

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

08/11/2024



'Let your light shine'

Lest we forget...

Over the past couple of weeks, our KS2 children have worked together to prepare a special contribution to Remembrance Day. Using historical documents like census records, marriage certificates and military records, our children have conducted some fascinating research into the lives of local individuals who served and sadly lost their lives in World War II. The information they found was placed in our special Remembrance Jars for everyone in school to take a look at. Thank you to our children for helping us to remember this important time in world history and the sacrifices made by those from our local area. A big thank you also to Mr Silver, who has worked hard to research and prepare this incredible project. On Monday our year 6 children will be leading our Remembrance Service and reminding us all of the immense courage and sacrifices made by all those who served in World War I and II. Many of our children have also contributed to the Poppy Appeal – thank you for your generosity.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Hodgkinson



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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](http://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	99%
Y1	93%
Y2	98.5%
Y3	99%
Y4	97%
Y5	97%
Y6	97%
Whole School	97.2%

An amazing week for YR and Y3 who achieved 99%. Our overall school attendance is above 97.2%, which means less lost learning time. Well done to all the children who achieved 96% or better.

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>

Places in St Barnabas Nursery Available

We are now accepting applications for places in our nursery for January 2025.

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.

Staying Safe Online

As we approach Anti-bullying week next week, our guide this week focuses on the theme for this year, which is 'Choose Respect.' In person or online, adults and children can say or do things they may regret, which we know isn't helpful. Our guide this week gives helpful advice to support teaching children how to be respectful, when they are interacting with their peers.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Justice'

"Let justice roll on like a river."

Amos 5:24



This week we remember and pray for all those who have served in the armed forces, past and present. We thank you for your courage and the sacrifices you have made for us to live in freedom.

This week's big question:

Is it ever okay to break a rule or a law?

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.

Odds Socks Day

Odd Socks Day marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day 2024 is taking place on Tuesday 12th November. It is supported by cBeebies presenter & ABA patron Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks'.

Most importantly, Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes. All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to your school, at work or at home, it couldn't be simpler!

Come to school on Tuesday wearing Odd Socks – there is no charge.



10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

- 1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE**
As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children. They observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.
- 2 AGREE TO DISAGREE**
Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when being disagreed with helps build empathy and understanding of others.
- 3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING**
Teach children about the importance of active listening: that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even for points specifically if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn makes it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.
- 4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS**
If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel..." or "I think..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.
- 5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER**
When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on addressing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "you're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.
- 6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS**
It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Encourage children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them to only come back to a conversation when they're calm. It's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.
- 7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT**
Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people who might disagree with them. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.
- 8 SEEK COMMON GROUND**
When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from denigrating each other.
- 9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL**
It's important that we make it clear to children that we avoid name-calling, a series of derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others, respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.
- 10 REFLECT AND LEARN**
After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during disagreements.

Meet Our Expert
The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinates Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.

Source: See full reference list on guide page 47-48: <https://thenationalcollege.com/guides/choose-respect>

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Dates for your Diary 2024 - 2025

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

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>

St Barnabas Church Christmas Fair



In Church
SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16TH
12-3PM

Lots of stalls including: Tombola, Christmas & Gift Stall, Raffle, Cakes, Jams & Chutneys, Poke a Pot & Refreshments.

Plus, a very special guest!






Happy? Ok? Sad?



We can help you with mental health, relationships, bullying & more...

Get free confidential & anonymous advice from an NHS Specialist Community Nurse via text:

-  Young People aged 11-19: Text: 07507 330101
-  Parents and Carers of children aged 0-5: Text: 07507 327981
-  Parents and Carers of children and young people aged 5-19: Text: 07480 635994

Road Safety

We have had a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking. 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.

ChatHealth

<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/happy-ok-sad>

We all deserve to enjoy life and feel good about ourselves but sometimes life can be tough!

Whether you're feeling great and want to stay that way, you're a bit tired and fed up or you're struggling to manage your feelings, we can point you to local and national information and resources. You can find tips ranging from how to boost your mood to where to get help if you're unable to cope.

If you or someone you know is struggling with their mental health, know that you are not alone and there are places you can go to get help. Visit '[I need help right now](#)' or our [Support Directory](#) to get the most appropriate mental health advice for you or a loved one. For information and advice about how to start a conversation about mental health, visit '[I'm looking for mental health training and resources](#)'.

Dates for your Diary Autumn Term

Monday 11 th November – Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
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 November	National Road Safety Week
Monday 18 th November	Y5 Fire Safety Visit
Tuesday 19 th November	2:15 – 3pm Nursery and Reception Stay and Play
Thursday 21 st November	2:15 – 3pm Nursery Stay and Play
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
Wednesday 11 th December	Whole school Christmas trip
Thursday 12 th December	10am Y2 Nativity performance
Thursday 12 th December	1 – 1:45pm Little Movers Nursery Family Christmas Party 2 – 2:34pm Little Movers Reception Family Christmas Party
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