

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/ Carers,

Our Year 1 children enjoyed two fantastic trips to Blackburn Museum, where they explored toys from the past and compared them with the toys they enjoy today. The children were well-behaved, asked thoughtful questions and represented our school superbly. A big thank you to our staff who made these visits possible.

We are also delighted to see that attendance has improved this week. Thank you for your continued support, including sending your child to school for our 100% Attendance Day! The winners of the Amazon vouchers will be announced shortly on Class Dojo, so keep an eye out. As we move through the winter months, we know that children may pick up minor illnesses. Please remember that children can still attend school with coughs, colds and mild tummy aches. Often, with a bit of Calpol and a good run around, children feel much better once they are in school and with their friends. Good attendance really does make a difference to learning and confidence.

This week's Manners Matter focus was on saying "please" and "thank you." We have been so proud of the children for using polite language around school. We would really appreciate your support at home by modelling this and praising your child when you notice them using good manners.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we make our school a happy, respectful and successful place to learn.

Mrs Pratt

Acting Deputy Headteacher

Pupils of the Week

	Star Pupil	Christian Value	Manners Matter
RB	Aaira A	Eesa P	Youssef A
RP	Nico G / Zayaan J	M.Zayaan S	M.Affan H
1B	Noah N	Hooriya H	Maya Z
1P	Zayaan W	Hana A	M.Aryan M
2B	Lenaz Y	M.Saddan Ali	Rumaisa A
2P	Ayaan	Ayra	M Alsadi
3B	Abdullah B	Zakariya A	Aafiah H
3P	Dorain C	Eshaal A	Fatima A
4B	Mohammed Y	Asma H	Lily A
4P	Hansa U	Natalia I	Adam A
5B	Isha K	Zaynab A	Hamzah A
5P	Abdul-Khaliq S	Hiddah N	Saarah I
6B	Umar A	Halima H	Hassan B
6P	Ayesha D	Madiha N	Jumanah H



Times Table Rockstar
Champion:



Attendance

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

Class	Percentage
RB	95.7%
RP	89.3%
1B	96%
1P	98%
2B	100%
2P	99.3%
3B	97.9%
3P	97.9%
4B	99.3%
4P	98.7%
5B	97.1%
5P	95.3%
6B	100%
6P	99.3%

Our whole school
target is 96%

Has your class met
the target this week?

Diary dates:

Date	Event	Who
Tuesday 20 th Jan	Y5 Mayor's Parlour Visit	Y5
Friday 23 rd Jan	Handwriting Day	All school
Friday 30 th Jan	Y3 Local Walk Trip	Y3
Wb Monday 2 nd February	Year 6 Assessment week	Y6
Thursday 5 th Feb	Y4 Eureka Trip	Y4
Friday 6 th Feb	NSPCC Number Day	All school
Wb 9 th Feb	Children's Mental health week	All school
Weds 11 th - 13 th	Robinwood	6P
Friday 13 th Feb	School closes for half term at 3pm	All school

Year Group News - Year 4

In Year 4, the children are thoroughly enjoying reading our new English book, *Escape from Pompeii*. We have spent time exploring the characters and the setting of Pompeii. Over the next couple of weeks, the children will learn how to create a suspenseful atmosphere. Both classes will have some fantastic pieces of writing by the end of the half term.

We have also learnt some interesting facts about The Anglo-Saxons - Were they soldiers or farmers? We are also going to explore how and why they came to Britain. All will become clearer by the end of the term.

We are also fortunate enough to visit a Science exhibition at Eureka in Halifax in February. It is going to be an exciting and knowledgeable trip. This is linked well with our Sound unit of work in science.

In Computing, the children will be looking at how to create and develop their own website on a subject of their choice.

E Safety Tip

Tips for Children when playing games

1. Ask before you click

- If something pops up saying "Free coins!" or "Win a prize!" — stop and ask an adult first.

2. Ads are not part of the game

- Real game buttons help you play.
- Ads try to make you leave the game or buy things.

3. Don't download extras

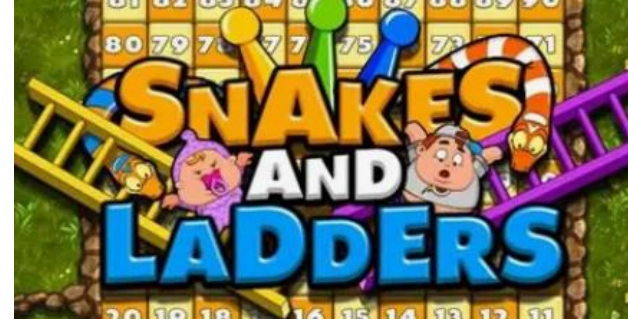
- Never download "special tools," "cheats," or "free rewards." These can be unsafe.

4. Protect personal information

- Never share:
 - Your name
 - Age
 - School
 - Photos
 - Passwords

5. Close the ad, don't touch it

- Look for the X in the corner.
- If you're unsure, put the device down and tell an adult.



Tips for Parents

1. Use parental controls

- Turn on parental controls in:
 - App stores
 - Devices (phones, tablets, consoles)
 - Game platformsThis helps block unsafe ads and accidental purchases.

2. Choose age-appropriate games

- Check age ratings and reviews before downloading games.
- Prefer games with **no ads** or **paid versions** that remove ads.

3. Disable in-app purchases

- Many ads encourage children to spend money accidentally.



Prayer for Thankfulness



This week, our theme is “**Give thanks to God in all circumstances,**” inspired by the Bible verse “*Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus*” (Thessalonians 5:18).

Dear God,

Thank you for all the blessings in our lives, both big and small.
Help us to give thanks in every situation, even when things feel difficult,
trusting that You are always with us and guiding us each day.

Amen.