



# St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Autumn 2—Week 1 —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**—Isabel
- Reception**—Ruzanna
- Year 1** - Evie
- Year 2** - Chloe
- Year 3**—Maisie
- Year 4** - Claire
- Year 5**- Srdjan
- Year 6** - Rose



## Important Dates

**10th November**—  
Anti-Bullying  
Week - Odd  
Socks Day

**12th November**—  
Year 1 Forest  
School Session

**13th November**—  
Reception For-  
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sion

**13th November**—  
Year 4 Visit to  
London Aquari-  
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**13th November**—  
Whole School  
Church Ser-  
vice—St Philip's

**18th November**—  
Year 6 Visit to  
Centre of the  
Cell

**24th November**—  
Year 6 Plum  
Pudding Work-  
shops



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

This week our value stars  
are:

- Nursery**—Charlotte VL
- Reception**—Sophie
- Year 1** - Aniyah-Marie
- Year 2** - Isla
- Year 3** - Catharina
- Year 4** - Luna
- Year 5**- Sahara
- Year 6** - Volodymyr

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every student, every day



This week our attendance  
statistics are:

- Reception** - 94%
- Year 1**- 96.6%
- Year 2** - 95.9%
- Year 3** - 98.9%
- Year 4** - 97.9%
- Year 5**- 96.8%
- Year 6** - 95.9%

The winning class is:

**Year 3**





## 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!





## Birthday Sweets/Cakes

St Barnabas and St Philip's is proud to be a GOLD Healthy School—gaining this accreditation in 2023-24.

We wrote to you last year explaining that it is against our Healthy Eating policy to bring in cakes/sweets for children's birthdays.

Recently, we have seen an increase in families bringing sweets and cakes and sharing these outside the school

gates. Although not in the school—we do not want to see cakes/sweets given outside the school—this under-mines the policy which we have.

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.





## Curriculum Leaflets

You have been emailed your child's curriculum leaflets to ensure you can keep up to date with their learning.

New leaflets are created each half term and will be emailed at the beginning of each term.

St Barabas and St Philip's - Year 1

Autumn		Spring		Summer	
Topic	Creation	Topic	Service	Topic	Resilience
Topic	Geography: Spatial Sense	Topic	Geography: The UK	Topic	Geography: The Seven Continents
Exp	Power School	Exp	London: Ice	Exp	Guessing countries and ocean workshop
Texts	How do the Moon, Bees?	Texts	One Day on Top Mile Planet...	Texts	The Sea, Land and Island
Writing	Science: Report	Writing	Plan the Holidays	Writing	Plan: Plan Me
Reading	Daily Supported Reading	Reading	Daily Supported Reading	Reading	Daily Supported Reading
Maths	Place Value (4 weeks) Addition and Subtraction (3 weeks)	Maths	Addition and Subtraction (3 weeks) Place Value (2 weeks)	Maths	Multiplication and Division (3 weeks) Fractions (2 weeks) Percentages and Decimals (2 weeks)
Science	Taking Care of the Earth	Science	Animals and Their Needs	Science	Materials
RE	Christianity: What responsibility do we have for people about taking care of creation?	RE	World Faiths (Judaism): What is it like to live as a Jewish person?	RE	World Faiths (Islam): What does it mean to be a Muslim?
PSHE	Being Me in My World	PSHE	Emotions and Goals	PSHE	Adaptability
PE	Beats and Movement	PE	Basketball	PE	Quick Circles
Camp	Jim	Camp	Motivate	Camp	Compassionate
Art/DT	Colour	Art/DT	Architecture New: Animal projects	Art/DT	Painting of Children Build: Vehicles
Music	Key Tool (Hip-Hop)	Music	In the Grove (Jazz), Skopje, Lento, Folk, Funk	Music	Your imagination (Pop)
MFL	Greetings & Numbers	MFL	Days of the Week, Months and Tens: Fruit	MFL	Family Stories and Conversation
Topic	Thanksgiving	Topic	Peace	Topic	Endurance
Topic	History: Documenting History	Topic	History: King & Queen	Topic	History: Parliament and Prime ministers
Exp	History performance and Church Play	Exp	Wormwood Abbey	Exp	The Houses of Parliament
Texts	The Dark, Dark and the white	Texts	Where the Wild things are and Wild	Texts	Traditional Verse The three little pigs and Jack and the Beanstalk
Writing	Instructions, Travel Journal	Writing	Narrative, Account, Diary	Writing	Narrative
Reading	Daily Supported Reading	Reading	Daily Supported Reading	Reading	Daily Supported Reading
Maths	Addition and Subtraction (2 weeks) Place Value (2 weeks)	Maths	Place Value (1 week) Length and Weight (2 weeks)	Maths	Place Value (2 weeks) Money (1 week) Time (2 weeks)
Science	Seasons and Weather	Science	Plants	Science	The Human Body
RE	Christianity: Why is such a special person important in the New Testament?	RE	Christianity: Why is Jesus the most important person for Christians?	RE	Christianity: Why did Jesus die?
PSHE	Generating Offences	PSHE	Healthy Me	PSHE	Changing Me
PE	Beats and Movement	PE	Football	PE	Adaptives
Camp	Life Art	Camp	Keenan	Camp	Tivities
Art/DT	Food: Mince Pie	Art/DT	Sea: T-shirt Design	Art/DT	Scrapbook

## Scooters and Bikes

We are very happy that so many children choose to scoot or cycle to school. This is an excellent way to get to school.

Unfortunately, our storage capacity is limited and we cannot store bicycles within our school.

**If you are bringing a bicycle, please lock it outside the school gates at the purposed cycle storage.**

We also remind you that scooters and bicycles are not to be ridden in the school. They should be walked from/to the gate.





## 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 Autumn Term are:

**Thursday 13th November** —St Philip's Remembrance Service

**Thursday 27th November** —St Barnabas—Advent Service

**Thursday 18th December** —St Barnabas—Christmas Service

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.

