



St Barnabas and St Paul's CE Primary Newsletter



Friday 19th September

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.'

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now three weeks into the new term, and it has been wonderful to see the children settle back into school life with such positivity. This week, our focus across the school has been on what it means to be a compassionate friend.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Attendance and Pupil Premium Morning. Pupil Premium is additional government funding given to schools to help ensure that all children get the same opportunities to thrive, regardless of economic status. We use this funding to provide extra support, resources, and opportunities that directly benefit pupils' learning and wellbeing. We look forward to welcoming more of you to our upcoming Pupil Premium drop-in sessions next week where you will have chance to sign up for benefits-related free school meals, which not only support you at home but also mean the school receives Pupil Premium funding.

Finally, a reminder that our whole school photos will be taking place next Friday. Please ensure children come smartly dressed in full school uniform.

Kind Regards, Mrs Pratt (Acting Deputy Headteacher)



	Star of the week	Christian value
RB	Zahra Z	David M
RP	Aisha O	Hidayah H
1B	Momina I	Eiman S
1P	Awa S	Hana A
2P	Yunus K	Karla C
3B	Rahman A	Deborah A
3P	Fatima A	Raeesah M
4B	Daniyal R	Jana A
4P	Menaal H	Saim N
5B	Abdullakh S	Natalie M
5P	Hiddah N	Mikail A
6B	Daro O	Ummehani A
6P	Madiha	Ayesha

The School's Attendance Target is: 96%

RB	100%	★
RP	92.7%	
1B	100%	★
1P	95.3%	
2B	100%	★
2P	96.7%	
3B	99.3%	
3P	92.4%	
4B	98.7%	
4P	99%	
5B	100%	★
5P	97%	
6B	99.3%	
6P	94%	

Our TTRS Champion this week...Muhammad Waqas 5B



Diary Dates:

September

17th September Year 3 Meet the teacher

26th September Whole School photo day

October

14th October Year 5 trip to Manchester Museum

22nd October @ 3pm School closes for half-term

19th September Attendance and Pupil Premium sign-up meeting

21st October Year 4 trip to Ribchester Museum

21st October Year 6 Heights and weights check

23rd and 24th October SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAYS

E-Safety Tip

Limit screen time!

The blue light from phones, tablets, and TVs can interfere with the body's natural sleep cycle (melatonin production), making it harder to fall asleep. For both children and parents, powering down devices early supports better sleep, improved focus and overall well-being.

Tip: Create a "tech-free bedtime routine" like reading a book or talking about the day to help everyone wind down without screens.

1. Establish a consistent Bedtime Routine

Keep the same sleep and wake times every day—even on weekends.

Follow a calming routine (e.g., bath/ shower and night time routine) to signal it's time for sleep.

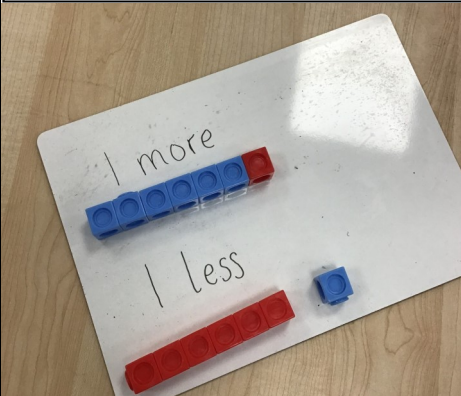
2. Replace Screens with Calming Activities

Read together or let them look at picture books.



Year Group News

What a wonderful week it has been in Year 1! We began by exploring new sounds in phonics, focusing on ir and air. The children have loved spotting these sounds in their reading and have been keen to use them in their own writing, which has made for some very exciting work. That enthusiasm carried into maths, where we have been busy counting and investigating numbers by looking at "one more" and "one less." Using games, practical activities, and plenty of discussion, the children have been growing in confidence and showing how quickly they can spot patterns in numbers. Alongside this, our PSHE lessons have encouraged us to think carefully about what makes each of us unique and how we can work together to create a safe and welcoming classroom for everyone. What has been especially lovely is noticing the children take these lessons beyond the classroom- showing respect, kindness, and care for others as they move around school. It's been a week filled with learning, laughter, and a real sense of community. We couldn't be more proud of the progress the children are making, both in their learning and in the way they look after each other.

		
Practicing how to find 1 more and 1 less in different ways!	Making Jigsaw Jack, our PSHE mascot, feel special in our class.	Practice 'air' and 'ir' with your children at home. Phonics is very important!

Linked to our Christian value of Compassion

Our theme for this week is about showing compassion in friendship. *"Two are better than one... if either of them falls down, one can help the other up."* (Ecclesiastes 4:9–10)

Dear God,

Help us to be a good friend to others, particularly those who are most vulnerable. We pray that others are also good friends to us and show kindness and compassion. Amen.

