

# St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

**Newsletter Friday 12th 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 reminded ourselves about St Barnabas.

## 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%

## This Week...

Last week I started our Newsletter with a smiley sunshine picture and this time I probably need thick coats and of course umbrellas. Are we really in June?

This week our children in Year 1 completed their phonics screening and our Year 4 completed their Multiplication check. All the children confidently tried their best with all children challenging themselves to have a go!

On Monday we had an author visit us to work with some of our Year 2 children, plus visiting children from St James' and also Skinners Kent Primary Schools. The children had a wonderful creative day and were very pleased to share what they had written! Our thanks go to Authors Abroad for enabling these workshops during the year.



On Tuesday Year 2 went to Tonbridge and explored the town and castle. The weather was very kind to them and all the children were excellent ambassadors for our school.



Year 4 and 5 went to the Assembly Hall to watch a draw-along session with Jamie Smart, the author of the Bunny vs Monkey books!

Unfortunately the Cricket tournament was cancelled yesterday but today we were very lucky to have our St Barnabas' procession to celebrate St Barnabas' day.

We are looking forward to the Applause theatre show tonight.

## 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: Elias, Krastina, Vinnie, Millie, Aidan, Finn, Dylan, Francesco, Rakshिता, Ishrat and Nyla.

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](mailto:acorn@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk)

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## 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](mailto: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 and enjoy the football!

With best wishes,  
Moira Duncombe