St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 6th November 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 about All Saint's Day

Attendance



As we start our new year together expectations for daily attendance are still high and being set by the Department for Education. This the whole school attendance was 95%

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

This Week…

I do hope you all had a super half term and are ready for term 2! It has been a busy first week with the children settling back into school life. On Tuesday, Year R and 6 went to the park together which is always a wonderful visit for our buddy teams to play together and explore:





On Wednesday, Maple Class visited the Amelia Scott for a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop. We made a human timeline and investigated lots of interesting and intriguing artefacts. The children were allowed to handle the items and ask lots of questions. Although they are halfway through this unit, they discovered lots of new information and were also able to make links with some of the concepts which they are yet to cover. The children behaved beautifully throughout the trip, walking to and from the centre, and engaging well throughout. One of the pedestrians they met on the way also commented about the children's positive behaviour and politeness!

You might have noticed that we have a new netball court marked on our lower playground and yesterday some of our older children spent some time with Miss Evans (who plays in a netball team), finding out more about the game.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the British Legion and donated to the Poppy Appeal. On Sunday a wreath on behalf of the school will be laid at the War Memorial at St Barnabas' Church.

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: Grayson, Sara, Ryan, Demi, Oscar K, Advaith, Zach, Kleigh, Audrey, Tharish, Olivia, Oliver, Aayan H, Henio, Aser and Alina.

Well done to Tharish, Emily, Kareem and Mary for achieving their handwriting awards.

Well done to Diksha for her amazing success!

Congratulations to Angels for achieving the most team points this term.

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

Beech: beech@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

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Maple: maple@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk

Lilac: lilac@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.

Children in Need – Friday 13th November



Next Friday is Children in Need and the children can wear something yellow or spotty and donate to this worthy charity. Donations can be in cash on the day or via the School Shop in Arbor.

Thank you for your support!

If you would like to contact the PTFA their email address is: PTFA@st-barnabas.kent.sch.uk.

We are looking to have a School Disco at the end of November so if you are able to help…

As you might be aware one of our families lost their father last year and his sisters (Oscar and Nellie) are going to complete a Sky dive to raise awareness of the Butterfly AVM Charity and in Oliver's Memory.

If you would like to know more about what the family are doing and support the charity please go to:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/kylie-brown-oliverjohnsonforever29?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

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, …

Please can we ask that your child has a school jumper/cardigan and coat every day as we have noticed some children are coming into school with neither. The PTFA have some second-hand jumpers at £1.50 if required.

Please enjoy some photographs from Year 3's trip.

Have a lovely weekend!

With best wishes,

Mrs Duncombe