St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter



28/02/2025

'Let your light shine'

It was lovely to welcome our children back to school this week, as always with big smiles on their faces and ready to learn. We have a busy and action-packed half term ahead – our KS2 children have already let their light shine this week, representing our school in gymnastics competitions – they excelled themselves and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Next week is one of our favourite days of the school year – **WORLD BOOK DAY!** We will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March**. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Don't worry if you don't have any costumes at home - we have lots of great costumes and props that children can borrow on the day. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in lots of activities that promote a love of reading, including spending time with their friends in our popular Starbooks Café. All our KS2 classes will also be visiting Waterstones where the staff have some exciting challenges planned for them...

Have a lovely weekend everyone, let's hope the sun keeps shining.

Miss Hodgkinson



HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS OUR AMAZING CHILDREN HAVE 'LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE' THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL...



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

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 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, they are due to start reception class in September

You will need to apply for a place here:

https://www.warrington.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions

Places in St Barnabas Nursery Available

We have places available in our nursery for 2, 3 and 4-year-olds. 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 and 15 hours funding applications.

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.

Warrington Football



At Penketh High School (Sports Hall)

Starting on Monday 27th January 2025

In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1 School years - Year 2 & Year 3 6:45pm - 7:30pm 7:30pm - 8:30pm

School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Monday at Penketh High School which is open to both boys and girls

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football,' building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

'e provide a **ball per player** for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker an conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall trainers should be worn. Players are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Preston North End, Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT

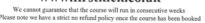
Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week urse. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player

To book a place for your child please telephone:



Scott 0151 363 6503 or 07514 316534 www.firstkick.co.uk





Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Creativity'

'Thank you' is the best prayer that anyone could say. I say that one a lot. Thank you expresses extreme gratitude, humility, understanding." Alice Walker

This week we pray to give thanks for our beautiful world, please help us to respect and look after it.

This week's big question is:

What does it mean to be creative?

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	100.00%
Y2	91%
Y3	95%
Y4	98%
Y5	98%
Y6	98%
Whole School	96%

Wow! What a great week for Y1, Y4, Y5 and Y6, all with excellent attendance. Our overall school attendance this week was 96%, which means less lost learning time. Let's keep this up next week!

School Uniform

Trainers should only be worn on PE days.

Black school shoes should be worn on all other days with school uniform. Thank you for your support.



Staying Safe Online

This week's guide focuses on the gaming category and looks at 'Marvel Rivals.' This is a multiplayer game that pits iconic superheroes against formidable villains. The game is free on PC and current consoles, but there are opportunities for real transactions on cosmetic items for characters. This is a game that is for children who are 12+, but as with any game can be attractive to younger audiences. Our guide offers information on safety concerns and how to support children to have fun in an age-appropriate way.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ARVEL RIVA

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? parties in the index index in became reads in a host of recognisable comic-book characters pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.



IN-GAME CHAT

IN-GAME PURCHASES

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

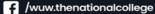
MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Meet Our Expert



National College







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Dates for your Diary	
4.3.25	Shrove Tuesday
5.3.25	Y2 trip to Warrington
6.3.25	World Book Day
7.3.25	8:45am Parent Coffee Morning
7.3.25	Y3/4 Rugby Session
10.3.25 - 14.3.25	National Science Week
14.3.25	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
14.3.25	Y3/4 Rugby Session
21.3.25	Y3/4 Rugby Session
27.3.25	6pm Spring Concert
1.4.25	Primary Arts Network - Performance at the Parr Hall
3.4.35	Y4 trip to Quarry Bank Mill
4.4.25	8:45 Parent Coffee Morning
4.4.25	Reception trip to Chester Zoo
7.4.25	Starbooks Easter Cafe
8.4.25	Nursery and Reception Easter Stay and Play Session
9.4.25	10am Whole School Spring Service at St Barnabas Church – all families welcome
10.4.25	Nursery Easter Stay and Play Session
11.4.25	Learn to ride – Y3/4 bikeability Session
11.4.25	School closes for Easter break
15.4.25	10am – 2pm Easter Holiday Club
16.4.25	10am – 2pm Easter Holiday Club
17.4.25	10am – 2pm Easter Holiday Club
18.4.25	10am – 2pm Easter Holiday Club
22.4.25	School opens for Summer Term

School Term Dates 2024 - 2025	
Tuesday 3 rd September	School opens
Friday 18 th October	School closes for half term
Monday 28 th October	School opens
Friday 20 th December	School closes for Christmas break at 1:30pm
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens
Friday 14th February	School closes for half term
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
Monday 9 th June	School opens
Friday 27 th June	Warrington Walking Day – school closed
Friday 18 th July	School closes for Summer break