

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

**Newsletter Friday 3rd July 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 our School Values.

## Attendance

We continue to work hard to achieve the Attendance expectations from the Department for Education.

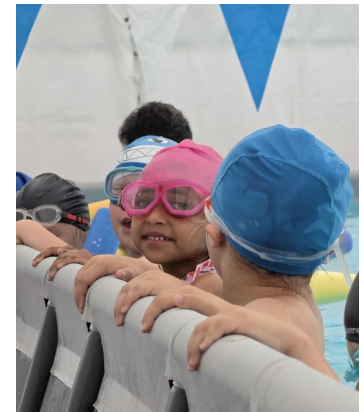


Our School gates open at 8:30am every day and School starts at 8:45am.

This week our attendance is 92%

## This Week...

Swimming lessons started this week and the children have certainly enjoyed their time in the pool. It has been lovely to see our younger children become more confident in their lessons and Mrs Pring has shared how proud she is! Next week it is the turn of Years 3, 4 and 6 so do remember to bring your swimming kit!



Children in Acorn and in Willow class have had some butterflies growing in their classes and they were very excited to share that their caterpillars had transformed! Willow have another set coming but due to the warm weather they have been delayed. Once the butterflies are ready they will be set free in our garden.

On Wednesday our School Improvement Partner came into school to spend time with me and we discussed what we have achieved this year as a school and she also had a tour of the school. She was very impressed with the enthusiasm of all our children in their learning and the work that was being completed throughout the school.

Our Year 6 children are busy with their End of Year play and events, plus yesterday they went to visit their new schools. They have all come back today feeling very positive and ready for their next adventure.

Do keep an eye out for emails with any additional information and updates.



In the final two weeks of term, we have a number of exciting school events coming up: a market, a movie night, a BBQ and a musical! Please read below for more details...

**Makers' Market** 2.45pm – 3.30pm, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Come and support our young business leaders of the future at the after-school Maker's Market, organised and run for the whole school community by our Year 6 Young Enterprise teams. Prices from 50p. Cash only, please.

**Movie Night** 3.15pm – 5pm, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Children in **Years 1-5** are invited to us for a fun screening of Wes Anderson's 'FANTASTIC MR FOX' (PG)! This event overlaps with our Makers' Market, and products will be for sale at this event too, so please bring lots of change! Tickets available on Arbor for £2.50.

**Summer Garden BBQ** 3pm – 4.45pm, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Celebrate the final week of term by joining us in the school garden for drinks and a BBQ... Runs from the end of the school day to the start of the Year 6 Musical (but you don't have to be going to the musical in order to attend). Weather dependent, last food served at 4.30pm. No tickets required, just drop in! Cash only, please.

**Year 6 Musical** Doors open 4.45pm, show 5pm – approx. 6pm, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Year 6 families and friends are invited to the final performance of this year's musical, 'The Most Fantastic Mr. Showfox!' Please note that all pupils will watch the show within school hours.

**This will be a smartphone-free performance, so please ensure all phones remain off and in your pocket. No photos or videos to be taken.**

Tickets are free, but must be booked on Arbor beforehand. If you would like to make a donation to help cover the costs of props and costumes, this can be done in the School Fund in the Arbor School Shop.

In addition, please look out for emails from the PTFA for details about the end of year picnic.

## **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: Skye, Ella, Peggy, Blake, Ailia, Violette, Juno, Jasper, Lacie, Joe, Olivia, Reuben Dr., Destiny and Edward.

Handwriting awards went to: Eren, Steven, Ivy, Robert, Jamal, Bryanna, Darcey, Omer.

Well done to Diksha for her sporting success outside of school.

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. With the warmer weather please can the children have a hat every day!*

## **And finally...**

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the many sporting fixtures this weekend.

With best wishes,

*Moira Duncombe*