

St Barnabas and St Paul's CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 5th June 2026

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 families,

I hope you had a nice half term in the sunshine and enjoyed a lovely Eid for those who celebrated.

It has been a very busy week back in school after half term.

Firstly, our Y4 pupils have been completing their multiplication tests throughout the week and have been trying their best.

Pupils in Y2 had a wonderful day in Lancaster visiting the castle and learning about the laws of the land and imprisonment.

Next week, Y1 pupils will be completing their phonics assessments so please remember them in your prayers.

Please look at the diary dates for this half term and make a note of key any relevant events, as there is a lot taking place.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs D Withey

Headteacher

Pupils of the Week

	Star Pupil	Christian Value	Manners Matter
RB	M.Aryan A	Aqsa H	Aisha K
RP	Mahnoor	Ayan A	Karim K
1B	Layla A	Uzair A	Dominik D
1P	Alisha A	Anabiya S	Zayaan W
2B	M. Saddam A	M. Adam A	Ayaan K
2P	Aizah A	Uswa N	Ayesha A
3B	Rehman H	M.Ayan S	Fatima J
3P	Eshaal A	Khadijah P	Kashan F
4B	Bahisht K	Rehan S	Jana A
4P	Aliyah I	Yusuf K	Ayaan A
5B	Zainab D	Alora R	Husna A
5P	Aayan P	M. Hashim W	Minhah K
6B	Ummehani A	Umar A	Sophia N
6P	Ibrahim M	Ruqia A	Jumanah H



Times Table Rockstar
Champion:

Year 4



Attendance

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

Class	Percentage
RB	93.7%
RP	96.3%
1B	98.1%
1P	100%
2B	99.6%
2P	98.4%
3B	100%
3P	99.6%
4B	97.4%
4P	98.5%
5B	99.2%
5P	99.2%
6B	97.7%
6P	97%

Our whole school target is 96%

Has your class met the target this week?

Whole school average attendance this week:

98.2%

Diary dates:

Date	Event
Tuesday 2 nd June & Wednesday 3 rd June	New Parent reception meeting
Wednesday 3 rd June	Y2 trip to Lancaster Castle
Friday 5 th June	World Environment Day
Monday 8 th June - Friday 12 th June	Phonics Screening Check for Y1 pupils
Wednesday 17 th June	4B Bolton River Study
Thursday 18 th June	4P Bolton River Study
Monday 15 th June - Friday 19 th June	Assessment Week
Thursday 18 th June	Y6 Blackpool Pleasure Beach trip
Friday 19 th June (celebrated Sunday 21 st June)	Father's Day Celebrations
Tuesday 23 rd June	Y3 Liverpool Museum
Monday 29 th June	Summer Fayre
Tuesday 30 th June	KS2 Poetry Event
Thursday 2 nd July	Whole School Transition Day
Friday 3 rd July	Y5 Canalside
Friday 3 rd July	Termly Attendance winners (Summer)
Monday 6 th July	Year 4/ 5/6 End of Year Rewards
Tuesday 7 th July	KS2 SATs Results
Tuesday 7 th July	Wimbledon for group of KS2 pupils
Wednesday 8 th July	Rec/ Year 1 End of Year Rewards
Thursday 9 th July	Y6 London Trip
Friday 10 th July	End of Year Reports to Parents
Friday 10 th July	Y2/3 End of Year Rewards
Monday 13 th July	Y6 Graduation
Wednesday 15 th July	Year 6 Performance
Friday 17 th July	School closes at 1:30pm for the summer holidays

Year Group News

We have had a brilliant week in Year 2!

On Wednesday, we went on a trip to Lancaster Castle and the children thoroughly enjoyed it. They asked some fantastic questions and were really interested in everything they learned.

A definite highlight for many of the children was being locked in a real prison cell with no lights. It really helped them imagine what it would have been like to be a prisoner all those years ago!

The children learned so much about the castle, including what it was used for and how it has changed over time. They were fascinated by the various parts of the castle and the stories behind them.

For the rest of this half term, we will continue learning about monarchs and castles, building on all the exciting things we discovered during our visit.



E Safety Tip

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **SMART TVs**

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.



CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.



SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.



CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.





Prayer for Perseverance

Dear God,

Thank you for a wonderful week in school.

During the next six weeks, we ask that you help us to keep going with positivity and determination in all we do so that we can be the best for you that we can be.

Help us to remember that you are always there for us and that we can turn to you at any time to ask for help.

Amen.