



St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Spring 1—Week 5—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** - Areej
- Reception** - Faisel
- Year 1** - Asha
- Year 2** - Harvey
- Year 3** - Ana
- Year 4** - Ana Luiza
- Year 5** - Angel
- Year 6** - Kodi

FEBRUARY

Important Dates

- 9h February** - Year 5 Inside Maths
- 9h February** - Year 3 Jewish Speaker
- 10th February** - PLPS Y5/6 Girls
- 10th February** - Year 2 Portrait Gallery
- 10th February** - Year 4 Guitar Concert
- 12th February** - Y4/5/6 Parliament to St Paul's Cathedral
- 13th February** - End of Spring Term 1 (3.20pm/3.30pm)
- 23rd February** - Return to school



Our value this term is '**Compassion**'

This week our value stars are:

- Nursery** - Dimitri
- Reception** - Lyla
- Year 1** - Kyla-Mai
- Year 2** - Isla
- Year 3** - Levi
- Year 4** - Renee
- Year 5** - Srdjan
- Year 6** - Leonor

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every student, every day



This week our attendance statistics are:

- Reception** - 94.8%
- Year 1** - 95.2%
- Year 2** - 99.3%
- Year 3** - 97.3%
- Year 4** - 98.1%
- Year 5** - 95.3%
- Year 6** - 98.6%

The winning class is:

Year 2





Our Value for This Term Is:

At St Barnabas and St Philip's, we celebrate the value of Compassion – the ability to care deeply for others, show kindness, and take action to support those in need. Compassion means seeing the world through someone else's eyes, offering help when it's needed, and spreading love and understanding wherever we go.

Why is Compassion Important?

Just as a single drop of water can ripple across a pond, acts of compassion create waves of kindness that touch the lives of many. Compassion teaches us to be empathetic, to notice when someone is struggling, and to respond with care and generosity. Whether it's in our classroom, our school, or the wider world, compassion brings people closer together and inspires hope and healing.

Ways to Show Compassion at Home

Here are a few simple ways children can practice compassion with their families and friends. We encourage you to make these moments part of your daily lives, reflecting on how they can make a difference:

Acts of Kindness Challenge: Create a family "Acts of Kindness" chart. Each day, encourage everyone to perform one small act of kindness, such as helping with chores, writing a kind note, or lending a listening ear. At the end of the week, share how those acts made someone feel.

Care Packages for Others: Work together as a family to create a small care package for someone in need or someone going through a tough time. This could include a handwritten note, a comforting snack, or a small gift to show them they're not alone.

Storytime with Heart: Share stories, books, or films that teach lessons about compassion. Afterward, talk as a family about how the characters showed kindness and how we can apply those lessons in our own lives.

As we focus on Compassion this month, let's all take the time to notice the needs of others and respond with love and kindness. By practicing compassion in small but meaningful ways, we can help create a world where everyone feels seen, supported, and valued.





Our Value for This Term Is:



READ TOGETHER...

The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:29-37

TALK TOGETHER about Compassion

Compassion is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help





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





Pascal Candle Competition

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Pascal Candle Competition 2026

Pupil Name and Year: _____

2026 Theme
RADIANT LIGHT

Please return to your class teacher by Monday 23 February 2026

Artwork may be used on the Pascal Candle and on posters and other material published by St Philip's Church
Remember, your picture will wrap around a white candle
We are looking for theme, quality of artwork, fits well on a candle and your own work. Good Luck!

2026 Theme

**RADIANT
LIGHT**



Closing Date: Monday 23rd February

- Draw/paint/colour in your picture on the entry sheet
- Write your name and class on the entry sheet
- Remember, your picture will wrap around a white candle
- We are looking for: theme, quality of artwork, fits well on a candle and your own work.





Shrove Tuesday

St Philips

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY

**Tuesday 17 February,
from 5pm – 7pm 2026**



**Come and celebrate Shrove Tuesday with pancakes,
drinks and activities in the Lower Hall.**

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

Vicar: The Reverend Philippa Turner 07483147164 vicarstphilips@specr.org

Assistant Priest: The Revd. Margaret Ayo. Associate Priest: The Revd. Briony Mackie

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Ash Wednesday

St Philips

'Come and See'

18 February 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY

8.30am Morning Prayer

9am & 12.30pm

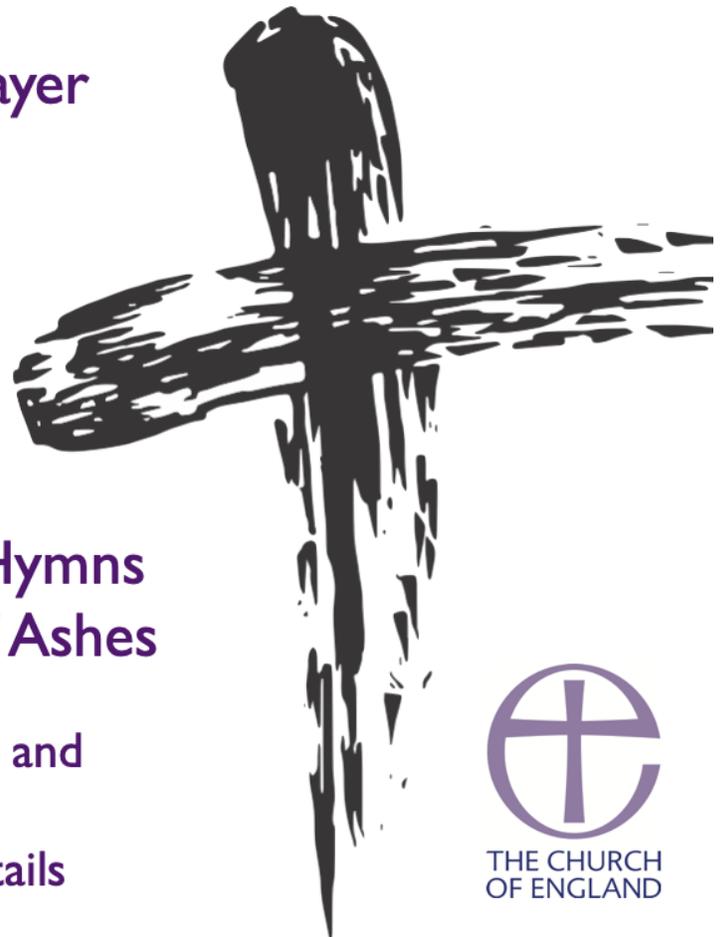
Holy Eucharist
with the
Imposition of Ashes

6.30pm

Holy Eucharist with Hymns
and the Imposition of Ashes

Our services are in Church and
online via zoom.

Visit: www.specr.org for details



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Art Competition

Young Artists' Summer Show

2026

The Young Artists' Summer Show is a free, open submission exhibition for young artists aged 4–18 living and studying in the UK.

Students can submit one artwork for consideration which will be judged by a panel of artists and arts professionals. Selected artworks will be displayed at the Royal Academy of Arts either onsite or online. The RA will award prizes for inspiring artworks.

How to enter

From 5 January 2026, teachers will be able to register their school. Next, teachers and parents/guardians can submit artworks via the RA website until 4 March 2026.

Important dates

5 January–4 March 2026

Registration and submission open

May 2026

Judging

14 July 2026

Online exhibition opens

14 July–30 August 2026

Display at the RA open

RA Royal Academy of Arts

Sign up and find out more

roy.ac/youngartists

[@royalacademyarts](https://twitter.com/royalacademyarts)

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Junior Bake Off

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

JUNIOR BAKE OFF

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK

AGED BETWEEN 9-15 AND WANT TO GIVE
YOUR BAKING SKILLS A GO?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



LAST CHANCE TO APPLY 15TH MARCH 2026





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You spend, retailers donate

Sign up to easyfundraising
and see your favourite
retailers donate to

**St Barnabas and St Philips C of
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whenever you shop with them

Sign up and get started



Art Competition

Deadline: Friday 6th March

We are inviting pupils to create an A4 **Winter Themed Picture**. One piece of artwork will be selected for the school and entered into the **Britelite Young Creators Competition** to be in with a chance of winning 1st Prize for



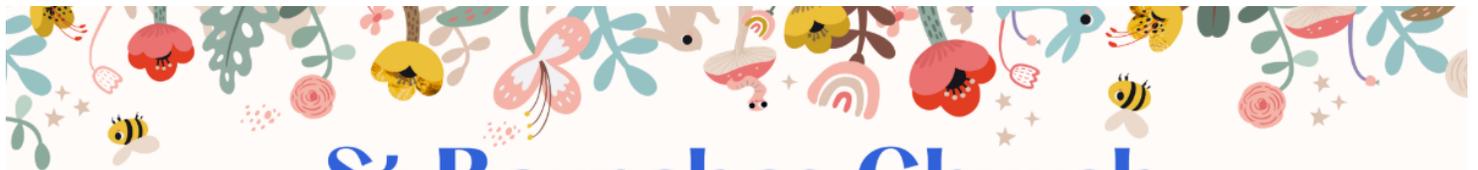
Once your artwork goes live, parents, families and your local community can vote online.





Family Fun Days

You are warmly invited to join us at St Barnabas Church for our Family Fun Day. This is taking place on Saturday 28th February from 10am to 12pm. There will be soft play toys, a bouncy castle, arts and crafts activities and lots of fun. The suggested entry donation is £5 per child. We look forward to seeing you there!



St Barnabas Church Spring Family Fun Days!

Saturday 24th January

Saturday 28th February

Saturday 28th March

10am to 12pm

St Barnabas Church, Kensington stbk.org.uk

Join us for a morning of fun and activities for the whole family!





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.

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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.

