

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 5th June 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 the start of Summer.

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 94%

This Week...



I do hope everyone enjoyed the sunny weather last week and this week my goodness how it has changed! Each day we have had glorious sunshine and battled with torrential rain and wind! With this changeable weather please can we ask that the children have a coat in school **every day**. We do try and get the children outside during their breaktimes. Our final page of this newsletter has information regarding being sun safe during the school day!



Term 6 is our Athletics, Cricket and Swimming term!

Information has been sent out via email, so do check!

Please can every child have their PE kit in school every day especially their school PE shirt and trainers/plimsolls. Next week some of our Year 4 children are going to represent the school in a cricket festival and we wish them well.

Although this week has been only four days, the children have again settled into their work quickly. Our Year 1 are preparing for their Phonic screening next week and our Year 4 are revising and beginning to complete their Multiplication Check. This check is online and the children have 6 seconds to solve a question and twenty five questions in total. It is quite a challenge to complete them under these timed conditions.

Term 6 has started and is very much in fifth gear!!

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: Pamir, Zeni, Pearly-May, Uriel, Vedhashree, Eren, Stephen, Ajus, Atiyyah, Brijesh, Iris, Henry and Saira.

Well done to Diksha, Luca, Bella, Evana, Tunmise and Poppy who achieved their Handwriting Awards. This week our team point winners are Kingdom.

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,

Moira Duncombe

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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.)**

Rusthall Family Fun day cancelled

As advertised in last week's newsletter, Rusthall common were due to have a fun day tomorrow 6th June.

Unfortunately, it has been cancelled due to the forecast high winds and heavy rain.

If they give us another date, we will share that with parents.