

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

22/11/2024



'Let your light shine'

I can't believe we are already nearly at the end of November – time is just flying by and Christmas will be here before we know it! Our children's behaviour and work are excellent and they are letting their light shine in so many ways; we want to make Christmas as special as possible – it's going to be an extremely busy (but fun) time in school, so I thought it would be good to let you know about some of the events that are happening:

- Thursday 5th December: Y3&4 advent workshop at Liverpool Cathedral
 - Monday 9th – Friday 13th December: Christmas shop open every lunchtime
 - Monday 9th December: 3:15pm Starbooks Christmas Reading Café – everyone welcome
 - Wednesday 11th December: Whole school Christmas trip
 - Thursday 12th December: 10am Y2 Nativity performance- Y2 families invited
 - Thursday 12th December: 1 – 1:45pm Little Movers **Nursery** Family Christmas Party
2 – 2:45pm Little Movers **Reception** Family Christmas Party
 - Friday 13th December: Christmas Jumper Day and St Rocco's Reindeer Run
 - Friday 13th December: Christmas Disco: 3:15 – 4:30pm Reception/Ks1 & 4:45 – 6:00pm KS2
 - Monday 16th December: Christmas Wonderland Trip – Reception, Y1 & Y2
 - Tuesday 17th December: 3:40pm Christingle Service in St Barnabas Church
 - Thursday 19th December: Christmas Party Day!
 - Friday 20th December: Something special will be happening...to be revealed!!!!
 - Friday 20th December: School closes for the Christmas break at 1:30pm
- It's going to be a very busy, but very fun time!

*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	85%
Y1	95%
Y2	94%
Y3	98%
Y4	97%
Y5	92%
Y6	99%
Whole School	94%

An amazing week for Y6 who achieved **99%**. Our overall school attendance is **94%** - this is below our target of 96% and means too much 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

This week's message focuses around money management. It can be incredibly difficult to manage money sometimes and that is why it is very important to teach strategies early to children, to support them in being responsible with money, especially when online. Our guide this week has been made in collaboration with the app GoHenry and gives some expert advice on educating children and young people in money matters.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Justice'

"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne: steadfast love and faithfulness go before you."

Psalm 89:14

This week we pray for all those who are homeless.

This week's big question:

What can we gain from justice?

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://www.thenationalcollege.com).

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

- PROVIDE POCKET MONEY**
Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.
- USE A PREPAID CARD**
Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with banks, retailers and sporting events since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of 10, allowing them to get used to spending like they can be. It's a safe way to let them learn to spend, without the risk of them being over-spent. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!
- PRACTISE BORROWING**
Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or buy now pay later schemes. For a safe way of teaching them about this, parents could offer their own pocket money, but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.
- ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION**
Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain amount. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.
- DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND**
Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy of a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how they feel about things they're seeing (the check-out) and offers such as "Just 2 days left to spend more". Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.
- TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'**
Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill. The difference between life's essentials and "nice to have" is key to understanding "children's power" and how to use it. "That's a want, not a need" is a good rule to say. You could also have a "budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things."
- ENCOURAGE SAVING**
Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away as they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more interested in what they have.
- SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST**
Motivate children by helping them understand how money works. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that if you doubled every penny for a month, some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest. Parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.
- PAYING FOR CHORES**
This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer. It depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.
- PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS**
Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they are aware of the signs of suspicious offers that could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should feel a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert
GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

#WakeUpWednesday The National College

Source: see full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving/>

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Grand Christmas Raffle

17th December 2024

Tickets are just 25p each or £1 per book

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| 1 st Prize | Christmas Treats Hamper |
| 2 nd Prize | Indulgent Pamper basket |
| 3 rd Prize | K'Nex and Lego Technics Bundle |
| 4 th Prize | Handbag and Jewellery Hamper |
| 5 th Prize | Card Wallet and Michael Kors Purse |
| 6 th Prize | Children's Games Bundle |
| 7 th Prize | Fire Truck Playset and Action Figures |
| 8 th Prize | Christmas Books and Mug Hamper |

Many other prizes including ...

*Doll and plush toy Bundle *Jigsaw Bundle *Crystal Creations Craft Set * Men's Fragrance Set * Slippers and Eye Mask Gift Sets * Air Fragrance Diffuser * Touch gloves and a Power Bank * Christmas Hand soap and Lotion * Christmas Craft Sets x 2 * Candle and Diffuser *Cosy Night in Treats Gift Set*

Tickets on sale now on ParentPay or from the Office

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

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

"Outstanding at enabling all pupils to flourish"

OPEN DAYS & TOURS AVAILABLE

www.stbarnabaceprimary.co.uk
stbarnabas_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk Tel: 01925 633606

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.

COPING AT CHRISTMAS


The Added Pressures of Christmas can be Tough, but it's Important to know there's always Someone you can Talk to...




Call 111 & select option 2 to speak to the NHS Mental Health Crisis Response Service 24/7
Nhs.uk/mental-health




Under 35s can Call 0800 068 4141, Text: 88247 or Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org 24/7
Papyrus-uk.org



Call 116 123 to talk to Samaritans, or email: jo@samaritans.org for a reply within 24 hours
Samaritans.org



Call MIND's Mental Health Helpline 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 0800 414 8247
Mind.org.uk



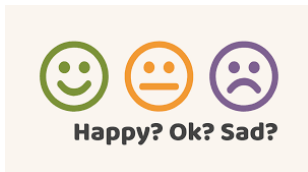
Text "SHOUT" to 85258 to contact the Shout Crisis Text Line, or text "YM" if you're under 19
Giveusashout.org



Mental Health Forum & Chat for Men from 5pm - midnight every day Call or Whatsapp 0800 585858
Thecalmzone.net

ChristmasCountdown.uk

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	
Tuesday 26 th November	3:15 Y4 Parents' Meeting about Y4 multiplication check
Friday 29 th November	Non-uniform day – All money raised goes towards our Christmas trips and activities.
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
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Thursday 12 th December	10am Y2 Nativity performance
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Tuesday 7 th January	School opens




St Barnabas Christmas Holiday Activity Club

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd January 10am to 2pm

Our Christmas Holiday Club will be run by Dawn and Lauren from St Joseph's Family Centre (you may remember them from previous clubs).

There is a new way to book places this year so Dawn will be around next Tuesday & Wednesday to register your interest and the following week to help you make your booking.