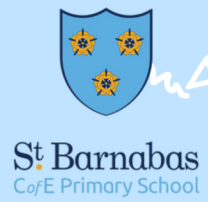


# St. Barnabas CE Primary School

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

16TH EDITION  
FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2025



This weekend is the Big Garden Birdwatch. Our fantastic Eco Council led assembly today on the different native British birds. We hope lots of families take part in this important ecological study. The bird ticksheet is on Seesaw or the RSPB website and taking part is free and only takes one hour of your time. See Page 3 for more information.



Name	Year	 <b>Star of the Week!</b> 
Sophie Ottaway Arlo Ahmed	Reception	For a fabulous attitude to learning For totally fabulous Pig's House building 
Reggie Evans Hendrix Canning	Year 1	For making a super effort with his handwriting For amazing reading in Read, Write, Inc. 
JJ Lacey Alfie Bayliss	Year 2	For great money work in maths For fantastic adjectives in his setting description 
Rory Orme Oliver Broomfield	Year 3	For well thought out responses in R.E For working hard in all of his lessons 
Alex Fulton Niamh Townsend	Year 4	For fantastic development and use of his writing skills for being an amazing friend and demonstrating school values 
Ava Iddles Daisy Crump	Year 5	For writing great narratives based on our class text 
Chaise Wise Bella Fisher	Year 6	For making a great effort when editing his writing For an amazing attitude in everything she does 
Bobby Halion Zephaniah Blow Grace Webb	Sports Stars	For an excellent effort playing in teams Being a great teammate in team building games For an excellent attitude in PE and swimming lessons 
Skyla Hough	School artist	For her amazing printing and pattern making 





# Big Garden Birdwatch

This weekend we need your help to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch

Count the birds you can see in your garden and then visit the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch website (scan the QR code) and enter your results

Our Eco team delivered a great assembly today so your children should be able to tell you all about it

*We are Geographers*

*Our local area and school*

PIC-COLLA

Year 1 have been learning how to make 3D and draw maps as they develop their geography skills, understanding of the local area and how we represent places and buildings on a map.



Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic table tennis event at Bishop Perowne and came away with a trophy too!

# Coming Up....

- RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 24-26 Jan
- Year 2 Gymnastics Festival at Flics Tuesday 28th Jan (group)
- Year 5/6 Football Tournament Tuesday 28th Jan (team)
- Full Choir to Young Voices, Birmingham, Friday 31st Jan
- National Storytelling Week 1st-9th February
- Open Door Cafe- Monday 3rd Feb 8.30-9.30 St. Barnabas church, all welcome
- Parliament Trip (Year 5 & 6- group) Tuesday 4th February. Very early start!
- Y6 to Tudor Grange to watch Buggy Malone Wednesday 5th Feb
- Year 5 to Bishop Perowne to watch Legally Blonde Thursday 6th February
- National Number Day- Dress Up For Digits! "Guess my Number!" Friday 7th February

See page 5 for full info about National Number Day! 2 weeks to get creative with your Numbers Day hats, ties or tops with a 'Mystery Number' theme!







# Oracy assemblies

Thank you to over 50 of our families from years 3 and 5 who came in to school to hear more about oracy this week. The parents saw their children presenting their ideas in an oracy assembly.

Oracy assemblies are now happening each week in school and we will be inviting more parents in to see the amazing work going on soon.

“Amazing to see the children so confident. What a great thing to see.”



“I can’t believe how all the children were talking and listening. No one was left out.”

“I’m blown away with that assembly. Now I know my child can speak like that, I’m on it.”





# Visitors in school this week...

It's been a bumper week of experiences and visitors in school this week



## Dragon expert interviewed

The children in year 4 have made a spectacular discovery in Forest School. A giant golden egg was found! Luckily, the teachers were able to organise an interview with renowned Dragon expert Dr Iain Jarvis.



## Bike/Architecture workshop

Year 5 were visited by top notch architect Anthony Clerici this week. The children were given guidance in architecture and are entering a competition to design a bike shelter. More info to follow.



## Antarctica explained

Year 2 and Year 6 were visited by Alan Soper this week. Alan is an explorer who has visited the extremes of our Earth. Alan talked to Year 2 about Greenland to help their Geography learning. He then moved to Year 6 where he discussed Ernest Shackleton's epic mission to Antarctica and how to survive in extreme environments



**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all these volunteers for making such a difference

## YEAR 5 CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS!



All of Year 5 were invited to a multi-school cross country friendly event at Bishop Perowne on Friday. Cross country can be great fun for some but is also hard work and requires a lot of effort, stamina and determination, all qualities we need in life.



We were so proud of their energy, resilience and effort as well as the way they supported and encouraged each other.

A special congratulations to Lillie-Mai Heeks, who received a Bronze medal and Buddy Dymow, who came back in 6th place, each out of almost 120 runners their races.







St. Barnabas  
CofE Primary School

# NSPCC



## NUMBER DAY

*On Friday 7th February, we will be celebrating Number Day.*



### Dressing up

It is a St. Barnabas tradition to 'Dress up for digits' as part of our Number Day celebrations. This year we would like the children to design and make a mystery number hat, tie or T-shirt to wear on Number Day. The children will write number facts about their mystery number on their hat, tie or T-shirt and we will play a giant game of 'Guess my number.'

*Our theme this year is Maths Puzzles.*



CAN YOU GUESS THE  
MYSTERY NUMBER?

### Fundraising

To help raise money for the NSPCC we are asking for a voluntary donation on Number Day.

### A Mega Maths day!

We will celebrate Number Day together in Maths assemblies. In Key Stage One we will share a puzzling Maths story and learn a fun new number song. In Key Stage Two we will solve 'mathemagical' Maths problems. We will use our Oracy skills to ask relevant questions and respond to others as we work together to solve Maths problems and puzzles.



*We are looking forward to all the fun of NSPCC Number Day and thank you for your continued support.*

*Mrs N. Sheen Maths Subject Leader*