St Barnabas' Church of England (VA) Primary School

Newsletter Friday 20th 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 Jellyfish and the importance of taking responsibility for our own actions.

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 was 95%

Our school gates open at 8:30am every day and School starts at 8:45am. Arriving after this means that your child will be marked as late in the register.

This Week…

Last week our Year 5 and 6 Football team went to play in a tournament, and Mr Goodyer has shared his report:





"The year 5/6 girls' football team participated in a tournament at Wadhurst Primary School. Incredibly, the girls came third in the event which consisted of eight schools altogether. In their seven matches, they won four, drew two and lost only one! Considering, this group had never played together before, this is a phenomenal achievement. We are so proud of how well they represented the school. Today our Year 3 and 4 are at their own football tournament and we wish them well."



This week our Year 6 children went back in time and took part in a Greek Day exploring Greek food and also finding out about the language and some drama too!

Today our Year 3 went to The Amelia to explore portraits and we can't wait to hear what they did!

Another busy week!

Date list

23rd November:	Flu jabs
27th November:	PTFA School Disco
10th December:	KS1 Nativity @2.15pm
11th December:	KS1 Nativity @ 2.15pm
15th December:	KS2 Christmas Celebration @2pm
17th December:	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
18th December:	Year 5 and 6 visit to the Pantomime
18th December:	End of term



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4th January:	INSET day- **no children**
5th January:	First day of Term 3

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: Azzurra, Lilya, Jayden, Michael, Ryan, Ailia, Alya, Olivia, Nellie, Zayn, Luke and Billy.

We celebrated Aayan H for achieving his handwriting award and again to Tunmise. We also celebrated with our Girls Year 5 and 6 Football team too!

Congratulations to Saints for achieving the most team points this week.

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.

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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