



St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Spring 2—Week 3—2025/26



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** - Julia El J
- Reception** - Sophie
- Year 1** - Karina
- Year 2** - Yara
- Year 3** - Margot
- Year 4** - Keiichi
- Year 5** - Sahara
- Year 6** - Tayyib



Important Dates

16th -
Last week of Spring clubs

16th -18th March -
Nursery & Reception
Balance Bike Training

16th March -
Year 6 Junior Citizenship

17th March -
Year 1 Westminster
Abbey

17th March -
Year 2 The Charterhouse

16th March -
Years 3 & 4 Proms Praise
4 Schools - Royal Albert
Hall

20th March -
Parent Workshop -
Understanding Anxiety



Our value this term is
'Hope'

This week our value stars
are:

- Nursery** - Sara
- Reception** - Eithan
- Year 1** - Jibrán
- Year 2** - Victoria
- Year 3** - Esme
- Year 4** - Nai
- Year 5** - Asher
- Year 6** - Vova



This week our attendance
statistics are:

- Reception** - 98.5%
- Year 1** - 98.0%
- Year 2** - 96.4%
- Year 3** - 96.2%
- Year 4** - 95.4%
- Year 5** - 100%
- Year 6** - 96.4%

The winning class is:
Year 5





Our Value for This Term Is:

Celebrating HOPE at St Barnabas and St Philip's

At St Barnabas and St Philip's, we celebrate the value of Hope – the belief that better things are ahead and that with hard work, faith, and perseverance, we can make a difference in our lives and in the lives of others. Hope is the light that guides us through challenging times, helping us to remain positive and motivated as we work toward a brighter future.



Why is Hope Important?

Hope is the foundation of resilience. It helps us to remain optimistic, even in the face of adversity, knowing that positive change is always possible. When we hold onto hope, we inspire others to do the same. It encourages us to work together, dream big, and trust in our abilities to overcome obstacles and achieve our goals. At school, hope fuels our passion for learning, growing, and supporting one another.

Ways to Practice Hope at Home

Here are a few simple ways children can nurture hope with their families and friends. We encourage you to make these moments a regular part of your lives, reflecting on how they bring positive change:

- **Goal Setting Together:** Sit down as a family and talk about your hopes and dreams for the future. Help each other set realistic goals and discuss the steps needed to achieve them. Celebrate every little progress and encourage perseverance, even when things get tough.
- **Gratitude Journals:** Keep a family gratitude journal where everyone writes down one thing they're grateful for each day. Reflecting on the positives in our lives can help to create a hopeful mindset and strengthen the sense of community.
- **Sharing Positive Stories:** Share stories or experiences that highlight the power of hope. Whether it's through books, films, or real-life examples, let the stories inspire and remind everyone that hope is the key to overcoming life's challenges.

As we focus on Hope this term, let's remind ourselves that every step forward, no matter how small, brings us closer to making a difference. By practicing hope in everyday actions, we can build a school community where everyone feels empowered, optimistic, and ready to create a better tomorrow.





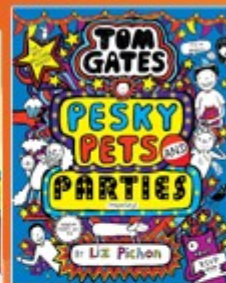
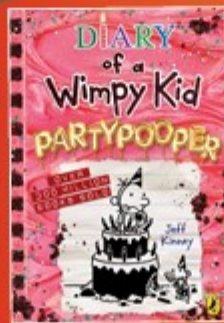
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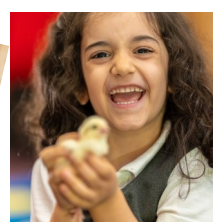
GO
ALL
IN.

National
Year of
Reading
2020

DATE: 23rd—27th March TIME: 3:30pm

LOCATION: School Hall

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Spring Term Parent Meetings

We would like to invite parents / carers to attend parents' meetings toward the end of Spring 2. This will be a chance to look at your child's work and speak to the class teacher for 10 minutes.

The class teacher will speak to you about your child's Spring assessments, progress over the term, next steps in their learning, and answer any questions you may have about the upcoming term.

The dates that these will take place are:
Tuesday 24th March and Wednesday 25th March

The times will be between:
3.40pm - 6.00pm

All meetings will take place in the school hall.

Bookings are now open.

Please note that teachers can only take meetings within these allocated time slots, and we hope that by providing you with this notice, you'll be able to find a slot that works.

Transport for London has announced planned tube strikes on these dates.

As many of our teachers travel to school from across London, these strikes may make it very difficult for staff to reach school and return home. From previous experience during transport strikes, some staff have faced journeys of 2-3 hours. To ensure staff are able to leave school earlier and travel home safely, we may need to move the meetings if the strikes go ahead. If this happens, Parents' Meetings will be rescheduled to Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th April.





Healthy Eating

We are incredibly proud to that our school has a **Healthy School Gold Status**, for all our work around Healthy Eating. Please see the below regarding healthy eating at our school:

After School Snacks:

A helpful reminder regarding the snacks provided to children during our after-school club. As you know, our school is dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle among our students. To support this commitment, we kindly request that all snacks brought to the after-school club adhere to our healthy eating guidelines.

To assist you in selecting suitable options, here are some suggestions for nutritious and appealing snacks that you can pack for your children:

- Fresh fruits such as apples, bananas, grapes, and berries
- Vegetable sticks like carrots, cucumber, and bell peppers, possibly with hummus for dipping
- Whole grain crackers or rice cakes
- Low-fat yoghurt or fromage frais
- Whole grain sandwiches or wraps with healthy fillings like lean meat, cheese, or vegetables
- Cheese slices or cubes
- Dried fruits like apricots, raisins, or cranberries (ensuring they are free of added sugars)
- Popcorn (plain and unsweetened)
- Smoothies made from fresh fruits and vegetables



Birthday Sweets/Cakes

It is against our Healthy Eating policy to bring in cakes/sweets for children's birthdays.

We ask that to celebrate birthdays you bring in fruit cups, or a healthy alternative to sweets/cakes.

Fruit Snacks

In EYFS/KS1 we provide fruit snacks for the children and there is no requirement for you to bring anything into school for your child. However, we are aware that some parents choose to add an additional fruit snack.

If you choose to bring your child grapes, these must be cut in half for children due to health and safety for children up to the age of 7.

Nut Free

Please note that our school is a nut-free environment to ensure the safety of all our students. Any snacks containing nuts will not be allowed.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a healthy and safe environment for our children. Should you have any questions or require further clarification on suitable snack options, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.





Parent Governor Election Update

Following the recent parent governor election , we are **reopening the nomination process for a two-week period** from Friday, 13th March to Friday, 27th March.

If there is only one nomination per vacancy, the nominated parents will be automatically appointed, and the result will be communicated to the candidates on Monday, 13th April, with an email sent to all families.

If there are more candidates than vacancies, an election will take place with a choice of voting methods: electronic or paper. Voting will be open from 15:30 on Monday, 13th April, to 15:30 on Friday, 17th April. Ballots will be available from the school office.

The results of any election will be communicated to all candidates and emailed to all families on Tuesday, 21st April.



Parent Governor Vacancy

Apply now!





Summer Dates 25/26

To help families plan ahead, please take note of the following important dates for the summer term:

- **Spring Term 2 Parent Meetings** – Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th March
- **End of Spring Term 2** – Friday 27th March (school closes at 1.30pm)
- **Return for Summer Term 1** – Monday 13th April (from 8.40am)
- **Year 6 SATS National Assessments** – Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May
- **Half Term**— 25th May—29th May
- **Year 1 National Phonics Screening Check** – Monday 8th – Friday 12th June
- **Year 4 National Multiplication Check** – Monday 8th – Friday 12th June
- **Class Photographs** – Monday 15th June
- **Sports Day** – Thursday 2nd July (9.15am–3.00pm)
- **Year 6 Production** – Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th July (5.30pm)
- **Summer Fair** – Friday 10th July (3.30pm-5.00pm)
- **End of Summer Term**—Friday 17th July (school closes at 1.30pm)

Please ensure these dates are in your diaries.

More details will follow closer to each event.





School Church Services

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

We invite all parents/carers to join us for these services, but ask that you join us at the church.

Our service dates for Spring Term are:

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

Thursday 26th March 2026

St Barnabas Service

Thursday 16th April 2026

St Philip's Service





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8	anonymous	£31.24
9	Rebecca T.	£20.61
10	Emiko S.	£15.78
11	anonymous	£14.00
12	anonymous	£13.26
13	anonymous	£13.20
14	Mallindi B.	£12.27



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Mothering Sunday at St Philip's Church

St Philips
'Come and see'



Fourth Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

15 March 2026

10.30am: All Age Eucharist

8pm: Compline

St Philip's Church, Earls Court Road, London, W8 6QH

The Parish of: St Philip, Earls Court Road Vicar: The Reverend Philippa Turner
Assistant Priest: The Reverend Margaret Ayo. Associate Priest: The Reverend Briony Mackie
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Holy Week at St Philip's Church



St Philips
'Come and see'

Holy Week

6.30pm: Wednesday, 1 April
Tenebrae: A service of shadows

6.30pm: Maundy Thursday, 2 April
Holy Eucharist of the Last Supper
with Stripping of the Altar and Watch

12pm to 3pm: Good Friday, 3 April
Liturgy of Good Friday and
Stations of the Cross with music and meditations

10am: Holy Saturday, 4 April
Children's interactive Easter Story

Easter Day, 5 April

6am: Vigil and first Eucharist of Easter
followed by breakfast

10:30am: Choral Eucharist
followed by an Easter Egg hunt

All welcome

St Philip's Church, Earls Court Road, London, W8 6QH

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OF ENGLAND**



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: <https://amzn.eu/cw44tXq>

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

Easy Fundraising:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sbsp/?searchSessionId=fbb5681c-3de9-4b02-813e-cd0fc9f3548b>





Governors Fund 25-26

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 [Term Date Section](#) 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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