St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter



11/10/2024

'Let your light shine'

We are really looking forward to welcoming parents into school next week for our first parents' evenings of the year. Teachers really value being able to see you in person, share your child's achievements and show you their work. Our Starbooks Reading Café will also be open, serving drinks and tasty snacks and the book fair will also be in school.

I can't believe we have nearly reached the end of the first half term – it really has flown by and we have had so many incredible achievements to celebrate at St Barnabas. This half term we have been thinking about the value of **hope** and our children have really lived out this value – in their excellent behaviour, giving up their time to help others, being caring, compassionate and taking on leadership roles which really make a difference in our local community. I am incredibly proud of all our children.

Every minute of every day is packed with learning and fun at St Barnabas and our children have 'let their light shine' in so many different ways, including as historians, writers, scientists, artists, athletes and mathematicians!

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...



BE ON TIME!

School starts: 8:40am

Children must be in before 8:50 or they will

be marked LATE.

Local Authority Attendance Update

The Local Authority will now be issuing fines (fixed term penalty notices) for parents who take children on holidays during term time. The link below will take you to the LA webpage containing information about penalty notices:

School attendance | warrington.gov.uk

Attending school on time every day is the best way to ensure your children's future success. Children with good attendance achieve much better in school and go on to get better jobs than those with poor attendance. The government expects all children's attendance to be at least 96%.

Here is our class and whole school attendance for last week:

Class	Attendance
YR	94%
Y1	96%
Y2	96%
Y3	98%
Y4	96%
Y5	100%
Y6	95%
Whole School	96.4%

An amazing week for Y5 who achieved **100%**. Our overall school attendance is above 96%, which means less lost learning time. Well done to all the children who achieved 96% or better.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

Hope'

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

Desmond Tutu

This week we pray for those who are homeless.

This week's big question:

Is being hopeful always a good thing?

Staying Safe Online

Our safety message this week centres around fire safety. As we approach bonfire season, fire safety is vitally important and we need to work together to safeguard our children against the dangers. Our guide this week offers support and advice on how to educate children on fire safety and the precautions we can take to keep our children safe.



Starting reception class

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st 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

ST BARNABAS IS ON A BUS!!!

Our school is featured on one of the brand new electric double decker buses in Warrington. If you spot the bus, take a photo of it and send it to the office on Class Dojo. The first 3 families to send in a photo win prizes for their children. Good luck!



Playtime Snacks

We are a healthy school and constantly reinforce with our children that healthy eating and regular 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.

Water Bottles

Children are asked to bring a bottle to school filled with water which they can drink throught 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.

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 and afternoon 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.



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.

The Bread and Butter Thing help 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

Parents' Evening

Monday 14^{th} and Wednesday 16^{th} October 3:30-6 pm

You will have the opportunity to speak with your child's class teacher about how well they have settled into their new class and their attainment, progress and wellbeing. Bookings should be made on the school website:

https://parents.schoolspider.co.uk/auth/login

Our popular **Starbooks Reading Café** will be available in the school hall, serving free drinks and snacks; in addition you will be able to visit the **Book Fair** and there will be a range of services including the Mental Health Support Team, dental nurse and vaccinations team available to speak to.

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:

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 or phone 01925 633606 to arrange.

We look forward to seeing you!

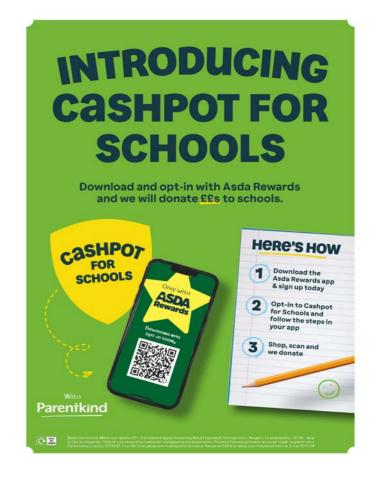


St Barnabas CE Primary School and Nursery

"Outstanding at enabling all pupils to flourish"

OPEN DAYS & TOURS AVAILABLE

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Dates for your Diary 2024 - 2025	
Tuesday 3 rd September	School opens
Friday 18 th October	School closes for half term break
Monday 28 th October	School opens
Friday 20 th December at 1:30pm	School closes for Christmas break
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half term break
Monday 24 th February	School opens
Friday 11 th April	School closes for Easter break
Tuesday 22 nd April	School opens
Monday 5 th May	Bank holiday (school closed)
Friday 23 rd May	School closes for half term break
Monday 9 th June	School opens
Friday 27 th June	Warrington Walking Day (school closed)
Friday 18 th July	School closes for summer break

Dates for your Diary Autumn Term	
Monday 14 th & Wednesday 16 th	Book Fair in the school hall after school
October	
Monday 14 th & Wednesday 16 th	Parents' Evenings for all classes and Starbooks Reading Cafe
October	
Tuesday 15 th October	Y4 trip to Liverpool World Museum
Wednesday 16 th October	Trip to Waterstones for winners of reading golden tickets
Friday 18 th October	School closes for half term
Monday 28 th October	School opens
Wednesday 6 th November	1:30 - 3pm Open afternoon for families of children starting
	school in September 2025
Friday 8 th November	8:45am Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 8 th November	9 – 11am Open morning for families of children starting
	school in September 2025
Monday 11 th November – Friday	Anti-Bullying Week
15 th November	
Monday 11 th November	10:45am Y6 to lead Remembrance Worship
Monday 11 th November	Y5 trip to Warrington Museum
Wednesday 13 th November	Y6 trip to Norton Priory
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Saturday 16 th November	12 – 3pm St Barnabas Church Christmas Fair – everyone
	welcome
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd	National Road Safety Week
November	
Monday 18 th November	Y5 Fire Safety Visit
Tuesday 26 th November	3:15 Y4 Parents' Meeting about Y4 multiplication check
Thursday 5 th December	Y3&4 advent workshop at Liverpool Cathedral
Friday 6 th December	8:45am Parent Coffee Morning
Tuesday 10 th December	3:15pm Starbooks Christmas Reading Café – everyone
	welcome
Thursday 12 th December	10am Y2 Nativity performance
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 th December	Elf Run
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Disco:
	3:15 – 4:30pm Reception & Ks1
	4:45 – 6:00pm KS2
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Wonderland Trip – Reception, Y1 & Y2
Tuesday 17 th December	3:40pm Christingle Service in St Barnabas Church
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Party Day!
Friday 20 th December	School closes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens