

St Barnabas and St Paul's CE Primary School Newsletter



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At St Barnabas and St Paul's Church of England Primary School, our vision is that we become the best for God that we can be, in all we do, whilst demonstrating Christian values which are pertinent to all faiths.

Our vision is based on *Colossians 3:23*, 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as though you were working for the Lord and not for people.'

Leadership Welcome

Dear parents and carers,

This Autumn has been very busy for the SEND Team. Early Autumn is one of my favourite times of year. This is not only because of the wonderful display of colours nature provides us with. It has also been a real joy to see all of the children settling into their new classes and our reception class children becoming more confident in class and having a wonderful time exploring the fabulous outdoor areas.

This is also the time when parents are asked to think about applying for places for next year in our reception class and a place at secondary school for our year six children. If your child is due to start reception next year or are moving on to year six and have any questions or concerns regarding their Special Educational Needs, please contact either myself as SENDCo or Mrs Desai our SENDCa.

Please see the information below regarding timescales.

Primary school - reception applications

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, they are due to start primary school in September 2027. You can apply from 1 September 2026. The closing date to apply for a primary school place for September 2027 is 15 January 2027.

Secondary School

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, they are due to start secondary school in September 2027. You must apply for a secondary school place. There is no automatic transfer from primary to secondary school. You can apply from 1 September 2026. The closing date to apply for a secondary school place for September 2027 is 31 October 2026.

I would like to end with a short reminder about children's sensory needs. As the days get shorter, we often need to wake up before it is light outside. Please do remember that for some of our children, a light suddenly switching on can trigger dysregulation and stress. Try to introduce just a little light at a time and plan in time for children to wake up slowly rather than ask them to jump straight out of bed. Starting the morning calmly can make a huge amount of difference to how happy your child is during that getting ready for school time and in class at the beginning of the school day.

Pupils of the Week

	Star Pupil	Christian Value	Manners Matter
RB	Liyanah M	Haroon K	Hadiya F
RP	Ibraheem K	Mahira K	Eliza H
1B	Qasim R	Noah G	Hyzan K
1P	Mohammed-Bilaal A	Mohammed Aryan A	Ayat T
2B	M. Raees R	Eiman S	Hafsah A
2P	Iman S	Awa F S	Irza H
3B	Aniyah A	M. Ibraheem	Aliza B
3P	Jenson	Waris	Uswa
4B	Jasmine S	Yaran A	Eshal S
4P	Mesam N	Aidan Y	Irtiza A
5B	Adan Q	Zainab I	Ibrahim R
5P	Sahil S	Yusuf K	Habeebah A
6B	Ayeza M	Natalie M	Aayan P
6P	Leya Y	Hiddah N	Aaryan A



Times Table Rockstar
Champion:



Attendance

Be an attendance hero- Here, Ready, On time, Every day!

Class	Percentage
RB	99.3%
RP	97.3%
1B	100%
1P	96.9%
2B	95.9%
2P	97.3%
3B	99.4%
3P	97.8%
4B	99.3%
4P	100%
5B	98%
5P	98.1%
6B	100%
6P	97.3%

Our whole school
target is 97%

Has your class met
the target this week?

Diary dates:

Date	Activity
Monday October 5 th	Harvest Worship
Tuesday 20 th October	Y5 - Science and Industry Museum Trip
Friday 23 rd October	Break up for half term



Year 5 News

Year 5 have made a fantastic and action-packed start to the term! They have thrown themselves into their learning with enthusiasm, curiosity and a brilliant attitude across all subjects. The class have been captivated by our book about Annie Edson Taylor, the daring first person to survive going over Niagara Falls in a barrel!

In Science, they have been busy investigating Forces and exploring different types of resistance through exciting, hands-on experiments. In the final week, we will be visiting the Science and Industry Museum which links to our learning.

Their Geography adventures have taken them high into the Alps, where they have been discovering the spectacular physical and fascinating human features of Innsbruck, Austria.

Things have really come to life in Design and Technology, where pupils have been using their knowledge of electrical systems to design and build their very own “Doodlers” - clever little drawing robots that create amazing and unique patterns!

Meanwhile, in RE, they have been exploring St Paul, his missions and how he transformed himself to spread the good news.

E Safety Tip



Apps and games are deliberately built to make stopping hard.



Instagram (Age: 13+)

Main Risks: Instagram now defaults to Teen Accounts for under-18s, but only if your child is using their real age. Strong focus on appearance and popularity, "Looksmaxxing". Reels can become addictive and difficult to stop watching. Children may compare themselves to unrealistic lifestyles or edited images. Strangers can contact children through direct messages. Fake giveaways and scams are common.



WhatsApp (Age: 13+)

Main Risks: Widely used by older primary children. Group chats can become overwhelming or upsetting. Children may receive unkind messages or be excluded. Scams and fake messages are increasingly common. Images and messages can spread quickly between groups. Children may feel pressure to reply instantly.



Minecraft (Age: 7+ PEGI)

Main Risks: Although it is creative, imaginative, and genuinely good fun, Minecraft's terms of service require parental consent for users under 13. Online multiplayer servers may expose children to strangers. Some servers include inappropriate language or behaviour. Long play sessions can affect sleep and routines. YouTube content linked to Minecraft can sometimes be unsuitable.



TikTok (Age: 13+)

Main Risks: Highly addictive, endless scrolling. Algorithms can quickly push extreme or upsetting content. Viral challenges may encourage risky behaviour. Misinformation and AI-generated fake videos are common. Children may encounter inappropriate language or themes. Ofcom data shows 30% of five-to-seven-year-olds use it despite the 13+ age rule.

Did you know?

Around 40% of Roblox users are under the age of 13, yet researchers and child safety organisations have repeatedly found that children can still encounter strangers, sexual language and inappropriate content through chat features and user-created games. (The Guardian, 2026)



Prayer for Trust



Dear God,
Each season brings something new for us to see and enjoy,
With sunny days and rainy days our crops grow larger,
Fruits and vegetables ripen, ready for us to Harvest.
Thank you for all the food we have to eat,
Let us remember people who may not have enough.
Help us to trust that You will always provide.
Amen

Thank you to all parents and carers who donated to our Harvest Appeal. This is now
with the local foodbank who are very grateful!