



St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Autumn 2—Week 6 —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—Omar
Reception—Madeline
Year 1 - Ava-Rae
Year 2 - Miryam
Year 3—Meera
Year 4 - Younes
Year 5— Nika
Year 6 - Imogen



Our value this term is '**Community**'

This week our value stars are:

Nursery—Raya
Reception—Emilio
Year 1 - Baisal
Year 2 - Yara M
Year 3 – Emma
Year 4 - Renee
Year 5— Edward
Year 6 - Zi Lin



This week our attendance statistics are:

Reception - 91.9%
Year 1 - 87.9%
Year 2 - 98.6%
Year 3 - 93.7%
Year 4 - 92.6%
Year 5 - 97.2%
Year 6 - 88.6%

The winning class is:

Year 2



Important Dates

18th December—St Barnabas Christmas Service

19th December—End of Term—Children Leave at 1.30pm

6th January—Children Return to School





Our Value for This Term Is:

At St Barnabas and St Philip's, we celebrate the value of Community – the sense of connection, belonging, and working together to create a safe and supportive environment. Community means each of us playing our part, caring for others, and recognizing that together, we can achieve so much more than we could alone.



Why is Community Important?

Just as trees grow stronger when they are part of a forest, people thrive when they are part of a community. Community teaches us to look beyond ourselves and consider the needs of others, fostering compassion and cooperation. Whether it's in our class, our school, or the world around us, community is a powerful value that brings people together to make a positive difference.

Ways to Show Community at Home

Here are a few simple ways children can nurture a sense of community with family and friends at home. We encourage families to take a few moments each day to practice these tasks together and discuss how these actions make a difference:

Community Kindness Jar: Create a "Kindness Jar" where each family member can write down kind actions they've seen or done, placing each note in the jar. At the end of the month, read them together and celebrate your impact!

Bake or Make for Others: If you enjoy cooking or crafting, make something special to share with a neighbour or friend. A batch of cookies or a handmade card can brighten someone's day and remind them they're part of your community.

Celebrate Differences: Take time to talk about how everyone in your family or neighbourhood is unique, and discuss how these differences make your community stronger. By embracing each other's unique qualities, we build a richer, more understanding community.

As we focus on Community this month, let's all think about the ways we can strengthen the bonds with those around us. Together, we can build a happier, kinder world, one small action at a time.

Thank you for supporting and nurturing our value of Community both at school and at home!



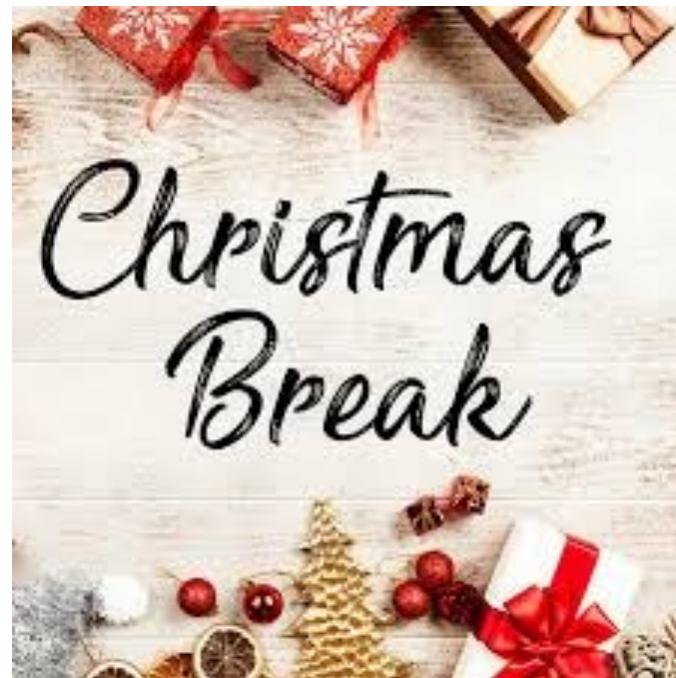


End of Term

As we approach the end of term, we'd like to remind you that the school will close early for the Christmas break on **Friday 19th December at 1:30pm.**

Please ensure arrangements are made for your child to be collected promptly at this time. There will be no after-school clubs or extended care on this day.

We look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 6th January** from 8.40am.





Goodbye!

We are saying goodbye to Ms Seddik today. She has worked across Key Stage 2 during her time with us and has been a dependable and steady presence in every team she has joined. Her work with Year 5 has been particularly valued, and she has made a real difference to the children she supports.



She is moving on to a new role in administration. It's the right next step for her, and we are genuinely pleased to see her take this opportunity. At the same time, we know she will be missed by staff and pupils, and we thank her for all she has given to the school.

We are also saying farewell to Mrs Doherty, our Reception class teacher at the end of this term. She has been with us for two and a half years and has given our youngest children a strong, calm start to school life. Her work in the Early Years team has been consistent and committed, and her impact is clear.



She is moving closer to home, which is a sensible decision for her and her family. We are grateful for her dedication and the care she has shown the children every day, and she will be missed.





Guidelines for Parent Helpers on School Trips

Thank you to all the adults who volunteer to support us on school trips. Your help is invaluable, and we are grateful for your time and effort. To ensure trips run smoothly and safely, I would like to outline our approach and expectations:

Adult Support on Trips:

In KS2, it is unlikely that additional adult support will be required, as our staffing levels typically cover these trips internally.

For EYFS and KS1, there are more regular opportunities for parents and carers to accompany us, given the younger age of the children.

Expectations for Adults:

No photographs: To safeguard all children, please do not take photos during the trip.

Phones away: Mobile phones should not be used while supervising children. Your full attention is needed to ensure their safety.

Supervision and support: Your role is to supervise the children in your care and support school staff by following their instructions.

Safety first: Children must always use pedestrian crossings when walking near roads. We will never rush this process, as safety is our top priority.

Your cooperation in following these guidelines is essential to creating a positive and safe experience for everyone.

If you are invited to join us on a trip, the class teacher will share further details in advance.





Communication

At St Barnabas and St Philip's, we are committed to fostering strong partnerships between home and school to ensure the best outcomes for every child. To manage queries and concerns effectively, I would like to outline our communication process:

Class Teachers: For any questions or concerns regarding your child, your first point of contact should always be their class teacher. They work closely with your child and are best placed to address any classroom-related matters.

Senior Leaders: If an issue cannot be resolved with the class teacher, a senior leader will be available to support and help reach a resolution.

Headteacher: Meetings with the Headteacher will only be arranged if deemed necessary. Please note that due to diary commitments, there may be a longer wait in scheduling these meetings.

We appreciate your understanding of this approach, which helps us ensure that concerns are addressed efficiently and effectively.

If you would like to book an appointment with your child's teacher, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your ongoing support.





School Church Services

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

Our final service date for Autumn Term is:

Thursday 18th December —St Philip's—Christmas Service

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

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





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

Maths Wish List

Easy Fundraising Link

Easy Fundraising





Governors Fund 25-26

As you may be aware, we are a voluntary aided Church of England Primary School with approximately 230 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.

