



St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Spring 1—Week 3 —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** - Amaia
- Reception** - Michael
- Year 1** - Otilie
- Year 2** - Victoria
- Year 3** - Andalus
- Year 4** - Aaliyah
- Year 5** - Ali
- Year 6** - Rose



Important Dates

27th January - Year 4 Temple Trip

28th January - Year 5 Gurdwara Trip

29th January - School Church Service—St Philip's

29th January - PLPS Y5/6 Mixed Football Tournament

2nd February - Year 1 London Zoo

2nd—6th February - Year 5 Bikeability

5h February - Year 5 Two Temple Place



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

This week our value stars are:

- Nursery** - Myles C
- Reception** - Madeline
- Year 1** - Lyra
- Year 2** - Maksym
- Year 3** - Sophia
- Year 4** - William
- Year 5** - Isabella T-G
- Year 6** - Volodymyr



This week our attendance statistics are:

- Reception** - 91.5%
- Year 1** - 95.5%
- Year 2** - 94.1%
- Year 3** - 95.4%
- Year 4** - 93.5%
- Year 5** - 98.3%
- Year 6** - 96.8%

The winning class is:

Year 5





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 29th January 2026

Candlesmas Service —

St Philip's Church

Monday 26th March 2026

St Barnabas Service





Invitation for Consent: Christian Communion Participation at School Services

At St Barnabas and St Philip's Church of England Primary School, we cherish the diversity of our school community and rooted in Christianity, are dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment that respects other various faith traditions.

As part of our commitment to offering a well-rounded experience, we occasionally incorporate Christian communion into some of our School Church services.

Communion is a meaningful ritual for many families who attend St Barnabas Church and St Philip's Church, and we acknowledge that communion services may be held at both places of worship, as well as other Churches that you may attend.

We would like to extend an invitation for all children to participate in Christian communion during our school services where it is offered. It is important to note that communion will not necessarily be a regular feature in all services but may be conducted periodically.

To ensure we respect the individual choices and beliefs of our school community, we seek your consent for your child's potential participation in Christian communion. If you are comfortable with your child taking part in communion during the applicable services, **please send an email to the school office confirming this**. Without this email, your child will not participate.

Alternatively, if you choose not to provide consent, rest assured that your child will be thoughtfully engaged in an alternative activity during the communion segment of the service, such as receiving a blessing, or having time for reflection.

We recognise that faith is a personal and familial matter, and we appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this regard. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support as we strive to create an inclusive and respectful environment for all our students.





OPAL Play Donations



Natural Loose Parts



Acorns



Grass



Leaves



Logs



Pine Cones



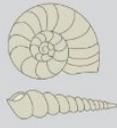
Rain & Water



Sand



Snow



Shells



Soil



Sticks



Stones



Wild Flowers



Wood Cookies

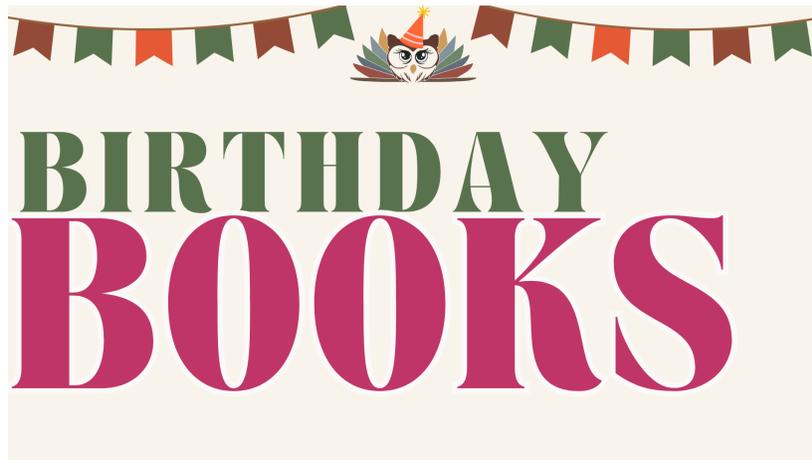
As an OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) school, we provide children with the time, space, and resources to explore, be creative, and learn through play. Our current focus is on Natural Loose Parts – everyday natural materials that children can move, combine, and use imaginatively during playtimes. (See diagram for examples!)

We'd love your help in making our playtimes even more exciting! If you have any donations of natural materials (logs, stones, shells etc.), or know anyone through your work who could support us with resources, expertise, or volunteering, please get in touch. Every contribution helps us continue to provide inspiring, creative, and safe play opportunities for our children.





Birthday Books!



As we begin a new calendar year at St Barnabas and St Philip's School, we are pleased to introduce our Birthday Book Initiative.

To celebrate their birthday, children are invited to donate a new book or a previously owned book in very good condition to their class library. This is a special way to mark their day while helping to enrich the reading resources available to all.

As a healthy school, we kindly remind families that children should not bring in sweets or cakes to share on their birthday. Donating a book is a positive and meaningful alternative.

Each class will have a Birthday Book Box, and all donated books will include a Birthday Book label recognising the child who donated it. Children whose birthdays have already passed, or fall during weekends or holidays, are still very welcome to take part.





The National Year of Reading 2026

**GO
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2026 is the National Year of Reading, a nationwide initiative celebrating the joy and importance of reading for children of all ages. Throughout the year, schools, libraries and families across the country will be coming together to inspire a love of books.

You can support your child at home by enjoying shared reading, visiting the local library, talking about books and helping them find stories that spark their interests.





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Meet new people

Buy Books!

Have a Bookish

Adventure!

Support Independent Bookshops

Discover new things

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FRIDAY SUNDAY
13TH UNTIL 15TH
FEBRUARY

Programme, Self Guided Bookshop Crawl Kit and downloadable route maps at www.bookshopcrawl.co.uk

Group Bookshop Crawls,
Author Signings,
Big Bookish Quiz,
Book Swap & more!

Scan here to find out more

ADD TO YOUR PILES OF POSSIBILITY





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 24th January 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. Our other upcoming Family Fun Day dates for your diaries are: Saturday 28th February and Saturday 28th March. We look



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!

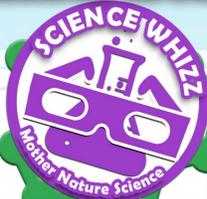




FEBRUARY HALF-TERM STEM HOLIDAY CAMP

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"Mother Nature Science Camp"



FEBRUARY HALF-TERM 2026 Information

In this fantastic 5-day Holiday Science Activity Camp, your children will enjoy lots of premium fun, hands-on, chemistry, biology and physics science activities and special demonstrations with take home experiments (see below).

- Dates: Mon 16-Fri 20 Feb 2026 (5 days)
- Open to Children: Ages 5-12 Years (only)
- Venues: Across London (look right>)
- Times: 9am - 3:30pm (6.5hrs). Earliest drop off 8:30am; latest collection 4pm
- Day Places: Limited day-places available to book online

Early Bird and Multi-Book DISCOUNT!

Science Whizz! - New for 2026

Day 1> Science Mix!
Rainbow Paper!
Balancing Robot!
Balloon Zoom!
Day 2> Science Fun!
Crystal Letters!
Static Shock!
Dino Discovery!
Day 3> Science Blast!
Super Slime!
Whole Earth!
Food Chain Cup Stack!

Day 4> Science Slam!
In a Spin!
Hummingbird Spinner!
Chromatography Bouquets!
Day 5> Science Wham!
Rain, Rain Go Away!
MR FABI!
Flying Fish!

and many, many more cool science demonstrations, experiments, games and quizzes!...

VENUES Serving

- NW London**
- Barnet
 - Brent
 - Camden
 - Ealing
 - Harrow
 - Hillingdon
 - Westminster

- NE London**
- City of London
 - Enfield
 - Haringey
 - Islington
 - Tower Hamlets
 - Waltham Forest

- SW London**
- Kensington
 - Hammersmith and Fulham
 - Hounslow
 - Kingston
 - Merton
 - Richmond
 - Sutton
 - Wandsworth

See online for full list...

Google Say "Mother Nature Science Camp" ★★★★★ Rating: 4.9

Book online at: www.mnature.co.uk
Or call us today: 020 8863 8832

Also, Booking Online Now: April Easter Holiday Science Activity Camp - Science Blast!



May-June Half-Term Holiday Science Activity Camp - Epic Engineering!



Did You Know? we also do THE BEST BIRTHDAY PARTY EVER!





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 the School Gateway : <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>.

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.

