

St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 9th 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 this week who St Andrew was.

Attendance

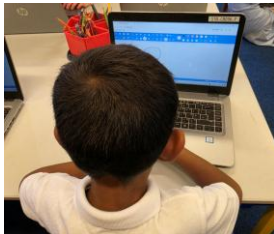


As we start our new year together expectations for daily attendance are still high and being set by the Department for Education. Our whole school attendance this week is 96%

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

This Week...

As I shared before, our IT has had a refresh over the summer, and the children have started their IT or computing topics. Here are some of our Year 1 using a drawing package to draw themselves:



At the start of the year our children also explored and discussed their IT contract, especially online use, and you can see what these are on the next page of this Newsletter. Throughout the year our children will discuss the importance of being safe online and who to talk to if they do feel unsafe.

The weather is definitely becoming more changeable this week and this is a gentle reminder for your child to have a **named** coat with them **every day**.

Today we went as a school to the church to celebrate Harvest Festival and the children sang beautifully. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us and also for your kind gifts. These will go with St Barnabas' Church Harvest gifts to our local Foodbank.

We will shortly be having our Parent Consultations, which is a chance to see how your child has settled into their new class. We will be sending out an email next week so do keep an eye out for this email and sign up on Arbor to meet your child's teacher.

IT Contract



KS1 version – Online Safety

- I only go online with a grown-up.
- I am kind online.
- I keep information about me safe online.
- I tell a grown-up if something online makes me unhappy or worried.



KS2 version – Online Safety

- I ask a teacher/adult about which websites I can use.
- I will not assume information online is true.
- I know there are laws that stop me copying online content.
- I know I must only open online messages that are safe. If I am unsure, I will not open it without speaking to an adult first.
- I know that people online are strangers, and they may not always be who they say they are.
- If someone online suggests meeting up, I will always talk to an adult straight away.
- I will not use technology to be unkind to people.
- I will keep information about me and my passwords private.
- I always talk to an adult if I see something which makes me feel worried.
- I know my use of school devices and systems can be monitored.

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:

Our Stars this week are: all of our children for their hard work across the curriculum. Well done to Phoebe, Moore, plus Jack, Sydnie and Dylan in Year 5 for their efforts.

Congratulations to Jewel in Year 2 who completed the Summer Reading Challenge.

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

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...

Thank you again for your kindness at our Harvest Festival:



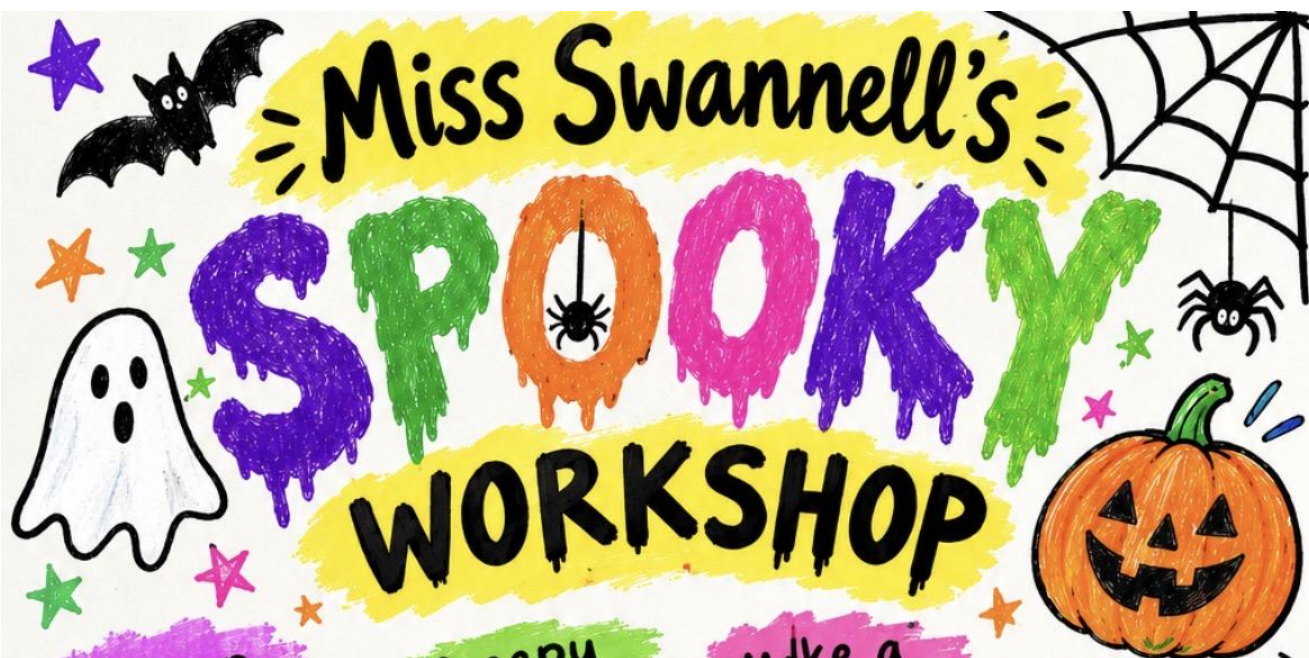
Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Moirra Duncombe

@StBarnabasSchoolTW

Miss Swannell's SPOOKY WORKSHOP



Group
artwork
games



Creepy
stone
painting



Make a
ghoulish
mask



Design a
potion
bottle



Pass the
pumpkin



And much
more...

Half term fun



Thursday
29th October
10am-2pm

St Barnabas
School Hall
Quarry Rd
Tunbridge wells

£35
per child
Ages 7-11

Please contact Jane on
janeswannell@hotmail.com
to book your child's limited space

