



# St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Spring 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** - Charlotte de L

**Reception** - Laith

**Year 1** - Joshua

**Year 2** - Basant

**Year 3** - Javell

**Year 4** - Zendeya

**Year 5** - Mayson

**Year 6** - Luca



## Important Dates

**2nd March** -

National Offer Day—  
Secondary Schools

**2nd March** -

Year 6 Police Workshop

**3rd March** -

Year 6 Black and Blue  
Project

**5th March** -

World Book Day

**5th & 6th March** -

Waterstones Visits

**10th March** -

Year 4 British Museum

**11th March** -

Year 3 Thames Explorer



Our value this term is  
**'Hope'**

This week our value stars  
are:

**Nursery** - Myles N

**Reception** - Julia

**Year 1** - Miya

**Year 2** - Muhammed

**Year 3** - Yusuf

**Year 4** - Max

**Year 5** - Nick

**Year 6** - Emmy



This week our attendance  
statistics are:

**Reception** - 88.1%

**Year 1** - 94.1%

**Year 2** - 98.2%

**Year 3** - 100%

**Year 4** - 92.3%

**Year 5** - 97.3%

**Year 6** - 96.8%

The winning class is:

**Year 3**





## Our Value for This Term Is:

### Celebrating HOPE at St Barnabas and St Philip's

At St Barnabas and St Philip's, we celebrate the value of Hope – the belief that better things are ahead and that with hard work, faith, and perseverance, we can make a difference in our lives and in the lives of others. Hope is the light that guides us through challenging times, helping us to remain positive and motivated as we work toward a brighter future.



#### Why is Hope Important?

Hope is the foundation of resilience. It helps us to remain optimistic, even in the face of adversity, knowing that positive change is always possible. When we hold onto hope, we inspire others to do the same. It encourages us to work together, dream big, and trust in our abilities to overcome obstacles and achieve our goals. At school, hope fuels our passion for learning, growing, and supporting one another.

#### Ways to Practice Hope at Home

Here are a few simple ways children can nurture hope with their families and friends. We encourage you to make these moments a regular part of your lives, reflecting on how they bring positive change:

- **Goal Setting Together:** Sit down as a family and talk about your hopes and dreams for the future. Help each other set realistic goals and discuss the steps needed to achieve them. Celebrate every little progress and encourage perseverance, even when things get tough.
- **Gratitude Journals:** Keep a family gratitude journal where everyone writes down one thing they're grateful for each day. Reflecting on the positives in our lives can help to create a hopeful mindset and strengthen the sense of community.
- **Sharing Positive Stories:** Share stories or experiences that highlight the power of hope. Whether it's through books, films, or real-life examples, let the stories inspire and remind everyone that hope is the key to overcoming life's challenges.

As we focus on Hope this term, let's remind ourselves that every step forward, no matter how small, brings us closer to making a difference. By practicing hope in everyday actions, we can build a school community where everyone feels empowered, optimistic, and ready to create a better tomorrow.





## 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 26th March 2026**

St Barnabas Service

**Thursday 16th April 2026**

St Philip's Service





## Attendance Update

Today, attendance letters will be sent home to all families, outlining your child's attendance for the first half of the school year from 3rd September 2025 to 13th February 2026.

Our whole-school attendance target is **96–100%**, and we are delighted that many of our pupils are currently meeting this expectation. Where this is the case, families will receive a **Green** Standard letter to recognise and celebrate this strong attendance.

Regular attendance has a significant impact on children's learning, confidence and progress, and we greatly appreciate your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day.

Thank you, as always, for working in partnership with us.

<p><b><u>GOLD</u></b> Pupils with attendance 100%</p>
<p><b><u>GREEN</u></b> Pupils with attendance from 99%-96%</p>
<p><b><u>AMBER</u></b> Pupils with attendance from 95.9%-90%</p>
<p><b><u>RED</u></b> Pupils with attendance Below 90%</p>





# Attendance Update





## World Book Day 2026

We are excited to share with you our plans for World Book Day 2026 – which we plan to celebrate all week!

### **Author Workshops - Thursday 5th March**

On World Book Day, poet Coral Rumble – who will be working with each class on creative writing and poetry.

### **Waterstones Book Store Visits - Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March**

We will be taking each class to Kensington Waterstones to spend their £1 book token. You will receive an Arbor consent form for this.

### **World Book Day Day Dress Up – Thursday 5th March**

On Thursday 5th March, we are asking children to wear dress up as a character or in the style of their class novel for the half term as below:

**Nursery and Reception** – Growing and Changing Theme – Minibeasts and Plants

**Year 1** – Where The Wild Things Are - Forest Animals and Forest Themed Outfits

**Year 2** – How To Find Gold by Vivienne Schwartz – Pirates, Mermaids and Sea Creatures

**Year 3** – The Story of Tutankhamun by Patricia Cleveland – Egyptian Inspired Outfits

**Year 4** – The Lion and The Unicorn and Other Hairy Tales by Jane Ray - Amazon Rainforest Creatures and Explorers

**Year 5** – Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce - Space Themed Outfits

**Year 6** - A choice of any character from a book they have read (in a school text) in Year 5 or Year 6





# Premier League Kicks

Chelsea   
Foundation



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NOW

## Premier League Kicks

Free community football sessions for young people  
aged 8–18

*Girls only sessions available*

Furzedown Recreational  
Centre  
SW17 9BP

Monday (Girls)  
5 - 7pm  
8 - 14yrs

Churchill Gardens Estate  
SW1V 8RY

Tuesday (Girls)  
5 - 6pm  
8 - 16yrs

Westway Sports Centre  
W10 6RP

Wednesday (Girls)  
6 - 8pm  
8 - 16yrs

Saturday (Girls)  
5 - 6pm  
8 - 16yrs

Ashburton Youth Club  
SW15 4JE

Wednesday (Mixed)  
6 - 7:30pm  
8 - 14yrs

Worlds End Estate  
SW10 0EQ

Wednesday (Mixed)  
6 - 7:30pm  
8 - 14yrs

St Lukes Gardens  
SW3 6NH

Thursday (Mixed)  
5:30 - 7pm  
8 - 13yrs





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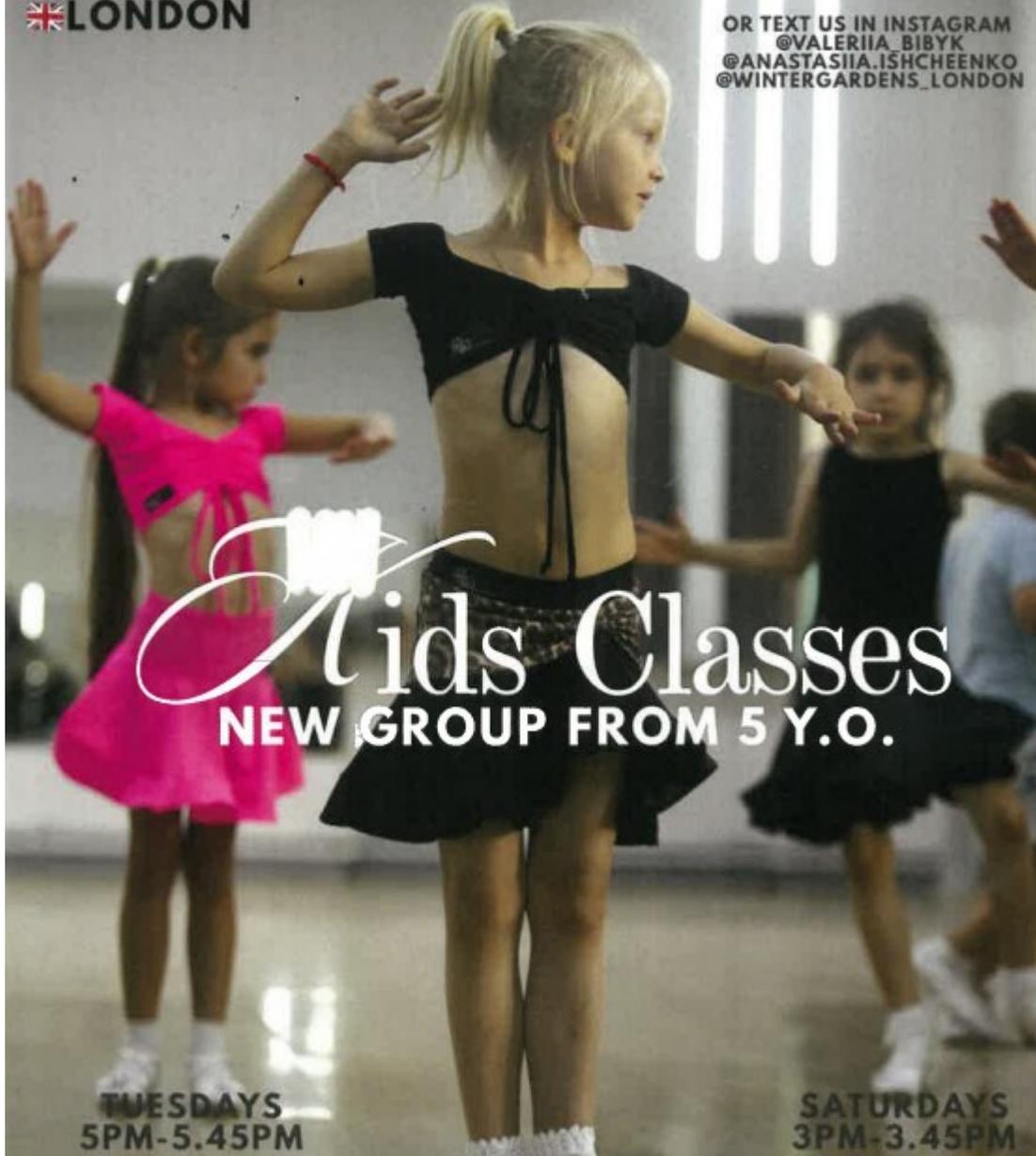


## Dance Classes

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**Kids Classes**  
NEW GROUP FROM 5 Y.O.

TUESDAYS  
5PM-5.45PM

SATURDAYS  
3PM-3.45PM





## Easyfundraising



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and see your favourite  
retailers donate to

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## 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 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.

## 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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