

# St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

20/09/2024



*'Let your light shine'*

Children have settled into the new school year incredibly well and have already many achievements to be proud of. All the children look really smart in their uniforms and we will continue to monitor this throughout the year. If you are unsure on our school uniform, please visit our website: <https://www.stbarnabaceprimary.co.uk/page/school-uniform/32026>

We will also be closely monitoring PE kits so please ensure your child wears the appropriate kit. In our worship, we often discuss of school values of Friendship, Creativity, Truthfulness, Peace, Responsibility, Compassion, Justice and Perseverance. We truly believe that by instilling these values in our children, we are ensuring that they grow up to be the best version of themselves, whilst showing kindness and acceptance to others. On a day-to-day basis, I am so proud to see many examples of these values in our children's behaviour; whether it's helping others, listening to another person's opinion or not giving up when things get tricky – our children make me incredibly proud every day. We have lots of exciting events planned for the coming term so as always, please keep your eye on this weekly newsletter for important dates and also celebrations of our children's achievements.

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'*

*"With God, everything is possible"*

Matthew 19:26

This week we pray for all those who are homeless.

**This week's big question:**

Do you think most children hope for the same things in life, or that there is a wide range of children's hope?

**BE ON TIME!**

School starts: 8:40am

Children must be in before 8:50 or they will be marked LATE

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>

## Staying Safe Online

This week's guide focuses on gaming. We are looking at Final Fantasy XIV, that is for 16+, although because this is an online game, it is very likely that children younger than this will encounter it. People from all over the world can join the same fantasy land, completing challenges and quests. Our guide this week, supports parents in the best ways to safeguard their children against any potential hazards.

**What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FINAL FANTASY XIV**

**THE RESTRICTION PEGI 16**

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**  
The video game Final Fantasy XIV launched in 2010, and, despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that has made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

**ALWAYS ONLINE**  
Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer or Online Role-Playing Game. Instead of a fixed mission, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests, boss battles and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, which means that players have to be online to play.

**REGULAR EXPANSIONS**  
As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions or content additions to the game. These updates include new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play frequently will be encouraged to buy it as soon as possible.

**IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE**  
Users need to pay £9.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial of 14 days. However, they'll be able to pick up the subscription again and resume where they left off. If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling in automatically.

**FREE TRIAL**  
The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. There's a daily cap on hours for a trial player, but once they've completed the trial, they can play for as long as they want.

**MANAGE PLAYTIME**  
Playtime limits are a great way to control the number of hours of games that children play. They can be set on a variety of devices, including consoles, tablets, and PCs. It's a good idea to set up playtime limits on all devices where the child might play.

**PLAY TOGETHER**  
The free trial makes it a common way for young people to play together and play alongside a child, providing they're old enough. Not only does chat help you ensure that settings are adjusted for your protection, but it also allows you to see if your child is playing with anyone and what they're doing.

**MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL**  
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**REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16**  
Despite its often-repeating nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs. Although the game is rated for 16+, it's not suitable for children under 16. Parents should be aware of the content in the game and what their child is playing.

**MEET OUR EXPERT**  
Lloyd Coombes is the editor-in-chief of GetSavvy, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A longtime fan of online games, he's also a parent, who therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing regularly about tech and fitness, his work has previously been published at sites including iD, Techradar and plenty more.

**Wake Up Wednesday**  
**The National College**

source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://thenationalcollege.com/guides/finalfantasyxiv/>

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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.

We look forward to seeing you!



## St Barnabas CE Primary School and Nursery

“Outstanding at enabling all pupils to flourish”

**OPEN DAYS & TOURS AVAILABLE**

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### 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.

## Calling all Jigsaw enthusiasts

St Elphin's, St Barnabas & Holy Trinity Churches invite you to join them at St Elphin's Church, Church Street, Warrington, WA1 2TL for a

# Jigsaw Festival

20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

Friday: 12.00 - 5.00pm

Sat: 10.00 - 4.00pm

Sunday: 1.00 - 4.00pm



Other Stalls include:

Refreshments    Cake Stall  
Chocolate Tombola    Jams Stall  
Knitted goods    Candles

Stained Glass

Admission £2.00 - includes free raffle ticket  
(free re-admission with programme over the 3 days)

Proceeds to be split between the 3 churches

### 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.

### Harvest

Year 5 are really excited to announce about how we will celebrate Harvest. Harvest is a festival where many farmers from around the world start to work on the crops to provide food. This year our Harvest festival will be on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9am in the school hall, year 5 families welcome.** We are supporting the work of Christian Aid.

### 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.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September is European Day of Languages**, a day designed to celebrate the 6,000+ languages spoken around the world, promote language learning and have some multilingual fun!

We will be joining in by sharing and celebrating some of the home languages spoken by our wonderful children, as well as participating in some extra French language and cultural opportunities throughout the day to enhance our existing Languages curriculum. We're sure the food tasting will go down a treat! Look out for pictures on class dojo and our social media channels next week!



European Day of Languages  
26 September

