

St Barnabas and St Paul's CE Primary School Newsletter



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,

It has been a lovely second week back in school, made all the better by the sunshine and the positive atmosphere around the building. The children have returned with great enthusiasm and are settling quickly back into their learning routines.

As we move further into the summer term, we would like to remind all families about the importance of good attendance. This is a crucial time in the school year, as children are working hard towards meeting their end-of-year expectations. Every day in school really does make a difference.

Our Year 6 pupils are particularly busy at the moment as they prepare for their upcoming SATs. We are very proud of their hard work and determination, and we know they will approach the tests with confidence.

It has also been wonderful to welcome some parents into school recently to watch Maths lessons. The children have loved sharing their learning!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Pratt

Acting Deputy Headteacher



Pupils of the Week

	Star Pupil	Christian Value	Manners Matter
RB	M.Aryan A	Aaira A	Zayneb A
RP	Zayaan J	Aahil S	Ayreen
1B	Hafsah H	LayLa A	Momina I
1P	M.Aahil S	Lubaynah M	Alisha A
2B	Saddan A	Mariam G	Bader A
2P	Gamar Y	Uswa N	Ayaan S
3B	Adam P	Rahman Ali A	Yaran
3P	Kashan F	M.Musa	M.Haris S
4B	Adam D	Fathima Z	Adan Q
4P	Aliyah I	Zain N	Habeebah A
5B	Arooj A	Isa S	Haniya W
5P	Yahya P	Aaryan A	Ayeza M
6B	Khadija G	Elizabeth A	Alisha C
6P	Hassan M	Ihab H	Ayaan S



Times Table Rockstar
Champion:



Attendance

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

Class	Percentage
RB	96.8%
RP	99%
1B	92.8%
1P	98.7%
2B	96.7%
2P	96.3%
3B	91.4%
3P	100% 
4B	100% 
4P	96%
5B	97.4%
5P	97.6%
6B	96%
6P	98.3%

Our whole school target is 96%

As a school we achieved: 96.9%

Has your class met the target this week?

Did you know that we can administer calpol and antibiotics in school if you let us know and complete a form?

Diary dates:

Date	Event	Additional Information
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday	
Weds 6 th - Friday 8 th May	Robinwood	Year 5
Friday 8 th May	Canalside - in school	Year 3
Monday 11 th May - Thursday 14 th May	SATS Week	Year 6 invited to breakfast club
Thursday 21 st May	100% attendance day	FSM for all, Amazon vouchers/Extra playtime/ sponge the teacher
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for half term	



There's a very good chance you've heard of Minecraft. The block building phenomenon is, arguably, the most beloved video game of all time which has managed to maintain its popularity since its first release back in 2011. Nine years later, it still has a huge userbase of 112 million people playing the game every month. Accessible to those 7+, Minecraft can be a gateway into a world of learning and exploration which encourages players to use their imagination to build three-dimensional worlds with virtual building blocks. While Minecraft is considered relatively safe generally speaking, there are some safety precautions parents may want to consider before allowing their children loose on the game.



What parents need to know about **MINECRAFT**



OPEN TO HACKING

Hackers can be a real problem in any online game, including Minecraft. Some individuals can access other people's games to disrupt their play time, or even worse, access private details about players such as their names, email addresses, dates of birth and so on. It would be incredibly rare and unfortunate to encounter a player like this, but it does happen and must be taken as a serious risk.



CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Most players aged 7 and over will be able to play the game comfortably and, whilst creating an account does ask you to input your date of birth for confirmation, there's no way to check if the information is correct nor to check someone's real identity. This could mean that children younger than 7 could access the game. However, what is more concerning is that adults pretending to be children could theoretically be using false information to access the game and be interacting with your child.

'SCARY' CHARACTERS FOR YOUNGER GAMERS

For the most part, Minecraft is not a scary game. Despite this, there are certain characters in the game that younger children in particular may find frightening. Creepers, zombies and various other 'baddies' can be commonplace in some parts of the game and young minds may find it difficult to disassociate them from real life once they switch off the game.

RISK OF GRIEFING

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player during the game. This can be done by ruining somebody's creation or generally doing something to spoil someone's gameplay and can essentially amount to a form of cyberbullying. In open servers, or even private ones among friends, it can be difficult to keep track of who's saying what, and an innocent comment in one person's eyes could be seen as bullying by somebody else. Stealing supplies, destroying things that take hours to build and harassing innocent players can all be commonplace if care isn't taken.



ADDICTIVE NATURE

Minecraft can be an incredibly exciting game but it can also be very addictive. Too much time on the game could impact on your child's behaviour, causing them to become irritable or angry when being asked to stop playing. This might suggest it might be time to enforce some time away from the game. Addictive behaviour can be compounded at a young age and encouraging gaming in moderation is always recommended.



Year Group News - Year 2

In English, we have started our new book *The Last Wolf*. We have been learning about contractions, like how “do not” becomes “don’t” and “cannot” becomes “can’t.” We also talked about rules for going into the woods and how to stay safe. We practised using contractions in our own sentences.

In maths, we have been learning about measurement. We looked at grams and kilograms and found out that kilograms are heavier than grams. We learned that 1 kilogram is the same as 1,000 grams. We compared different objects to see which was heavier or lighter and used scales to measure them.

In DT, we have been using clay to make different shapes and objects. We used our hands to roll, press, and shape the clay. We also used tools to add patterns and details. It was fun to be creative and make our own designs!



Prayer for Forgiveness



Dear God,

Thank you for loving us every day.
We are sorry for the times we make wrong
choices.

Please forgive us and help us to be kind,
to make better choices, and to care for
others.

Amen.