



St Barnabas Newsletter

What a spectacular week at St Barnabas!

Y3 had an amazing time visiting Creswell Craggs on Monday. They explored a cave, reconstructed ice age beasts from their skeletons, created shelters and even hunted a (wooden) wild boar!

On Wednesday we were all truly spoilt with a fabulous Christmas dinner - thanks as always to the wonderful kitchen staff who make this possible!

It was Year 4's turn to visit the Synagogue this week as part of their RE Learning. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

We also had the joy of watching Nativities in Nursery and Reception. The children sang and performed their hearts out! Thanks to all staff who put in so much effort to make it so special.

Pupils have also been visiting St Barnabas Church for various prayer space activities. They took part in a Nativity quiz and fun activities with Bethan.

Finally, on Thursday we cranked up the volume in the hall for our Rock Steady concert! The atmosphere was electric and the performance was amazing. We're so fortunate to have so many talented musicians in the making!

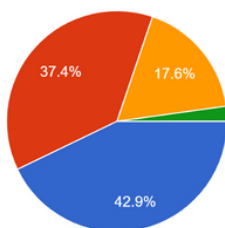
Hope you have a nice weekend. Mrs Grice



Fioretti Culture Survey

Is bullying a problem at school?

91 responses



- It doesn't happen
- It happens and adults are really good at resolving it
- It happens and adults are good at resolving it
- It happens and adults are not good at resolving it
- It happens and adults do nothing



We are pleased that only 2 parents/carers responded negatively to this question on the survey as we are very conscious that bullying could happen at our school but we work hard to resolve if it does unfortunately happen.

We have specific lessons in PSHE to talk about bullying and what to do if it happens. We define bullying as several times on purpose. We encourage any child to go to any adult in school if they are worried - this could be one of their trusted adults.

We also encourage pupils to say stop and help other children by being an upstander not a bystander. If you have any concerns about bullying please see your child's class teacher.

Year 3 Creswell Craigs Visit



Attendance Matters

Attendance	
Whole School (This Week)	93.4%
Nursery	92%
Reception	94%
Year 1	89%
Year 2	90%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	96%

This Week's Winning Classes

Buttercups
95%

Butterflies
97%

Attendance Update

We need to try really hard next week to make sure every year group is above the 96% target.

Our attendance for the week is 93.4%

Our attendance for the year is 95%

GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL REALLY DOES MATTER

DID YOU KNOW?

In a school year if your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately
5 Minutes	3 Days	12 Lessons
10 Minutes	6 Days	24 Lessons
15 Minutes	9 Days	36 Lessons
20 Minutes	12 Days	48 Lessons
30 Minutes	18 Days	72 Lessons

PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE



Attendance Ladder



Church School Spotlight



Inspired
through Jesus

We encourage
ONE ANOTHER
AND **BUILD EACH**
OTHER UP
to be our best selves.

Our Vision

This week we welcomed Reverend Emma to lead our collective worship focused on the celebration of Jesus' birth. We also shared some anti-bullying messages.

What Is Bullying?

To be considered bullying, a behaviour must include the following:

Repetition: Bullying is behaviour that is repeated or has the potential to be repeated.

Imbalance of power: Those who bully use their 'power,' such as popularity, physical strength, age, or verbal attacks to harm or control their target.

Bullying includes:

- o aggressive physical actions
- o verbal abuse such as name-calling
- o spreading rumours
- o excluding a person from a group purposefully
- o harassing someone online through digital platforms, e.g. social media

How to Help

Report what you see or hear. Don't be a bystander.

Respond with kindness and inclusion.

Be accepting of people's differences.

Be a friend to the target of bullying.

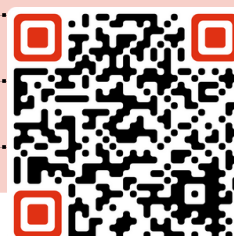
Talk with a trusted adult to let them know what is happening.

Encourage others to act in the same respectful manner.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

DETERMINATION | KINDNESS | CO-OPERATION | FRIENDSHIP | HONESTY

Date	Event	Information
18.12.2023	V5 Christmas Performance	9:30am and 2:00pm
19.12.2023	Christmas Concert	2:00pm Please have tickets ready at the door
20.12.2023	V1-V6 Christmas Panto	
20.12.2023	N-R Christmas Event	
21.12.2023	Christmas Concert	9:30am Please have tickets ready at the door
22.12.2023	Last day of term	School closes at usual time.
08.01.2024	INSET Day	School closed to pupils
09.01.2024	First day of term	School opens to pupils
10.01.2024	V4 Inspire Workshop	9:15am
11.01.2024	Young Voices	
15.01.2024	Nursery Application Deadline	



Subscribe to our calendar

With the weather getting colder, please ensure you send your child to school dressed appropriately for the weather.



Parking

There have been many concerns raised by residents about parking outside the school and surrounding streets.

To improve safety, the Council has painted zig zag and double yellow lines in specific areas outside the school. There should be no stopping or parking in any of these areas. Parking across resident's driveways is also not acceptable.

Please be considerate to our neighbouring businesses and residents when parking and show the children good examples by obeying all the rules.

Thank you.

Prayer of the week

Dear God,
Thank you for our friends. Please keep everyone safe this Christmas.

Amen

Buttercups



Family Time



Each month we would like to capture special family moments on our enrichment board in school and share some on the newsletter, please do however make it clear if you do not wish your photos to be shared, you will still be entered into the raffle.

As a little incentive, for each special moment we receive, we will write the family's name on a raffle ticket ready for a draw at the end of each month. At the end of the school year, we will then plan a really exciting and special trip for the children of our winning families.

We are really hoping families will engage with these activities and that we can celebrate family time moments here at school.

December family time challenge - Make a Christmas tree decoration. Send a picture of your decoration into school



It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings



It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Developed in partnership with



Nurturing ADHD kids

This online 6 week course is free for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD or suspected ADHD

LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Are you trying to support them but find that everyone gives you different advice?

In this 6 week course, you will

- learn about ADHD
- Understand the effect on our mental health
- Understand the reasons behind behaviours
- Gain confidence in advocating for our children
- Learn new strategies
- Help our kids be confident, resilient and be their best selves

Phone: 0731 116 7485

Email: contactus@brewseducation.org

What parents have said about this course

This course is literally game-changing for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone living with a child (or adult) with ADHD. So much misunderstanding, frustration and worry could be prevented if everyone had access to this amazing resource.

Essential course for any parent of a child with ADHD. It changed the way I see my son and my ability to respond to his needs effectively.

Very informative, friendly, no pressure, enjoyable sessions





Nurturing ADHD

Kids

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NEW GROUPS STARTING SOON!

Free online 6 week course for parents and carers

We run our courses every half term.
You can choose to join one that is held in
the evening or one held in the morning.

To find out the dates and times of our next course
and to register, scan this code

or visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/nurturing-adhd-kids-courses-2610449>



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email us directly
Contactus@brewseducation.org
and we
can send you the Zoom link**



Christmas Help Out

**We're here if you need a little extra
help this Christmas**

FOOD PARCELS AND KIDS TOYS

Wednesday 20th December 2023

11am-1pm

St Martins Church Centre

140 Witton Lodge Road

Erdington

B23 5AP