

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 15th 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 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 was 97%!



This Week...



It has been a very busy week for Year 6 who have worked extremely hard preparing for and also completing their final assessments (SATs). On Monday we had two Local Authority advisors come to visit us as part of their county-wide moderation of this assessment process and we received a glowing report! It has been a privilege to watch them take on each challenge with confidence and determination and when we rang the school bell at the end of the tests it was lovely to hear the school clap and cheer the children. Whilst the Year 6 have been busy, the rest of the school were challenged to work quietly and they certainly rose to the challenge, especially Year 4 and 5 who spent their mornings in the hall.

On Wednesday, Year 5 went to The Amelia to explore artefacts linked to how people shopped in the Victorian times. Dr Charles shared that the children walked to The Amelia so sensibly especially with the changeable weather!

On Thursday Year R went to visit Strawberry Hill Farm in Robertsbridge and had a great time finding out about the different animals on the farm and even planting some pumpkin seeds:



The children had a fabulous time and our thanks go to the Countryside Trust for supporting the trip, and of course to all the adults who went too.

Today the girls and boys senior football teams are competing in a tournament and we wish them well.

Finally, with the variety of weather we have experienced this week, please can the children have a coat in school **every day**.

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: Cruze, Ted, Noah, Beech Class, Omer, Juno, Chestnut Class, Lily, Rayaansh, Maryam and Julia.

Well done to Debbie who took part in the Chess Kent Junior Championships and also to Liliana who has had great success in her dance completing several dance shows with flair!

This week our team point winners are Angels.

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,
Moira Duncombe

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

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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 (ie flip flops or similar) are not suitable for young children in school.)**