

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 2nd October 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 a story about a Saint from Italy who loved to tell stories!

Attendance



As we start our new year together expectations for daily attendance are still high and being set by the Department for Education. Our attendance this week is 95%

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

This Week...

What a wonderful week and as I write this newsletter we have warm sunny weather again! Tuesday saw the Whole School celebrate its 130th Birthday. Bishop Luke joined us for assembly in the morning to tell us about his role as a Bishop.



In the afternoon he led a special mass with Fr John and we walked back to the lower playground to our Foundation Stone to bless our school. It was a real celebration and Bishop Luke was very impressed with our children and especially their singing!

Friendship disputes.

Please can we kindly ask that if your child comes home with a friendship issue or concern, you speak directly with their class teacher or contact the class team via their email (see the next page).

Any events that happen in school are best addressed by the school team so that we can support the children consistently and ensure a clear, joined-up approach.

We will **NOT** tolerate behaviour that is:

- 🚫 threatening,
- 🚫 abusive or
- 🚫 violent

NO EXCUSE FOR ABUSE

We strive to create a safe and secure environment for pupils and staff alike.
And we **WILL** take action when necessary.

Harvest Festival



Our School Harvest Festival is on **Friday 10th 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.

Thank you in advance.

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: Preston, Zumra, Rayan, Lena-Mae, Vinnie, Oliver, Kareem, Jewel, Spencer, Juan and Evie. Father John also recognised the whole school for welcoming Bishop Luke and our singing too!

Congratulations to the whole school for achieving a Gold Award in The Tunbridge Wells in Bloom competition.

Well done to Angels 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

**Catch it.
Bin it.
Kill it.**



Stop the spread of flu germs.
Use a tissue and wash your hands thoroughly.

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.

If you would like to contact the PTFA their email address is: PTFA@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

And finally...

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Moira Duncombe

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