

Parents as Partners



A very **warm welcome** to all of our **new children** and their families to St. Barnabas. We are delighted to have you and look forward to many happy years working in partnership. **Welcome back** to all of our existing children and families too! It has been a **lovely atmosphere** in school and children have been very pleased to see their **friends and new teachers** and get started on **new learning**. Starting at school– or coming back after a break– can be **exciting and fun** but also feel **daunting and tiring** for some children, with new people, information and routines to learn so don't worry if your child needs to rest or relax more than usual or needs some early nights to settle back in. We have some **great things planned** for this half term! I am also delighted to welcome **Mrs Barnwell** as a new staff member to Year 5 and to have **Mrs Boulter** back from maternity leave too.

Children and staff have been shocked and saddened to learn of the death of **Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth** and we send our condolences to the Royal family at this time of national mourning. As you know, school and pre-school are closed on Monday 19th for the Queen's funeral. We look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday 20th.

Our whole school Christian value this half term is **Friendship**

Name	Class	Stars of the Week w/b 5th & 12th September
Leo Wise Ella Newell	RM	For being a good friend For excellent listening
Alfie Howden Grace Dine	RB	For great sharing with his friends For excellent listening
Dominic Barton Yahya Mohamed	1J	For bravery and smiling For sharing his faith with his class
Jacob Robbins Billy Munn	1R	For bravery and smiling Amazing sorting of objects
Lydia Cunningham Laurie Mace	2S	For a fantastic attitude to learning Fantastic discussion about continents and oceans
Rosemary Luton Kevin Daoud	2M	For reading with superb expression For settling in to St. Barnabas and trying hard with his learning
Jak Merry Willow Knowles	3M	For being a kind and caring friend For always being ready to learn
Carolina Cardoso Ava Dellicompagni	3N	Fantastic listening and sitting on the carpet For giving 100% to her learning
Preston Locke Tink Johnson	4M	Showing a fantastic STEP UP attitude For great ideas in PSHE
Harley Fowler Liana Mathews	4C	For his fantastic start to Year 4 For always joining in with class discussions
Lilly-mae Wood Jae Hinton	5S	For a fantastic start to Year 5 For an amazing effort with his handwriting
Oscar Bateman Josh Knowles	5C	For a superb start to Year 5 For always showing a positive attitude to his learning
Usman Jamil Jacob Snape	6W	For an excellent attitude beginning the new school year Excellent focus and perseverance during maths
Riley Lacey Holly Pain	6S	For a smiley, positive start to the term Enthusiasm for writing and challenging herself
Ava-Grace Dellicompagni & Finley Hinton Jessica Horton & Frankie Mills Jaydon Harding	School Sport Stars	For a great attitude and effort in P.E Great spatial awareness shown in games in PE Showing amazing determination to swim a width independently on his first time swimming

We encourage and support every child to:



Inspire, Nurture & Achieve

Our Eco Reps:

Year 2:

Lois Powell

Laurie Mace

Year 3:

Freya Ruddock

Jasmine Munn

Year 4:

Madison Butt

Andrew Warrington

Year 5:

Toby Bowkett

Calvin Munn

Year 6:

Lavinia Lord

Finley Hollings

Well done!

Dates for your Diary:

School & Pre-School Closed for Royal Funeral:

Monday 19th September

Year 6 Residential Trip to the Forest of Dean

Fri 23rd – Sun 25th September

Parent Reading Workshops– all classes Tues 4th October 2.30 pm

National Poetry Day– Karl Nova in school Thursday 6th October

Harvest Festival at St. Barnabas church Wednesday 12th October

Year 2 Space Camp Sleepover

Friday 14th October (

LifeBus Mon & Tues 16th & 17th October KS2

House Cross Country: Friday 21st October

More information to follow for these events

PE and uniform at St. Barnabas

Exercise and sport is important for every pupil to support their **physical health and mental health and wellbeing**. We are so lucky to have our own **dedicated sport team** to encourage and lead high quality PE.

We have returned to giving our **younger children** the opportunity to **change at school on PE days** as this is part of the Early Years Curriculum and a vital life skill. It helps them to be organised, take responsibility and manage the physical demands of dressing and changing. This was only paused due to the pandemic. Older children can come to school already in their PE kit on PE days.

Please support children to **remember their PE kit** including appropriate pumps or trainers.

Please support school by **sticking to our agreed PE kit list** (available on the website and sent via ParentMail. There is **no requirement to buy branded uniform** but we do ask that **all uniform**, both PE and school, is in our **school colours** and is not sports brand or tight leggings/short cycling shorts.

Children will be asked to **tie back long hair** and **remove or tape earrings** for all PE. Children **may not wear other jewellery to school** apart from plain stud or hoop earrings at any time. We also state no nail varnish or extreme hairstyles, cuts or colours to help children look smart and feel **proud to be part of the St. Barnabas community**. If you need help providing your child with PE kit or uniform please see a member of the leadership team.

We love sport!

	PE Kit Reminder	
Reception	RB: Tuesday RM: Wednesday	Bring kit
Year 1	1J: Tuesday (outdoor) & Thursday 1R: Tuesday (outdoor) & Friday	Bring kit
Year 2	Monday & Friday (outdoor)	Bring kit
Year 3	Tuesday (outdoor) & Wednesday	Come in kit
Year 4	Monday (outdoor) & Friday	Come in kit
Year 5	5C: Wednesday: swimming (this half term) Thursday (outdoor) 5S Tuesday (this half term)	Come in kit
Year 6	6W: Tuesday & Friday (outdoor) 6S Thursday & Friday	Come in kit



PTA Friends AGM

Friday 30th September
2-3 pm

DT Room

All parents and carers welcome

Positions for election:

Chair

Treasurer

Secretary

We also welcome parents who do not necessarily want to attend all meetings but are willing to help out at events.

A ParentMail will be sent prior to the meeting; please say if you will be attending so that we can plan for numbers



Plain navy or royal blue joggers for outdoor PE please

City

Royals

Warriors

Wolves

House Sports Events

You may buy a plain house coloured T shirt for House events (Years 1-6). This is optional. First House event: House Cross Country Friday 21st October. Please see your child's teacher or the office if you are unsure what house your child is in.

