

# St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

06/09/2024



*'Let your light shine'*

We're back for a brand-new school year! It has been amazing to welcome our children back to school this week and see them connecting with old friends, making new friends and enjoying their learning. It is an absolute pleasure to stand on the gate every morning and see our children looking so smart with big smiles on their faces, walking into school each morning. I am really impressed with our children's excellent behaviour and focus on getting back to the important task of learning – every child in our school has already 'let their light shine' in many ways this week. A warm welcome to our new families who have joined us in Nursery, Reception and throughout school. We look forward to working closely together with you and celebrating your children's future successes at St Barnabas – I know there will be many!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

*Miss Hodgkinson*

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



## Our Christian Value for this half term is:

*'Hope'*

*"But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."*

*Jeremiah 17:7-8*

**This week we pray for:** all those around the world living in conflict. We pray for peace.

**This week's big question is:** What is hope?

## Starting reception class

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, they are due to start reception class in September 2025. You will need to apply for a place here:

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions>

## Start and Finish Times

School opens at **8:40am** and all children should be in school by **8:45am**. Gates are locked at 8:50am and anyone who arrives after this time will need to enter via the school office and be marked as late. At the end of the day, doors open at 3:10pm and all children should be collected by 3:15pm. Being just a few minutes late each day adds up to days of lost learning over a year - **BE ON TIME!**

### Staying Safe Online

This week's online safety message centres around QR codes. They are a useful means by which people can quickly access online resources and other information. Unfortunately, some QR codes are used to scam and fraud others. The guide this week explores the most common places you may find a QR code and explains how best to protect yourselves.

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about QR CODE SCAMS**

QR code scams (also known as 'quishing') involve the malicious use of Quick Response (QR) codes to deceive people into revealing personal information or downloading harmful software. These scams exploit QR codes' convenience and widespread use – for example, in adverts, restaurant menus and public notices, with criminals installing fake QR codes which direct users to bogus sites.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- PAYMENT SYSTEMS**: Cybercriminals may seek to change a QR code that's meant to be legitimate to a malicious one. If a customer scans the QR code expecting to order and pay for goods or services (such as a meal in this case), they may be directed to a site controlled by the scammers. Looking through payment details would then allow the criminal to defraud them.
- DISCOUNTED GOODS**: A poster promises goods or services at a discounted cost, requiring people to scan a QR code to register and pay. The poster, however, is malicious, and there is no discount. After providing their payment details would allow the criminal to access your funds. This scam is reasonably common in other locations such as car parks in major cities.
- PRIZE DRAWS**: A QR code is provided for a prize draw, advertised on a poster which is likely on display in a public space. Scanning the QR code will result in being asked to provide further information (such as your email address, name, address or phone number), which is then used by criminals for further social engineering attacks or even identity theft.
- WIFI CONNECTION**: Scanning a QR code may be the means of connecting to the internet. This is usually legitimate, but if the QR code is a fake, it could result in someone viewing your browsing history and even your login details. These can subsequently be used for phishing attacks and identity theft – and even financial fraud, if they're able to access your banking credentials.
- FAKE EVENTS AND TICKETS**: A poster highlights news regarding an upcoming event, or regarding an additional allocation of tickets for a sold-out concert or other performance. It directs the user to scan a QR code for more information, to register or possibly to pay. The QR code then leads to a fake site hosted by scammers, asking for further data on the user for future attacks or to exploit or defraud them immediately.

**Advice for Parents & Educators**

- BE VIGILANT**: QR codes are becoming more prevalent, and cyber criminals are increasingly seeking to use them to steal information and compromise devices. It is important to remain aware of the risks. Always consider these safety concerns before scanning a QR code and avoid doing so unless you're certain it's legitimate. Be sure to keep your device's operating system updated as well, to keep you protected from known security risks.
- CHECK FOR SIGNS OF TAMPERING**: Where QR codes are printed or displayed, check for any sign of tampering, such as a sticker with a new QR code being placed over the top of the previous code, for instance. Where there are signs of tampering, you should consult a member of staff. If you're in a hotel or restaurant, for example, or simply avoid scanning the code altogether.
- CHECK THE URL**: Most phones now show the web address or URL which a QR code connects to, and they typically require users to accept being taken to this address before progressing. Check that the web address matches what you expect to see. If you're expecting to access via the QR code you've scanned, if it seems obvious in any way, don't click on it.
- USE TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES**: Consider the source of the QR code and its trustworthiness. A QR code for payment in a restaurant, for example, is likely to be legitimate. If you don't see it printed on every menu or notice posted up in the street or in a building's corridor it more likely to be fraudulent. If you're unsure, err on the side of caution and don't scan the code.
- USE THE DEFAULT QR CODE SCANNER**: Most mobile devices come with the ability to scan QR codes built into the camera app. Where possible, you should seek to use this default functionality and avoid the use of third-party QR scanning apps which may have themselves been tampered with or compromised. Stick to reputable methods.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the UK Digital Industry Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.

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Come and join our school family.

We would like to welcome you to look around St Barnabas CE Primary School and have the following open days:

Friday 20th September 9am to 11.30am

Tuesday 8th October 1.30pm to 3pm

Wednesday 6th November 1.30pm to 3pm

Friday 8th November 9am to 11.30am

If you are unable to make one of the open days we can offer tours of the school upon request, please contact [stbarnabas\\_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk](mailto:stbarnabas_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk) or phone 01925 633606 to arrange.



## St Barnabas CE Primary School and Nursery

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[www.stbarnabasceprimary.co.uk](http://www.stbarnabasceprimary.co.uk)  
stbarnabas\_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk Tel: 01925 633606

### Water Bottles

Children are asked to bring a bottle to school filled with water which they can drink throughout 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 or with their lunch. If any children persist in bringing juice in their water bottles, parents will be contacted.

### Dates for your Diary 2024 - 2025

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School opens
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term break
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	School opens
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm	School closes for Christmas break
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term break
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter break
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School opens
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday (school closed)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School closes for half term break
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Warrington Walking Day (school closed)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for summer break

### Playtime Snacks

We exercise lead to positive mental and physical health. Part of this is to educate our children to eat as healthily as possible, as this contributes to future success. The only snacks we allow at playtimes are **toast or fruit**, these can be brought in from home or toast can be purchased via ParentPay. Thank you for your support. We are a healthy school and constantly reinforce with our children that healthy eating and regular exercise lead to positive mental and physical health.

### Nut Allergy

Our school is a **nut free zone** as we have children in school with severe allergies. Please do not send any food in packed lunches containing nuts or traces of nuts, including chocolate spread. Thank you.

Dates for your Diary Autumn Half Term 1	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 Swimming
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	9 – 11:30am Open morning for families of children starting school in September 2025
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Jigsaw Festival at St Elphin's Church – all families welcome
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	School Photos
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 Swimming
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	9am Harvest Worship led by Y5 Parents of Y5 invited
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	9:10m Bible presentation for new Reception pupils in St Barnabas Church – parents/carers of reception pupils invited.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Film Night
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y5 Swimming
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	8:45am Parent Coffee Morning
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	1:30 – 3pm Open afternoon for families of children starting school in September 2025
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fair
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evenings for all classes
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term

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- Roles and responsibilities of schools as an organisation
- Communication and team working
- Safeguarding, equality, diversity and inclusion
- Child development under the curriculum
- Health, safety and wellbeing
- Employability information, advice and guidance

#### Course date:

**Starting:** 12/09/24

**Ending:** 20/12/24

**2 Days per week, every Thursday & Friday.**

**Timings:** 09.30am-14.30pm

#### Eligibility:

Aged 19+

Living in UK for minimum 3 years

Unemployed or Earning less than £25k per year

#### Location:

**Torus, Bank Park House, Kendrick Street, Warrington, WA1 1UZ**

#### Interested?

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