

# 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,

Now that the new school year is in full swing, it has been wonderful to see every year group settled into their routines and working hard. Classrooms are busy, purposeful places, with pupils showing enthusiasm for their learning and making a positive start to the year.

This week saw our first 100% Attendance Day of the year - and we were delighted to achieve 100% attendance from all pupils who were able to attend school! This is a fantastic achievement and sets a very positive example for the year ahead. We celebrated in style, with pupils dressing up as superheroes, enjoying a free school lunch and taking part in an exciting competition to design a brand-new Attendance H.E.R.O. logo. Our School Council will now be gathering ideas about how the winning logo can be used around school.

Our Year 1 and 2 pupils also welcomed a visit from our local council to learn more about road safety. The children explored how to cross roads safely and discussed the importance of travelling safely in a car, including finding out who needs to use a car seat. It was a valuable opportunity to develop important skills that will help keep our pupils safe in the community.

Mr Rawat

Assistant Headteacher



# Pupils of the Week

|    | Star Pupil | Christian Value | Manners Matter |
|----|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| RB | M.Hassan H | Aiyla S         | Anas Y         |
| RP | Fatima I   | Ahmed S         | Orhan K        |
| 1B | Khadija M  | Hidayah H       | M.Aryan        |
| 1P | Ayan A     | Mohamed S       | Ayaan S        |
| 2B | Haniya A   | M. Idris        | Zain A         |
| 2P | Amirah B   | Vincent H       | Zayd C         |
| 3B | Maria R    | Mohammed A      | Ayaan S        |
| 3P | Adam A     | Safa H          | Amelia P       |
| 4B | Khadijah I | Mohammed Ali    | Abdullah B     |
| 4P | Umar N     | Shifa H         | Sayhan H       |
| 5B | Lily A     | Fatima P        | Umama R        |
| 5P | Amirali K  | Ahmed B         | Aleena P       |
| 6B | Husna A    | Ianis T         | Hibah L        |
| 6P | Safiyaa    | Haniya          | Imaan          |



Times Table Rockstar  
Champion:



## Attendance

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

| Class | Percentage |   |
|-------|------------|---|
| RB    | 98.7%      |   |
| RP    | 100%       | ★ |
| 1B    | 98.7%      |   |
| 1P    | 95.3%      |   |
| 2B    | 95.9%      |   |
| 2P    | 98.7%      |   |
| 3B    | 95.9%      |   |
| 3P    | 99.3%      |   |
| 4B    | 98.6%      |   |
| 4P    | 99.3%      |   |
| 5B    | 100%       | ★ |
| 5P    | 98.1%      |   |
| 6B    | 98.3%      |   |
| 6P    | 96.7%      |   |

Our whole school  
target is 97%

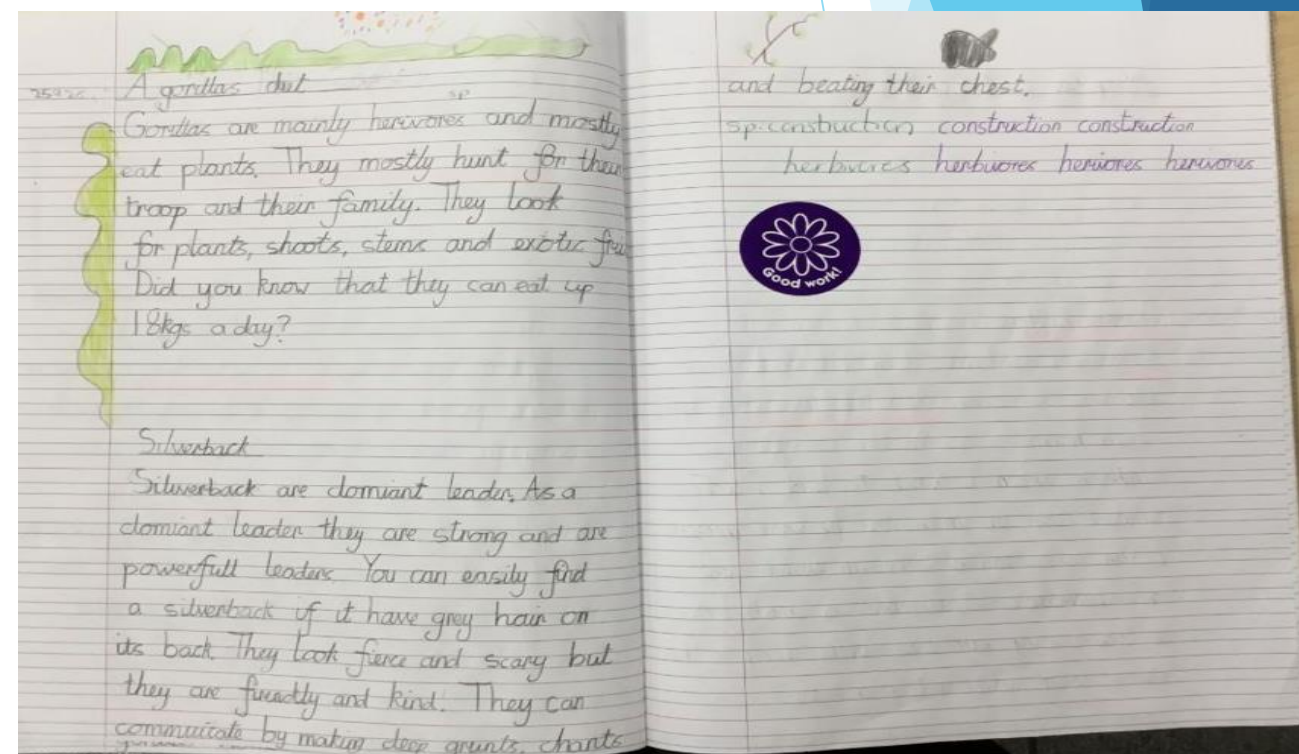
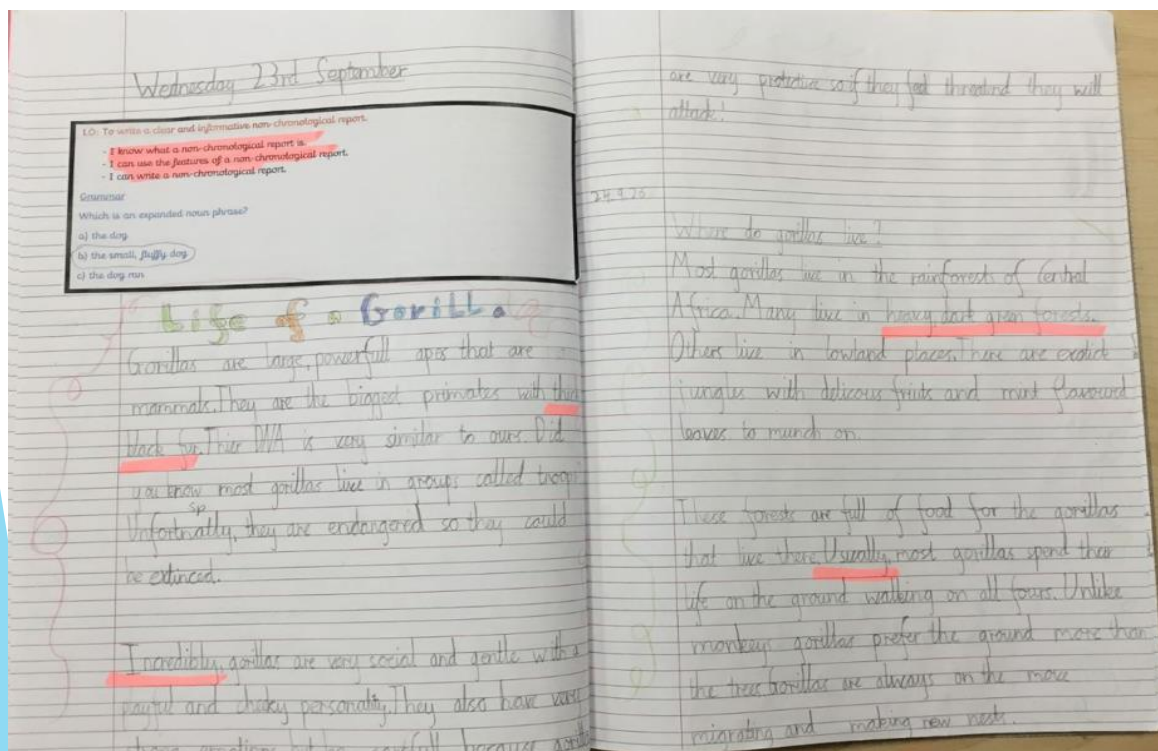
Has your class met  
the target this week?

# Diary dates:

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

# Year Group News

Year 4 have been busy learning all about gorillas! Inspired by our book in English- Anthony Browne's wonderful story *Gorilla*, the children have been researching interesting facts and creating their own non-chronological reports. They have worked hard to organise their ideas, use exciting vocabulary and include features such as headings, subheadings and factual sentences. In Art, the children have also created fantastic collages using foil, recycled paper, card and a range of other materials. We have loved seeing their creativity, curiosity and enthusiasm!



# E Safety Tip



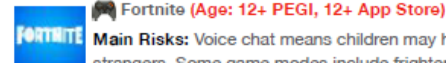
## Make sure you understand the age ratings and risks, before you say yes to an app

There are a handful of apps and games that constantly cause issues, and the peer pressure to use these apps can be enormous. Most of the apps your child wants to use were not built for them. They were built for adults, monetised through advertising and in-app purchases, and designed to keep users scrolling for as long as possible. Knowing what's on each platform and what the age ratings actually mean is a good place to start.



**Snapchat (Age: 13+)**

**Main Risks:** Messages and photos can disappear, encouraging risky behaviour. Children may receive messages from strangers. "Snap Map" can share a child's live location. Group chats can lead to bullying or pressure. Filters and appearance tools can affect self-esteem. Highly addictive.



**Fortnite (Age: 12+ PEGI, 12+ App Store)**

**Main Risks:** Voice chat means children may hear bad language or speak to strangers. Some game modes include frightening or aggressive content. In-game purchases can become expensive. Children may feel pressure to spend money on skins or battle passes. Long gaming sessions can affect sleep and mood.



**YouTube (Age: 13+)**

**Main Risks:** Autoplay and recommendations can quickly lead to unsuitable videos. Some videos contain misinformation, scams or fake "life hacks". Children may copy dangerous trends or challenges. Advertising and influencer content can be misleading. Excessive viewing can reduce sleep and concentration.



**Roblox (Age: Parental Guidance Recommended PEGI, 12+ App Store)**

**Main Risks:** Not one game but millions. Some games contain frightening or inappropriate themes. Chat features can expose children to strangers. User-created games vary greatly in quality and safety. Scams involving free Robux are common. Children may spend large amounts on virtual items.

### Did you know?

British children spend an average of 127 minutes a day on TikTok — more than children in any other country. YouTube is the most-used online service for children aged 5–7, and adult YouTube is fifteen times more popular with children than YouTube Kids. (Ofcom, 2024)



# Prayer for Trust



Dear God,

Help me to trust you even more. Take away my uncertainty and let me confident in you. Guide me when I feel lost and be with me during times of sadness. Help me to put my faith in Your guidance.

Amen