ♥ Making postcards that they'll bring home!

Working together,
creating something beautiful!



Please contact
Miss Swannell
on janeswannell@hotmail.com
to book a limited place

£22
per child



Care and education for 18 months to 7 year olds



Little Pips is a charity-run pre-school dedicated to providing quality care and education for children aged 18 months to 7 years

CONTACT US
01892 616160
manager@littlepipspre-school.co.uk

Our services

- ✓ Term-Time Daycare
- ✓ Holiday Club
- ✓ After-School Club

Supporting Your Family

We accept a variety of funding options to ensure we can meet the needs of everyone in our community.

- ✓ Universal 15 hrs
- ✓ Working parent funding 30 hours
- ✓ Free for two
- ✓ Tax free childcare
- ✓ Childcare vouchers

Join us for a nurturing, fun and supportive environment where your child can thrive

Opening Hours:
Monday - Friday 08:00 - 17:30



Find us at the Camden Centre

www.littlepipspre-school.co.uk

Summer Sun Safe

In the summer it is important to make sure that your child is being sun safe. We recommend the following precautions;

Sun lotion

- Apply sun lotion at home before school.
- If your child is prone to sun burn, you can send sun lotion into school. **Sun lotion must be designed for children.**
- Sun lotion must be labelled with your child's name and class, and inside a bag. Children must never share lotions.
- Children may 'top up' during the day but they will be expected to put the sun cream on themselves. Only in exceptional circumstances will cream be put on for them. **Please teach your child how to apply sun cream themselves with particular attention to the face (avoiding their eyes).**

Water (must be named)

Please also remember to send in a bottle of water for your child to keep in the classroom. Water fountains are limited.

Hats (must be named)

Sun hats (especially legionnaire's style) are an extremely good idea. If your child is particularly prone to burning consider cool, long sleeve tops.

Shoes

Please make sure your child is wearing sensible shoes for school. As you know the school has many stairs around the building. **For this reason, backless sandals (i.e. flip flops or similar) are not suitable for young children in school.)**