

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

15/11/2024



'Let your light shine'

Our pupil leaders are just incredible! We have many pupil ambassador groups at St Barnabas and they all play a really important role in supporting other children in our school, helping the local community and supporting global issues. So far this term, our mini police have led a presentation to the whole school on staying safe at Halloween and Bonfire Night, our Well-Being Warriors and Super Behaviour Team have organised Odd Socks Day and led activities throughout Anti-Bullying Week. In addition, our SSOC lead playground games every lunchtime, encouraging everyone to be active; our JSOs have talked to the school about staying safe on dark winter nights and our Attendance Ambassadors promote the importance of excellent attendance. Our School Parliament have worked with children from other schools to create a Climate Change Manifesto to present to the Council; they are also meeting MP Sarah Hall next week when she visits our school – I know they will have some very challenging questions for her! Our children are developing such excellent leadership, communication and teamwork skills – can you imagine what success they will be able to achieve in the future? Our pupils continue to let their light shine!

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 | 95% |
| Y1 | 93.5% |
| Y2 | 95% |
| Y3 | 99% |
| Y4 | 97% |
| Y5 | 94% |
| Y6 | 100% |
| Whole School | 97.2% |

An amazing week for Y6 who achieved **100%**. Our overall school attendance is **96.2%**. 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

Our guide this week focuses on Palworld, which took the gaming world by storm. It is a blend of Minecraft and Pokémon. Even though it is created for our younger children, there can be images that can be inappropriate for children, such as animal abuse. Our guide supports parents in safeguarding children who simply want to enjoy the game.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Justice'

"Justice, and only justice, you shall follow, that you may live and inherit the land that the Lord your God is giving you."
Deuteronomy 16:20

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 justice the same as being treated fairly?

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MATURE CONTENT (18)
While Palworld may have cute and cuddly, the game does have a few more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, you might witness a mild violent event. There are also minor references to humans with the ability to be transformed into Palforms. Certain parts of the game, while the presentation is intended to be fun, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

VIOLENCE
Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and will give reason. As the game progresses, the level of violence increases and other characters, including them to fight for the game. While the game is intended to be fun, the violence is certainly not subtle. It's violence. It's cartoonish and obvious, but it's violence.

ONLINE PLAY
Palworld can be played with other people online. In this, players can play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can enter in the same game, playing in the same world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host. Additionally, it can be quite complicated to set up the game. However, if you do have a friend who can help set up the servers (on the internet) and they can help with the game.

DIFFICULTY
Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in terms of learning because, catching Pals and exploring the environment can be very tricky. It takes a lot of trial and error to get things right. It can be successful, when it could be off-putting or even frustrating, but it's not something more like Minecraft or Roblox.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY
Watching gameplay of Palworld on YouTube or on the internet can be a great way to see what the game is like. However, it's important to be aware of the content that is shown. It's best to watch the game on a device that you can control, so you can avoid seeing anything that you don't want to see.

LEND A HAND
By teaching the basics of the game, you can help to reduce the amount of frustration that your child will experience. This is especially true for older players, who may need to be taught the basics of the game. It's a good idea to have a conversation with your child about the game, so you can be aware of any issues that they may have.

SET CONTENT LIMITS
If Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's a good idea to check the game's rating. It's a good idea to check the game's rating, as it can help you to decide if the game is appropriate for your child. It's also a good idea to check the game's rating, as it can help you to decide if the game is appropriate for your child.

PLAY TOGETHER
By playing Palworld together, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that is inappropriate. It's a good idea to play the game together, as it can help you to see what the game is like. It's also a good idea to play the game together, as it can help you to see what the game is like.

PLACE BOUNDARIES
Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to connect with friends on the internet. It's a good idea to check the game's rating, as it can help you to decide if the game is appropriate for your child. It's also a good idea to check the game's rating, as it can help you to decide if the game is appropriate for your child.

Meet Our Expert
Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site Diggernaut, Lloyd Cooper has worked in the games media industry for over 10 years. He's played every 3rd person shooter since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Lloyd has written about both and his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.

The National College

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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!



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.

Dates for your Diary 2024 - 2025

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| 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 |



St Barnabas CE Primary School and Nursery

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OPEN DAYS & TOURS AVAILABLE

www.stbarnabaceprimary.co.uk
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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](#)'.

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

Dates for your Diary Autumn Term

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| 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 |