

# St. Barnabas CE Primary School SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



We are very pleased that as part of our prize for being UK Kind School of the Year is to receive a copy of The Week Magazine every week. The children are ready to get reading!

  
St Barnabas  
C of E Primary School  
**7TH  
EDITION**  
FRIDAY  
16TH OCTOBER 2026

## Name

## Year

## Star of the Week!

w/b 12.10.26

Ivie Ikhumhen  
Abdul-Lateef Farinde

Reception

Joining in with all lessons  
Spectacular drawing and writing



Ellie Rose Lacey  
Oakley King

Year 1

Super effort and trying really hard  
For good effort with his work and trying hard



Maham Aziz  
Julian Bullock

Year 2

For her involvement in singing and music  
For fantastic effort in Maths



Kali Lawson  
Reggie Evans

Year 3

For working SO hard in her number sense  
For fantastic progress in his times tables



Louisa Obrey  
Jennifer Antony

Year 4

For always demonstrating our school values  
For excellent contributions in class



Remi Cox  
William Kenwick

Year 5

For showing perseverance in his writing  
For showing great listening skills and always being ready to learn



Jason Kelechi  
Izaan Shahzad

Year 6

For always being the first and ready to learn  
For his fantastic inference skills when exploring our new English text



Tabassam Fatima Ul Haq  
River Wilson  
Ava Wright

School  
Sports

For super effort in indoor and outdoor PE  
Fantastic shapes in gymnastics  
For super effort in swimming



Desire Mangisi  
Leo Tilt-Davies  
Freddie Dadge

School  
Artist

Great efforts in creativity  
Fabulous oil pastel bird picture  
Super effort and art skills



# Sue Sykes



Reverend Sarah and I told the children in years 1-6 today that our dear friend, Mrs Sykes, sadly died on Thursday. The children shared their memories of her and even our very youngest children had lovely memories to share about the kind, generous and giving person that Mrs Sykes was. She loved the children and staff of St. Barnabas and was a constant figure in our school, leading Open The Book, sorting out the costumes for church, making Christmas wreaths and Christingles, welcoming us to St. Barnabas church and always loving our music, readings and services.

She laughed a lot and was a voice of calm, kindness and happiness.

Mrs Sykes was a former teacher, a fantastic scientist and a school Governor for many years. She spoke Arabic after spending time in the Middle East and when the first Syrian refugees arrived in Worcester, and to our school, she welcomed and supported people fleeing from war and got them in touch with local charities, and helped them settle in and find some peace and love.

We will miss Mrs Sykes very much and send condolences to her family and loved ones.

**Thank you, Mrs Sykes, for all your service and care. You made a difference to so many people, young and old.**

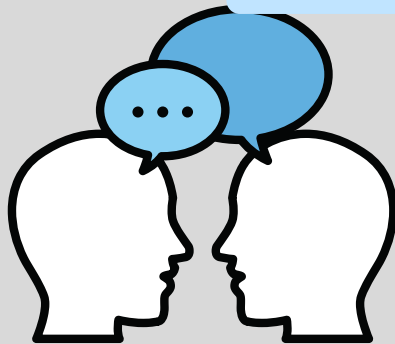
# Leading the way in Oracy

We were so proud of our children who travelled to Birmingham to speak at the Great Oracy Exhibition. The children spoke alongside Mrs Spence, Mrs Sheen and Miss Merrett about how important oracy is when they are playing and participating in sports. We aim to give our children a wide variety of opportunities to speak and express themselves. Every voice matters! They were fantastic!



Every day is an oracy day at St Barnabas and we are very proud to be an Oracy Centre of Excellence. It has been quite a week for Oracy nationally with the Department for Education announcing that Oracy will be be equal to Reading and Writing.

Some of our Year 6 leaders have also helped at Open events for the new Reception intake of 2027, leading tours, speaking to families and helping out. All of them were exceptional advocates for themselves and our school and so many adults commented on their self confidence, capability and ability to articulate ideas. A brilliant job, thank you for giving up your time and well done!



## Coming soon...

**October** is Black History Month- we are celebrating and honouring our communities through music.  
See your parentmail for how you can join in at home.

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October** Fraser Photography in school for school photos

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October** 1.30pm-5pm Parent teacher meetings

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** 5pm - 7pm Parent teacher meetings

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** House Cross Country

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** Children finish for half term

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** INSET DAY - staff only

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** - Children return to school



## Great writing competition

We would love our children to take part in the 500 words competition. You can find out more here.

[500 WORDS INFO - CLICK HERE](#)



## Parent Governor Vacancy

You should have received a ParentMail today asking you to vote for your next Parent Governor! You have a choice of three fantastic parents, who are all willing to stand for our community and be your parent

representative. Please do vote!

You can either vote directly on ParentMail or, ask for a paper voting slip from the school office.

Voting closes at 3.30 pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

*This is being organised by one  
of our brilliant parent  
community - who doesn't love a  
bit of Strictly sparkle?*

— KERRY KEENAN PRESENTS —

# GRAZIANO DI PRIMA

TWO EXCLUSIVE  
DANCE WORKSHOPS

**WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2026**

Christopher Whitehead Language College  
Bromwich Rd, Worcester WR2 4AF

Contact me on: 📞 07586836281

✉ zumbawithkerryworcester@gmail.com



Doors open 5:30pm

Arrivals & registration

Workshop 1 6:00pm–6:45pm

Workshop 2 7:00pm–7:45pm



One workshop £40

Both workshops £70

SCAN TO BOOK YOUR TICKET



Open to all abilities - No experience necessary

Under 18s: parental consent required.

Please message to request the consent form.

*Limited places available*