



St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Autumn 1—Week 4—2026/27



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—Elif
Reception –Ronan
Year 1 - Leonardo
Year 2 - Dima
Year 3 - Basant
Year 4 - Artha
Year 5– Henri
Year 6 - Charlie



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

This week our value stars are:

Nursery –Jazz
Reception—Areej
Year 1 - Amalia
Year 2 - Nomin
Year 3 – Yara
Year 4 - Yemariam
Year 5– Sofia A
Year 6 - Abtin



This week our attendance statistics are:

Reception - 96.9%
Year 1– 97.5%
Year 2 - 97.8%
Year 3 - 94.4%
Year 4 - 97.6%
Year 5– 98.2%
Year 6 - 93.9%

The winning class is:

Year 5



Important Dates

30th September —
OPAL Audit and Accreditation Day!

6th October — Year 2 Visit to Postal Museum

8th October — Harvest Service at St Philip's Church

12th October —
Year 4 Visit to Gunnersbury Museum

13th October — Individual Photo Day

14th October —
Year 3 Visit to Pizza Express

15th October —
Year 5 Visit to French Patisserie





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?

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

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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."





Clubs

TIMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3:30 - 4:30	REC - Y6 ART CLUB	Y5 & 6 VERBAL/NON- VERBAL	REC - Y2 CHOIR	Y4 - Y6 DEBATE CLUB	Y5 & Y6 CODING CLUB
3:30 - 4:30	REC - Y6 COOKERY CLUB	Y1 & Y2 FOOTBALL	Y3 - Y6 LIGHTS UP!	Y3 & Y4 FOOTBALL CLUB	REC - Y2 LIGHTS UP
3:30 - 4:30	Y5 & Y6 BOOK CLUB	REC - Y6 PERCUSSION			Y1 & Y6 CHESS CLUB
3:30 - 4:30	Y5 & Y6 FOOTBALL CLUB				

League Events (School Clubs)

TIMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3:30 - 4:30			Y6 BOYS FOOTBALL	Y5 & Y6 MIXED BASKETBALL	

All Clubs Autumn Term Dates:

Started week commencing 14th September 2026

**Please note there will be no clubs week commencing the 26th October
for half term**

Ending week commencing 23rd November 2026





OPAL Play



As part of our ongoing OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) journey, we are asking families to complete a short parent survey.

Your feedback is extremely important and will help us demonstrate the impact of OPAL at St Barnabas and St Philip's. We are aiming for at least 20% of families to respond, so every response makes a difference.

Please complete the survey [here](#)

The survey should only take a few minutes to complete.





Coming next week..

SBSP STAR WRITER

Celebrating Great Writing Across SBSP

EACH WEEK, OUR STAR WRITER WILL RECEIVE:

- A personalised SBSP Star Writer pencil
- A Star Writer certificate
- Recognition on our school social media channels

WE LOOK FOR WRITING THAT SHOWS:

- High-quality writing for the child's age and stage
- A clear awareness of purpose and audience
- Strong organisation and cohesion
- Effective vocabulary choices
- Confidence and fluency as a writer
- Accurate punctuation, grammar and spelling
- Creativity and ambition in writing
- Effective application of taught writing techniques

SHOWCASING GREAT WRITING ACROSS SBSP

The SBSP Star Writer Award celebrates high-quality writing from across our school. Each week, one piece of writing will be selected to showcase what can be achieved through **creativity, skill, careful craftsmanship** and a **love of writing**.

Who Will Be Our Next Star Writer?

Selected weekly by Mr Barrett, Writing Lead.





As last year, we are working with The Upper Room where are donations will be sent.

A list of suggested donations will be emailed to you next week. Please bring your donations on the day of the service, for us to take directly to the Church.

Thank you for your continued support.





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 8th October 2026 – Harvest Service (St Philip's Church)
- Thursday 5th November 2026 – Remembrance Service (St Barnabas Church)
- Thursday 26th November 2026 – Advent Service (St Philip's Church)
- Thursday 17th December 2026 – Christmas Service (St Barnabas 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 parents there can sometimes be a little distracting.





St Barnabas & St Philip's
CE Primary School

Nurture • Grow • Flourish

Luke 13:18-19

Little Learners
Big Ambitions

Nursery

A strong start
for every child

Play
Learn
Grow
Belong

Our Nursery provides a warm, safe and nurturing environment where children play, explore, learn and grow. We offer a stimulating and purposeful curriculum that builds confidence, independence and a love of learning.

For 3-4 year olds

Children can join our Nursery as a rising three (the term they turn three).



Flexible nursery provision

Morning 8.40am – 11.40am
Afternoon 12.20pm – 3.20pm
Full time 8.40am – 3.20pm
Children can also attend
Breakfast Club from 7.30am



Purposeful play every day

With rich indoor and outdoor
learning environments



**Building confidence
and independence**

Supporting every child
to develop socially,
emotionally and academically



Exciting trips and experiences
Bringing learning to life



**A strong foundation
for Reception and beyond**

High-quality early years
education

Come and visit our Nursery!

We would be delighted to show you around and introduce you to our friendly team.
Please get in touch to arrange a visit or ask any questions.



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Wisdom

Perseverance

Joy

Hope

Community

Compassion



Reception 2027



**St Barnabas and
St Philip's**
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
NURTURE GROW FLOURISH
LUKE 13:18-19

School Tours for Reception 2027

We are delighted to invite prospective parents, whose child is due to start school in September 2027, for a tour of our setting.

Our open mornings will take place on:

	Monday 5th October 9.30am – 10.30am
	Thursday 15th October 9.30am – 10.30am
	Wednesday 21st October 9.30am – 10.30am
	Monday 9th November 1.30pm – 2.30pm
	Wednesday 11th November 9.30am – 10.30am
	Wednesday 18th November 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Tours are a wonderful opportunity to meet our team, see our school in action and find out more about life at St Barnabas and St Philip's.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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A strong start for every child

We are excited to be welcoming our next Reception Class in September 2027, and we don't want you or a child you may know who is eligible to miss the chance to secure a place. Applications for first-choice Reception places opened on Monday 1st September, and must be submitted by Friday 15th January 2027 through the RBKC Primary Admissions website.

This deadline applies to children born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023.

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.





St Barnabas Church Family Fun Day - Saturday 26th September

You are warmly invited to join us at St Barnabas Church for our Family Fun Day. This is taking place on Saturday 26th September from 10am to 12pm. There will be soft play toys, a bouncy castle, arts and crafts activities, refreshments and lots of fun. The suggested entry donation is £5 per child. We look forward to seeing you there!

Other dates for your diary for this term are: Light Party on 31st October from 5pm; and our next Family Fun Day on Saturday 28th November.





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](#)





St Barnabas & St Philip's
CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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NURTURE
GROW
FLOURISH

Luke 13:18-19

SUPPORT OUR GOVERNOR'S FUND

Investing in our children's future



EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION

Providing the best possible learning environment for every child.



ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

Supporting music, sport, trips and opportunities beyond the classroom.



IMPROVING OUR FACILITIES

Investing in a safe, inspiring and well-resourced school for current and future generations.

Every contribution makes a difference



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 Schools. 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.



ST BARNABAS & ST PHILIP'S GOVERNOR'S FUND

METRO BANK

Sort code: 23-05-80 | Account number: 18996065

Thank you for supporting our school.

*Kind
Confident
Curious*





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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