

St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Summer 1—Week 1—2024/25



Each week, children who display exemplary learning behaviours are chosen as our **stars of the week**.

This week our stars of the week are:

Nursery -Madeline Reception—Indiana Year 1 - Miriyam Year 2 - Emma C Year 3—William Year 4 - Michiko Year 5- Sarah Year 6 - Ihor



Our value this term is 'Perseverance' This week our value stars are: Nursery - Eliana Reception—Dima Year 1 - Harvey Year 2 - Laurence Year 3 - Antonio Year 4 - Taren Year 5 - Nadia Year 6 - Tomas



This week our attendance statistics are: **Reception -** 90.1% **Year 1 -** 97.8% **Year 2 -** 95.1% **Year 3 -** 94.5% **Year 4 -** 98.2% **Year 5 -** 93.6% **Year 6 -** 96.9% The winning class is: **Year 4**





Important Dates

29th April—Year 5 Visit to Earls Court Development Company

1st May—St Barnabas Service

5th May—School Closed—Bank Holiday

8th May—Year 4 Visit to Tower of London

12th May—Year 6 SATS Week

15th May—Year 1 Visit to Kew Gardens

20th May — Year 5 Visit to Kings Cross

21st May —Year 5 Mudlarking Project

Our Value for This Term Is:



Celebrating Perseverance at St Barnabas and St Philip's

At St Barnabas and St Philip's, we celebrate the value of Perseverance – the determination to keep going, even when things are difficult. Perseverance means not giving up, trying again, and showing courage when we face challenges. It is through perseverance that we grow in strength, develop resilience, and achieve our goals.



Why is Perseverance Important?

Perseverance builds character. It helps us to stay focused and committed, even when the journey is tough. By persevering, we learn that mistakes are part of learning and that effort leads to improvement. At school, perseverance helps us to tackle new concepts, stay motivated, and support one another when things are hard. It encourages us to keep trying, to seek help when needed, and to take pride in our progress.

Ways to Practice Perseverance at Home

Here are a few ways children can build perseverance with their families and friends. These habits can help foster a strong mindset and a positive approach to learning and life:

Tackling Challenges Together: When faced with something tricky – a difficult homework task, learning a new skill, or helping with something at home – work together as a family to break it down into steps. Talk about how it feels to stick with it and celebrate when it's completed.

Recognising Effort, Not Just Outcomes: Praise children not only for getting things right, but for trying hard, being patient, and not giving up. Talk about what they've learned from something that didn't go well straight away.

Perseverance Role Models: Share stories of people – from your family, history, sport, or faith – who showed perseverance and succeeded through effort and determination. These examples can inspire children to keep going, even when it's difficult.

As we focus on Perseverance this term, let's remember that steady effort, even when progress feels slow, leads to real growth. By building perseverance in small, everyday ways, we strengthen our school community with courage, determination, and the belief that we can all reach our potential – no matter the obstacles.





Arbor

We're thrilled to announce that our school is upgrading to a brand-new management information system called Arbor!

This change brings a more streamlined and user-friendly experience for all our school community. Arbor will make it easier than ever to:

Book after-school clubs

Make payments

•Provide consent for trips/visits

•And much more!

What You Need to Do

Please download the Arbor Parent App as soon as possible.

To login, please use the email the school has on record, and reset password. You will then be required to confirm your child's Date of Birth.

Important Information

We will no longer be using School Gateway

All outstanding payments on School Gateway should be completed by Friday 4th April

If you encounter any difficulties with the new system or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

We're confident that this change will enhance communication between school and home, making it easier for you to stay informed and involved in your child's education.





We are pleased to introduce Clever Chefs, our new catering provider, which will offer a greater variety of meal choices for your child. Lunch preferences will now need to be ordered via the Clever Chefs app, and we encourage you to download it in preparation for this change.

The menu and meal choices **are now available** on the app—meaning that you can order your lunches for Summer Term.

We are excited that you will be able to select your child's meals together, with an expanded menu that includes:

- •Two hot meal choices daily
- •A daily jacket potato option

Download the App School Code: 4KIB



- •A hot pasta bar
- •Freshly prepared baguettes

We would also like to reassure you that our kitchen staff will be remaining with us and will receive full training and support from Clever Chefs.

Clever Chefs staff will be with us in the first week back to support with any issues.

If you have trouble and can't order, do not worry—your child will still receive a lunch!







Summer Term PE Days

For the Summer Term, class PE Days are as follows:

Nursery - Thursday

Reception - Thursday

Year 1 - Friday

Year 2 - Friday

Year 3 - Friday & Swimming on Tuesday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 5 - Thursday and Friday

Year 6 - Wednesday and Friday

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children do 10 minutes daily exercise, as an addition to their PE lesson.

Children should wear their PE kit to school on PE Days. *Change from original email







Club Bookings for Summer Term are now open!



•Starting week commencing 28th April 2025

•There will be no clubs week commencing the 26th May for half term

•Ending week commencing 7th July 2025 bringing the total to 10 sessions for the term.

(Please note Monday clubs will run for 9 sessions because of May 5th Bank Holiday)





School Church Services

We appreciate that we are able to visit both St Barnabas and St Philip's each term.

Our remaining service dates for Summer Term are:

Thursday 1st May 2025 ——St
Barnabas Service
Friday 18th July 2025 —St
Philip's Leavers Service

Staff are accompanying the children on the walk and having parent's there can sometimes be a little distracting.

We invite all parents/carers to

that you join us at the church.

join us for these services, but ask







Donations and School Support

We are incredibly thankful to all the parents/carers who regularly donate to our school community - whether it be through time, bringing in used uniform or books, or through monetary donations.

We would like to bring to your attention several other ways in which you can donate to the school if you are able to:

Amazon Wish Lists

Reading Wish List: <u>https://</u> amzn.eu/cw44tXq

Maths Wish List: https:// amzn.eu/70gz5eg

Easy Fundraising:

https:// www.easyfundraising.org.uk /causes/sbsp/? searchSessionId=fbb5681c-3de9-4b02-813ecd0fc9f3548b





Governors Fund 24-25

As you may be aware, we are a voluntary aided Church of England Primary School with approximately 210 pupils. We are devoted to providing our pupils with the best possible learning environment based on decent morals and values, and we are proud to have served our community for over a century.

As a Church of England School, we are required to contribute an annual maintenance fee to the London Diocese Board for School. This fee allows the school to effectively benefit from the LDBS maintenance scheme that provides 90% of the overall cost for approved capital projects including redevelopment of the existing facilities and major refurbishments.

Over the years, our pupils have benefitted from a range of capital projects, including, a new bridge linking two blocks, a fully equipped school kitchen, music room, Computing suite, library, refurbished classrooms, new toilets, a new roof and skylights.

I am sure you will appreciate, it is vital for our pupil's education, that we provide them with the best facilities possible. This can only be achieved through the kind generosity of parents, and though the fee per pupil is voluntary, we ask all parents to contribute £45 per pupil per academic year or such amount, as they are able, in order that our pupils continue to benefit from the LDBS maintenance scheme.

Unfortunately, any shortfall in the overall Governors maintenance fund will have to be taken from the school delegated budget that in turn will mean funds being diverted from other areas of the curriculum.

Contributions can be made via Arbor or directly to the Governors fund account:

METRO BANK. Sort code: 23-05-80 Account number: 18996065

We appreciate any contributions to this fund.

Term Dates

Please see the <u>Term Date Section</u> on our School Website for the full details of term dates.

Please note that any holidays in term time cannot be authorised.



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