St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 13th 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 the importance of memories and remembering.

Attendance



As we start our new year together expectations for daily attendance are still high and being set by the Department for Education. The whole school attendance this week is 97%

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

This Week…

This week seems to have had a theme of making memories and remembering. On Sunday Mya in Year 6 laid our School wreath at St Barnabas' Church as part of their Remembrance Sunday service. I am also aware that several of our children took part in parades and services across the Tunbridge Wells area. On Wednesday the whole school came together to stop at 11am. Whilst in previous years we have been outside, due to the weather we were in the school hall this year. Again, a huge thank you to everyone who donated to the British Legion Poppy appeal.

On Tuesday our Year 4 went to Tablehurst Farm to find out about life on the farm and were very pleased to see all the animals, including turkeys! On the same day we also had a group of parents and children go with Dave to Scotney Castle to help support the National Trust in making some important decisions with their site regeneration on-going project. The children represented the school fantastically well and were confident in sharing their ideas with others. Tuesday also saw some prospective parents join us for one of our Open Mornings preparing for September 2027. We have another Open Morning in January and it is always lovely to show how fabulous our children are! Finally, on Tuesday we had an author visit us as part of a programme called 'Aim High' and she worked with some of our children in Year 5 and 6 and others from three local schools. This is always a great day and enables our children to work with professional authors and develop their writing craft.

Yesterday three classes went to the Trinity Theatre to take part in the Into Film event and watched a film together. They had a great time and Year 5 and 6 will be taking their turn next week.

Today is Children in Need Day and my thanks go to everyone who was able to donate to this worthy charity. This afternoon some of our children are representing our school at a Football competition and we wish them well – results will be shared in the next newsletter. Our team played against St James' on Monday and drew 1-1; great preparation for the game today!

Christmas has also started with our younger children learning their lines and songs for the Nativity.

This has definitely been a week of making memories and remembering!

Photographs from this week:















Date list

17th November:	**Year 6 Greek Day** – see email and class blog
19th November:	**Year 5 and 6 Into Film – Trinity Theatre**
20th November:	**Year 3 trip**
20th November:	**Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament**
23rd November:	**Flu vaccinations** – see separate email
27th November:	**PTFA School Disco**
10th December:	**KS1 Nativity @ 2pm**
11th December:	**KS1 Nativity @ 2pm**
15th December:	**KS2 Christmas Celebration @ 2pm** – at St Barnabas Church
17th December:	**Christmas Lunch** and **Christmas Jumper day**
18th December:	**End of term**
18th December:	**Year 5 and 6 visit to the Pantomime** – Trinity Theatre (see email)
4th January:	**INSET day**- no children
5th January:	**First day of term 3**



Please see the School Website for term dates.

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: Arlo, Jack, King, Blake, Isabella, Zach, Demi, George, Millie, Eddie, All of Year 4, Dexter, David, Mya and Ellis.

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

Well done to Tunmise for producing another amazing book!

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

Scholastic book club

Thank you to all the Parents and Carers who ordered books through our book club on the Scholastic website recently. Due to your generosity, we have received over £60 in vouchers to spend on free books for our school. When the books are delivered to us soon, we will let you know about availability for collection via the school office.

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

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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…

Have a lovely weekend!

With best wishes,
Mrs Duncombe

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