

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 25th 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 found out who St Philip was.

Attendance



As we start our new year together expectations for daily attendance are still high and being set by the Department for Education. This week our attendance is 94% - lots of coughs and colds! Our school gates open at 8:30am every day and School starts at 8:45am.

This Week...



A big thank you to everyone who came along to the Heritage Open Day last Saturday and took part in the workshops provided by the team from Scotney Castle. This week our Year 6 children met their Acorn buddies and have had some lovely time together. On Wednesday, Willow Class went to Lynne's Organic Farm near Crowborough and had a fantastic time. The farmer showed the children different areas of the farm and saw not only fruit and vegetables growing but also pigs and chickens and even sat on an old tractor!



We are very lucky that through a Countryside Charity we were able to subsidise the trip. Year 6 will be visiting a farm later in the term to support their Science topic.

Did you go to the PTFA Uniform sale? If you would like to find out more about the PTFA or offer of help please contact ptfa@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk.

Next week is individual school photographs so the children should be smart and in full uniform.

Tuesday 29th September

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This year we celebrate our 130th Birthday. If you look carefully in the outside area of Acorn Class you will be able to see our Foundation Stone.

We will be celebrating as a school with a School Mass in the church at 1:45pm. Bishop Luke will be leading the celebration and after the Mass we will be processing back to school. Do come along if you are able to - it would be lovely to see you there!

Harvest Festival



Our School Harvest Festival is on Friday 9th October at 9:15am at St Barnabas Church. We will be collecting dried goods for the local Food Bank which the children will be sharing during the service. Please do come along for a lovely service and help support the church and school with donating goods.

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 congratulate: Thea, Archie, Mark, Lorraine, Grayson, Reuben (Year 3), Violette, Jasper, Ivaan, Jack, Mahe, Ted and Jane.

Congratulations to David A and Mahe for achieving their handwriting awards.

Well done to Disciples for achieving the most team points.

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

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.

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

And finally...

I hope you have a wonderful weekend, and fingers crossed the sunshine continues into next week. Looking ahead at the forecast, it seems we're expecting some rain, so please do remember to bring a (named) coat every day!

A HUGE thank you to Oliver G's dad who has bought the school some goals for Football Club to help support our teams.

With best wishes,

Moirra Duncombe

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Kent Libraries

Local History Event

Do you love history and want to find out more?

Visit Rusthall library for an opportunity to meet
representatives of local groups
and find out what they do

Rusthall Library

Saturday 26 September, 10am – 2pm

- West Kent Community Diggers
- Friends of the Common
- Speldhurst History Group
- Learn about Mudlarking with Warren Silk

Free event – no need to book, just drop in.
Refreshments available