

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 4th September 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.

We discussed this week hopes for the new year.

Attendance



As we start our new year together expectations for daily attendance are still high and being set by the Department for Education.

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

This Week...

I do hope you all had a fabulous summer holiday and were able to enjoy the sunshine and even the rain we had recently. This term we welcome all our new families, and it is lovely to have Miss Mercer back with us in our staff team.

Over the summer two of our classrooms had their ceilings updated which took most of the summer holidays. This week the team upstairs worked incredibly hard to be ready for school to start. Our IT provision was also updated, and we are looking forward to using our new equipment as the term progresses.

The children are settling into their new classes well the last few days and completed our first Fire Drill - the children were brilliant!

Every Friday we send out a newsletter to share information about what is happening in school and information about future events. Do remember to also check our school Instagram and Facebook as well as the class pages on our School Website. Each class page has their own class blog which contain information regarding weekly learning and Home Learning information (www.st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk).

More information linked to class learning will be sent out over the next two weeks and for Year 6 information linked to Google Classroom.

What a super start to the term!

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:

All our children have settled in well to the new School year – well done everyone!

Please do let us know if you are awarded any achievement outside school – we would love to celebrate!

Congratulations to Bella who in August competed in Brighton & Hove Triathlon and came 2nd in her age group - more information next week!

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 every day. If your child has to wear earrings please can we ask that they are small and not hooped.

And finally...

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and remember the heritage weekend is on the 19th September!

With best wishes

Moira Duncombe

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