

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 10th 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 determination.

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...

Again another busy week with children in Year 3, 4 and 6 swimming and it is lovely to hear of the progress they are making. Next week it is the turn of Years 3, 4 and 5 so please make sure you have your swimming kit with you.

Children in Year 6 have been busy rehearsing their play and preparing for their Makers' Market which took place yesterday. Each team had worked hard to plan and prepare and sell their goods and we look forward to hear of their success. Thank you to everyone who came to watch the film after the market and to everyone who made the events possible.



Yesterday Year 2 took part in sharing a Sikh Langar meal together as part of our RE unit investigations into how people of different world faiths show kindness. Mrs Johnson shared this



photograph of the children together.

Please could we also ask that children bring in a named, 'bag for life' plastic bag to bring their belongings home next week, and that all reading books are returned.

One more week – time flies when you are having fun!



Summer Garden BBQ 3pm – 4.45pm, Monday 13th July: Celebrate the final week of term by joining us in the school garden for drinks and a BBQ... which 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 13th 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.** 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: Bryan, Noah, Zach, Beech Class, Poppy, Emanuel, Aayan H, Abigail, Lily, Juan, Aaron and the whole of Oak Class.

Handwriting awards to Fred and Joe.

Well done to Debbie who will be sharing her medals on Monday.

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

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

And finally...

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe


@StBarnabasSchoolTW



JOIN ME FOR A SILLY NONSENSE POETRY WORKSHOP!

Write silly poems. Create mad characters. Let your imagination run wild!

Step into a world of fairy tales turned topsy-turvy!
We'll read funny poems, invent crazy characters
and write our own silly verse.
Then join together to create a giant group poem
and bring our characters to life!



Expect
laughter,
nonsense,
rhyme and
lots of fun!

YOU WILL...

- ★ Read hilarious poems
- ★ Invent a ridiculous character
- ★ Write your own silly poem
- ★ Create a group poem
- ★ All poems with character will be transformed into a beautiful mounted print that your child can keep forever.



BEWARE!
THIS POEM
CONTAINS
DRAGONS,
PRINCESSES
AND
PUDDINGS!




DATE:

11TH AUGUST 2026


TIME:

11AM - 2PM



VENUE:

ST BARNABAS
SCHOOL HALL
QUARRY ROAD
TUNBRIDGE WELLS



£25
PER CHILD

★ RUN BY MISS SWANNELL ★

Please contact Jane Swannell at
janeswannell@hotmail.com
to secure your limited place!

COME READY
TO LAUGH,
CREATE AND
BE SILLY!



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FOR Year 6+

CLUB

£1.50 PER SESSION

St Luke's Church (TN4 9JH)

**Every Tuesday from
3.30pm - 5.15pm**

Activities include:

- Sports and team games
- Cooking activities
- Arts and crafts activity
- Board/card games

Milkshakes and snacks included

For more information, contact xxx



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YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

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