

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 17th 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

This Week...

It's our final week of this academic year and if we look back at all that we have achieved it has been another busy year. We have had successful football tournaments, a range of farm trips, performance of Wind in the Willows at the Trinity theatre, School sponsored walk, S2 Sats, no water, heatwave, a swimming pool on site....we can go on!!

This week our Year 6 performed their amazing show and were fantastic! Our soloists were confident and our thanks go to those who supported the family BBQ before their final performance.



On Wednesday the school went to St Barnabas church to celebrate our leavers and today we have our Year 6 Assembly to celebrate, and also present awards, for all their efforts this year and during their time at our School. We wish all of our Year 6 the best of luck and we know they will Aspire and look forward to hearing about their next adventures. This week we also say goodbye to Debbie, Davina and Uriel as their families are moving away.

Over the summer we have some building work, so do check our social media and website for any updates.

A huge thank you to all our staff and pupils and, of course our parents, for a superb year!

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: all our teachers, Melody, Zumra, all of Acorn, Demi, Dyuthi, all of Maple, Chestnut, Cody, Shashank, Edward and Riley.

We also thanked our office staff, cleaning crew, SENCo and our catering team. Also thanks to Dave, the midday supervisors and John.

Our team point winners of the year 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 summer holiday and if you are going to the picnic this afternoon, have fun!

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!



YMCA WEST KENT
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YMCA Here for young people
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YOUTH CLUB

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FOR Year 6+

£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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CLASSES STARTING SEPTEMBER!

- ✓ BUILD CONFIDENCE
- ✓ LEARN DISCIPLINE
- ✓ ACHIEVE YOUR POTENTIAL
- ✓ IMPROVE FOCUS & RESPECT
- ✓ DEVELOP STRENGTH & COORDINATION



ALL AGES
FROM 4+
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