

# St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

24/05/2024



'Let your light shine'

Well, we've come to the end of yet another half term – this year really is flying by! I was reflecting on some of the events and achievements over the last few weeks and there really are too many to mention! Across the school, I am proud of our children's attainment and progress, and it is wonderful to hear our pupils talking confidently about their learning using subject specific vocabulary. Our year 6 children have approached their SATs tests with perseverance and worked their socks off; and many children have really stepped out of their comfort zone this term and tried new skills in after school clubs such as circus skills and fencing! Our pupils have represented school in sporting events and been out on trips. One thing that always makes me exceptionally proud, is whenever our children are on trips or at sporting events, their excellent behaviour, attitude and manners are always commented upon by the organisers. The next half term will be equally packed with exciting activities, including our Summer Concert, Sports Day, Summer Fair, Health and Lifestyle Week and our Summer Fun Day...there will also be some football themed fun ready for Euro 2024! Most importantly, I am looking forward to seeing the many ways our children will let their light shine.

Have a lovely half term everyone...let's hope the sun shines!

*Miss Hodgkinson*

HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS OUR AMAZING CHILDREN HAVE 'LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE' THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL...





# Pan Disability Football

## Under 8 to 12's



**Fun & Inclusive Football , open to participants with sensory , learning or physical disabilities.**  
**Starting in May - Friday's @ 6pm**  
**To find out more, contact:**  
**Tony - Vicechair.AppletonAFC@gmail.com**  
**Kate - Girls.AppletonAFC@gmail.com**

ACCREDITED CLUB ★★

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

*'Courage'*

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

*Joshua 1:9*

**This week's prayer:** This week we pray for all those who are homeless.

**This week's big question is:**

Do you have to trust everyone?



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# COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 11.00am - 3.00pm

**Fun activities available for the whole family!**  
 Bouncy Castles • Children's Fairground Ride • Dog Show  
 Face Painting • Elsa from Frozen • Stalls & Games  
 Tea, Coffee & Cakes • Hot Food • Music

Warrington Campus, Winwick Road, Warrington  
 wvr.ac.uk/fun-day

Staying Safe Online

Our guide this week is part of our positive mental health messages and looks at how parents and carers can encourage the formation of healthy friendships, in children and young people. Studies have shown that at least 71% of children, as young as 5, can have one close friend. Our guide gives hints and tips in supporting children to not only understand what healthy friendships are but also to spot the signs of any detrimental friendships.

Road Safety

We have had a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parkin. We appreciate how difficult drop off and pick up times can be but we must stress the importance of road safety – this includes safe parking and safe driving.

**We have painted yellow zig zag road markings outside school for a very good reason: *the safety of our pupils.* You must not park or stop even for a moment on these markings.** Any car stopped or parked in this restricted area can hide small children who are about to cross the road.

The children may not see approaching cars and approaching motorists may not see the children.

**Please do not stop in the middle of the road to let out your children.**

Thank you for your support.



### 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS

1. GRANT FRIENDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES  
 2. LEAD BY EXAMPLE  
 3. HELP THEM LOVE THEMSELVES  
 4. MONITOR SCREEN TIME  
 5. TEACH PROBLEM-SOLVING  
 6. EMPOWER THE CHILD  
 7. TEACH EMPATHY  
 8. BE OPEN TO QUESTIONS  
 9. UNDERSTAND BOUNDARIES  
 10. SPOT THE SIGNS

Meet Our Expert  
 @wake\_up\_weds

Places in St Barnabas Nursery Available

We are now accepting applications for places in our nursery for September 2024.

Please ask the school office for an application form or to make an appointment to look around.

We can also assist with 2 year old funding applications.

If you think you may be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare please visit the Childcare Choices website:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/upcoming-changes-to-childcare-support/>



*The Bread and Butter Thing* helps people on low incomes to eat more healthily. They have mobile food clubs that provide nutritious meals to help people feed their families for free. They have a location – in partnership with WA5 Good Neighbours, at Sankey Bridges Community Centre.

Open: 1:30 – 2pm on Tuesdays

Tel: 07860 063304 <https://breadandbutterthing.org>

Meet and Greet

Don't forget, if you have any issues in the morning or at the end of the day, a member of staff will be outside for you! We have staff available every morning at each entrance gate – we can help you with any issues you may have, no matter how small. Please come for a chat if you need to.



We are holding our first summer fair since Covid on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 1:30pm** but we need your help.

# Summer Fair

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May we will have an own clothes day and are asking for donations of bottles for the tombola. We need new bottles such as fizzy drinks, juice, bubble bath, shampoo, shower gel... we'll even accept champagne!

We also need volunteers to help us run the stalls on the day – please speak to the school office if you are able to help.

### School Uniform

Wearing the correct school uniform is really important. Sometimes people question why we are tough on uniform but we believe it teaches the children, at an early age, the importance of looking smart and the importance of wearing the correct clothes where required - all skills needed for high school and later, the workplace. Also, our school has a great reputation in the local area –visitors always comment on our children’s excellent manners, behaviour and uniform. How our children dress and look on the streets contributes towards this positive image too. Unfortunately, the uniform standards of a number of children have dropped recently and they are coming to school wearing trainers. **Trainers** should only be worn on **PE days**. The correct PE uniform should be worn on PE days, not cycling shorts (see picture below.) If you are struggling to get the correct uniform, we are happy to help and have uniform supplies in school. Please contact Mrs Fisher at school via ClassDojo or by calling 01925 633606.



### Water Bottles

Children are asked to bring a bottle to school filled with water which they can drink through the day. Drinking water throughout the day keeps children’s brains hydrated and helps them to learn well. Only water is allowed in these bottles, as drinking juice throughout the day causes tooth decay. Children can drink juice with their dinner. If any children persist in bringing juice in their water bottles, parents will be contacted.

Dates for your diary	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for Whit break
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	St Barnabas Day
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	8:45am Parent coffee morning
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y6 Residential at Forest Camp Activity Centre
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	2pm New starters meeting
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 trip to Sky Garden
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	6pm Summer Concert – Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 families invited
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Paris Olympic Games Day at Orford Hub – KS2
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Warrington Walking Day – school closed
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Health and Lifestyle Fortnight
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Sports Day KS2 – morning Reception & KS1 - afternoon
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	4:45pm Children’s University Awards Ceremony at St Elphin’s Church
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July and Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 high school transition days – all Warrington high schools
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	8:45am Parent coffee morning
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer fair 1:30pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 trip to Warrington Museum
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	First Aid sessions for all classes
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 trip to Safety Central
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	6pm Y6 Leavers’ Party
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm Y6 Leavers’ Service
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fun Day!
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for summer break
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School opens for Autumn term



# Summer water safety

Accidents are mostly preventable with the correct knowledge and judgment and here are our tips to staying safe in the water during the summer:

To enjoy the water safely and make the right call...

- **Enter slowly and carefully**  
Think carefully about your ability to splash or swim in cold outdoor water. 49% of those who lost their life were classified as swimmers\*. Are you really a good swimmer?
- **Stay within reach**  
Don't go too far and stay within a standing depth.
- **Always be supervised**  
Over 70% of fatal accidents occur in the absence of professional supervision. Seek life guarded areas and always make sure some one is available to raise the alarm.



Summer is an amazing time to enjoy our beautiful waterways but we must be mindful that warmer weather is directly linked to an increase in fatal drowning incidents.

Rivers and Lakes/Lochs pose the greatest statistical risk as there are often hazards that the average person is equipped to handle and there is a lack of professional supervision.

In an emergency...

- **Call 999**  
Ask for the Fire and Rescue Service when inland and the Coastguard if at the coast. Don't enter the water to rescue.
- **If you're in trouble FLOAT and call for help**  
Fall in or become tired – stay calm, float on your back and call for help. Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



STOP AND THINK



STAY TOGETHER



CALL 999



FLOAT

