

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 22nd 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 'pumping things up,' and the importance of kind words.

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...

Last week two of our football teams took part in a tournament and Mr Eliot shared:

Last Friday, the boys' and girls' football teams represented the school magnificently at the annual tournament for primary schools in the Tunbridge Wells area. The boys came up slightly short in the group stage but Mr Mackinnon praised their defensive solidity and tactical understanding. As for the girls, they progressed to the semi-finals thanks to their enduring unity and some impressive results including a 4-0 win (Destiny L x3 and Julia x1). After coming from behind to draw 2-2 to Claremont in the semi-final, the girls cruelly lost on penalties. Mr Goodyer would like to commend the girls for almost reaching another final, and he would also like to thank Destiny L, Molly and Layla for bravely agreeing to take penalties for the school when asked.

Well done to everyone who took part and we look forward to future tournaments!

This week our Governing body visited the school for the day to spend time with us as part of their role. They were very impressed with the behaviour of the children and had the opportunity to observe several areas of the curriculum and also had a school lunch! In the afternoon the Governors had a more formal meeting and as part of that agreed our school budget for the coming year. If you are interested in finding out more about the role of being a Governor do get in touch with Mrs Duncombe or Fr. John.

Yesterday, Bishop Simon and Mrs Parnell from the Diocese came to visit St Barnabas and first took part in our worship and shared how he became a Bishop and was asked questions from some of our older children. They also had a tour of the school and a discussion with Fr. John and myself about the challenges schools are currently facing. They were both struck by the excellent behaviour of our children and how polite and enthusiastic they all are!



We also had our Bubble and Bounce celebration and a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Mackinnon for organising this wonderful day!

Today is our last day before our May half term and we look forward to seeing you again on:

Tuesday 2nd June at 8:45am.

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: Noah, Naher, Isabella, Logan, Mina, Olivia, Emmanuel, Finn, Fred, Darius, Taisiia, Farisa and Teddy.

Well done to all our footballers who took part in the football tournament last week and especially to Layla who was awarded Star of the Season!

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 May half term and enjoy the promised sunshine!

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

@StBarnabasSchoolTW

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 named 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.**



WEDS
27th May
10am-1pm
1.30-4pm

KIDS POND DIPPING

**PRICE:
DONATION**

AT NOTCUTTS GARDEN CENTRE, TONBRIDGE ROAD, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, TN2 4QN

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**RUSTHALL
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FUN DAY**

**Saturday 6th June
12 noon – 3pm
Common View Meadow**



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Food and refreshments or bring your own picnic.

Fun for all ages – Everyone welcome



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