



St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Autumn 1—Week 7—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— Aya

Reception –Faisal

Year 1 - Noah Z

Year 2 - Ahmed

Year 3 - Yusuf

Year 4 - Anna

Year 5– Nick

Year 6 - Sofia



Our value this term is **'Wisdom'**

This week our value stars are:

Nursery –Ilyas

Reception—Julia

Year 1 - Emily

Year 2 - Loulou

Year 3 - Margot

Year 4 - Keiichi

Year 5– Charlie

Year 6 - Ava

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



This week our attendance statistics are:

Reception - 93%

Year 1– 94.2%

Year 2 - 97.9%

Year 3 - 99.3%

Year 4 - 99.6%

Year 5– 99.6%

Year 6 - 92.9%

The winning classes are:

Year 4 and 5!



Important Dates

21st October—Y6
Kayaking Trip

22nd October—Y5
French Trip

23rd October—Y4
Stamford Bridge
Digital Blue Trip

23rd October—Y5
Roat to RIAT—
DT Challenge

24th October—
Break up for
Half Term

3rd November—
School Closed—
INSET DAY

4th November—
Children return
to school

5th November—
Year 1 Forest
School Sessions
Begin





Our Value for This Term Is:

WISDOM
HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value WISDOM.

We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Wisdom

Wisdom is different from just being clever. Often wise people have lots of experience and can give good advice to help us make difficult decisions. Some people pray because they believe that God can help them to live their lives **wisely**.

Talk together about:

- Making **wise** choices
- The consequences of our words and actions
- Learning **wisdom** from others – including children from parents and parents from children
- Learning from our mistakes and becoming **wiser** through them



READ TOGETHER...

The wise and foolish builders

Jesus told a story about two men. The first man was **wise** and decided to build his house on a rock. This house was hard to build. He had to stand on the rock and dig foundations deep down into that hard rock to make his house strong. He worked for many, many days before his new house was finished. It was a long time before he and his family could move in.

The other man built his house on the sand. This house was easy to build. The sand was soft, easy to stand on, and easy to dig into. He built his house very quickly and soon his family was living happily in their new house.

But then, one day it started to rain. It didn't rain gently. It didn't rain for just a few minutes. It poured. The wind blew and blew. All round new streams began to flow, making their own tracks across the rock and sands. The rainwater washed around the house on the rock and ran down the roads. But the house stood firm, it didn't move, and everyone inside was safe.

The family in the house on the sand looked out at the raging storm. Their house was creaking, it was moving. The water gushed all around. And then crash! As the sands shifted the house tumbled to the ground.

Jesus said, "The man who built his house on rock is like someone who listens to my **wise** teaching and builds their life upon it. When storms and troubles come, they will stand firm."

Bible story based on Matthew 7:24-27

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"It's no good shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted."

Anon

This is a well-known proverb.
Can you think of a time when you did the right thing but too late?



QUIZ Wordsearch

Can you find the words from the story?

WISE	HOUSE	FOOLISH
STORM	RAIN	BUILD
STRONG	FIRM	CRASH
ROCK	SOFT	CREAKING
SAND	FOUNDATIONS	

F	U	E	T	W	K	T	F	W	M	L	S
S	O	S	D	W	I	O	W	R	V	A	V
F	B	U	W	L	O	S	O	G	N	P	E
C	X	O	N	L	I	T	E	D	C	T	Q
H	F	H	I	D	S	U	L	O	R	F	W
R	P	S	E	A	A	B	B	P	E	O	S
O	H	E	J	N	N	T	F	K	A	S	L
C	R	A	S	H	M	B	I	V	K	X	T
K	N	I	A	R	S	R	J	O	I	H	H
P	G	N	O	R	T	S	I	P	N	Y	L
X	L	G	Y	F	M	T	J	F	G	S	F
V	X	I	T	F	P	O	A	P	G	S	X





Our Value for This Term Is:



FAMILY FOCUS

Building a Wall of Wisdom

Everyone has a favourite proverb or wise saying. Talk to family members about proverbs that they think give **wise** advice. Ask them to explain the meaning of the proverb and add it to a 'wall of **wisdom**'.

Build your wall by writing each proverb on a 'brick' cut out of paper. Blu-tack the bricks on to a wall.

You can find lots of proverbs on www.phrases.org.uk



To start you off here three well-known proverbs:

"A chain is only as strong as the weakest link"

"Many hands make light work"

"Don't count your chickens before they hatch"



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

A Brick for the Wall

Make a shoe box 'brick'. Cover the box with paper and write your favourite proverb on the brick. Then, either in a cartoon drawing or in words (hand written or typed on the computer and printed), tell a story using your proverb as the moral. Finish with the words:

So this proves the proverb, ".....".

(For example, So this proves the proverb "Don't count your chickens before they hatch".)

Decorate the brick so it looks fantastic and take it to school to help build a Wall of **Wisdom**.



FASCINATING FACTS

Why are some teeth called wisdom teeth?

- Your first teeth are called milk teeth. Can your Mum tell you when you cut your first milk tooth?
- Milk teeth normally fall out while you are in primary school and are replaced by adult teeth, which have to last for the rest of your life! Can you remember when your first milk tooth came out?
- **Wisdom** teeth grow much later than adult teeth in most people and are bigger, flatter teeth. Can one of the adults in the family remember when they grew their first **wisdom** tooth?

Over the centuries and in different parts of the world '**wisdom** teeth' have been known by many names:

- In Ancient Greece they were *sophronisteres*, thoughtful teeth.
- Later in Roman times they were given the name *dentes sapientiae*, teeth of wisdom.
- The name **wisdom** teeth was adopted in Britain in Victorian times.
- In Arabic speaking countries, the teeth are called *Ders-al-a'qel*, or teeth of the mind.
- In Spain they are referred to as *muela de juicio*, or teeth of judgment, because they grow as young people leave school and become **wiser** and have more responsibility.



HALL OF FAME

Confucius

Confucius was an ancient Chinese teacher. He lived more than 2500 years ago but such was his **wisdom** and understanding that his teaching is still remembered today.

Confucius wanted everyone to see the importance of making **wise** and thoughtful choices.

One of his sayings is...

"Everything in creation has a beauty of its own but not everyone is able to see it."





Rain or Shine, We're Ready to Play!



As the weather begins to change, we want to remind everyone that St Barnabas and St Philip's is proud to be an **OPAL Play GOLD school**. This means our children head outside to play in all weather conditions, embracing outdoor fun come rain or shine!

To help your child enjoy their outdoor playtime to the fullest, please ensure they come to school with a **suitable coat**. Whether it's chilly or drizzly, we want to make sure everyone stays warm and dry while making the most of their playtime.

A gentle reminder that coats should be in **school colours—red, grey, black, or white**.

Children are also welcome to bring in wellington boots, or wet weather shoes, that can be changed into at break and lunch times. These should be brought in a bag and hung on their pegs.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide all-weather, all-fun play experiences for our children.





Farewell to Ms Stewart



This term, we say farewell to our long-standing School Business Manager, Ms Stewart, who has decided to move on from her role at St Barnabas and St Philip's. Having dedicated many years of service to our school, Ms Stewart has been an integral part of the team and has supported countless families, and children during her time here. Her knowledge, professionalism, and calm presence have been a constant behind the scenes, helping the school run smoothly day to day.

Over the years, Ms Stewart has seen the school grow and change in many ways, and her commitment to ensuring everything operates efficiently has made a lasting difference. From managing the practicalities of school life to supporting the wider vision and values of SBSP, her contribution has been deeply appreciated by all who have worked alongside her.

Ms Stewart expressed that she wished to leave quietly, without a big send-off, and we have respected her wishes. However, we could not let her departure pass without acknowledging the many years of dedicated service she has given to our school community. Her care and commitment have played a key role in the life of St Barnabas and St Philip's, and we are truly grateful for the time and energy she has devoted to her work here.

On behalf of the governors, staff, children, and families, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ms Stewart for everything she has done over the years.

We wish her every happiness and success as she embarks on the next chapter of her life.





School Church Services

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

Our service dates for Autumn Term are:

- Thursday 13th November—
Remembrance—St Philip's Church
- Thursday 27th November—
Advent—St Barnabas Church

- Thursday 18th December—
Christmas—St Philip's Church

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.





School Tours—Prospective Families

St Barnabas and St Philip's Primary School

We are delighted to be able to invite prospective parents, whose child is due to start school in September 2026, for a tour of our setting. Our open mornings will take place on:

Tuesday 4th November 2025 -
9.30am - 10.30am

Monday 10th November 2025 -
9.30am - 10.30am

Wednesday 19th November 2025 -
9.30am - 10.30am

Monday 24th November 2025 -
9.30am - 10.30am

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Reception—September 2026

We are excited to be welcoming our next Reception Class in September 2026, and we don't want you to miss the chance to secure a place.

Applications for first-choice Reception places opened on Monday 1st September, and must be submitted by Thursday 15th January 2026 through the [RBKC Primary Admissions website](#).

This deadline applies to children born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022.

If your child is currently in our Nursery or is planning to join us next year, you must still complete the application through the RBKC admissions portal to confirm their Reception place.

Please also share this information with friends or family members who have children of Reception age, so they can apply in time.

If you have any questions or need support with your application, our school office is here to help.





Canalside Youth Club

Canalside Youth Club

Free every Wednesday

5:00pm-7:30pm

Ages 8-16

**Canalside Activity Centre
W10 5AY**

Kayaking, Canoeing, Multisports, Cooking, Life skills

Sign up here!!

**For more information contact
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Charity number: 1087167





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 List : <https://amzn.eu/gs8jKyz>

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.

