



St Barnabas Newsletter

What an incredible week at St Barnabas! We had parents' evenings on Tuesday and Thursday this week. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to attend. Thanks also to the PTFA for hosting a preloved school uniform sale during both events.

We also held a SEND coffee morning this week in the school library. This was a great opportunity for parents and carers to get a better understanding of SEND strategies in school and engage with the SEND team on an informal level.

The National Service of Remembrance takes place this Sunday. All pupils from Reception to Year 4 attended a special event in school to mark remembrance.

Years 5 and 6 held a remembrance service at St Barnabas church where poppy wreaths were laid at the war memorial, with special guests: Beverly Lindsay OBE, Deputy Lieutenant and Brian, a Service Veteran. After the service, some year 6 pupils met Beverly Lindsay OBE and asked her about her role as a Deputy Lieutenant.

Hope you have a nice weekend. Mrs Grice



Congratulations to MJ who has been awarded his first belt at his kickboxing class



Alice visited the Library of Birmingham to take part in story time with young author Jayce Joyce.

Fioretti Trust Culture Survey 2023

We are asking all our parents or carers, governors and staff to complete our Fioretti Culture Survey, because your opinion matters to us!

We want all our pupils at St Barnabas (Erdington), St Francis (Bournville) and St Mary's (Handsworth) to flourish, so understanding what our schools do well and what we could do to further improve, is important to us.

Please scan the QR code below or copy the link to share your thoughts.

Fioretti Trust



Attendance Matters

Attendance	
Whole School (This Week)	95%
Nursery	93%
Reception	95%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 2	96.6%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	92.6%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	94%

This Week's Winning Classes

BLUEBELLS
98.6%

SPARROWS
98%

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 95%


Our attendance for the year is 95.3%

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



This week we welcomed Bethan to lead our collective worship on remembrance and peace. Children have been reflecting on remembrance and writing prayers this week. We also have a remembrance prayer space.



Poppy wreaths were laid at the war memorial at St Barnabas Church



Pupils met Beverly Lindsay OBE, Deputy Lieutenant and Service Veteran, Brian



OUR SCHOOL VALUES

DETERMINATION | KINDNESS | CO-OPERATION | FRIENDSHIP | HONESTY

A Prayer for Remembrance Day

Heavenly Father, As we gather today, our hearts filled with gratitude and respect, we remember the brave souls who fought with courage and selflessness to keep our beloved Britain safe.

We are here to honour their sacrifices, their valour, and their unwavering spirit.

We pray for the souls of these brave men and women.

May they rest in your eternal peace, knowing that their legacy endures in the freedom and security we cherish today.

Lord, we ask for your wisdom and guidance for our young generations.

May they carry the torch of remembrance with dignity and honour.

Instil in them a deep sense of responsibility, courage, and compassion, so they may grow to be the guardians of peace and protectors of our nation's values.

Let us teach our children the importance of remembrance, not just as a reflection of the past, but as a beacon for the future.

May they understand the sacrifices made for their tomorrow and be inspired to contribute positively to a world that yearns for peace and understanding.

Help us, O Lord, to foster a society where respect, unity, and tolerance prevail.

May we always remember the cost of freedom and strive to uphold the ideals for which many have laid down their lives.

Bless our nation, guide our leaders, and protect our people.

And, on this solemn day of remembrance, let us all recommit ourselves to peace, to justice, and to building a future worthy of the sacrifices made by those we honour today.

In your holy name, we pray.

Amen.

-Prayer by Beverly Lindsay, OBE, Deputy Lieutenant



Good Work

AT ST BARNABAS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL WE LOVE TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS!
HERE ARE SOME OF OUR WONDERFUL PUPILS, WHO HAVE WORKED HARD OR BEEN MODELS OF OUR
VALUES AND ETHOS.
WELL DONE TO ALL AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

TOADSTOOLS



Raheem for his enthusiasm about Remembrance Day and his beautiful poppy.
Well Done!

BUTTERCUPS



Jensen for his determination and focus in Phonics this week, well done!

DAISIES



Ashla for her excellent segmenting and blending. Well done Ashla!

DAFFODILS



Aarush for using his phonics knowledge in his writing - the determination he shows is so amazing.

VIOLETS



Archie for always showing outstanding behaviour and being a fantastic role model.

BLUEBELLS



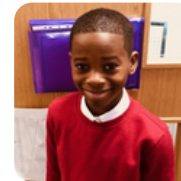
Hajra for her amazing effort and determination to improve her work. Hajra has worked hard during lessons to improve her focus and attention. Well done!

SNOWDROPS



Brody for always showing excellent behaviour and demonstrating all our school values.

BUTTERFLIES



Michael for settling into St Barnabas brilliantly and for the improvement he has made in his writing already!

LADYBIRDS



Amarachi for always being her best self and producing super pieces of work. She always starts the day with a hug and a smile which makes my day! Thank you!

BUMBLEBEES



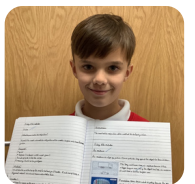
Olivia for her renewed determination to show she is ready to learn - I have been really impressed with her attitude.

DRAGONFLIES



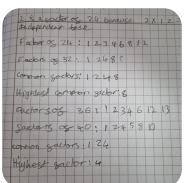
Luca for consistently trying his best in all lessons.

KINGFISHERS



Luca for trying his hardest in every lesson, but especially in science.

SPARROWS



Aayza for her great times table knowledge and application to our maths unit.

ROBINS



Molly for a perfect mark in an arithmetic test and her participation in Maths lessons

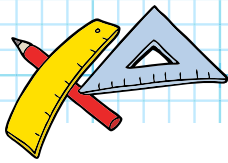
WRENS



Leo for going above and beyond at home with his writing.

MATHEMATICS

BUTTERCUPS Elizabeth	DAISIES Renzo	DAFFODILS Ibrahim	VIOLETS Yusuf
BLUEBELLS Elodie	SNOWDROPS Mason	BUTTERFLIES Riquelme	LADYBIRDS Eleanor
BUMBLEBEES Hannah	DRAGONFLIES Elias	KINGFISHERS Mia	SPARROWS Safiyah
	ROBINS Charlie	WRENS Aliyah	



Diary Dates

Date	Event	Information
13.11.2023	V6 SATs Meeting	9:15am or 4:30pm
15.11.2023	V5 Inspire Workshop	9:15am in the hall
16.11.2023	Reception phonics workshop	2:30pm
17.11.2023	INSET Day	School Closed
24.11.2023	Reception Open Day	9:30am & 1:15pm
24.11.2023	Singing Playground Event	Invitees Only
27.11.2023	School Photos	Individual & Sibling
29.11.2023	Parent Engagement Workshop	9:15am & 2:30pm
01.12.2023	R to V6 Flu Nasal Spray	
02.12.2023	Christmas Fayre	3:00pm to 7:00PM
06.12.2023	Reception Stay & Pray	
07.12.2023	Ikon Gallery Trip	Year 4
07.12.2023	Height & Weight	Reception & Year 6





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



Parking

Please be considerate to our neighbouring businesses and residents when parking on Spring Lane before and after school. Do not block drives or park on the Zigzag lines in front of school.



Subscribe to our calendar

Prayer of the week

Dear God,

Help us to remember those who have died in war.

We pray that we might have a future that is full of peace and not war.

We ask that you help us to live peacefully and to try to forgive our enemies as Jesus taught us to do.

We pray that all those wars still happening today find a peaceful solution and those affected by war have a future of full of peace.

Amen

Butterflies



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.

November family time challenge - Go on an Autumn walk and collect Autumn items for an autumnal art piece - leaves, conkers, pinecones etc.

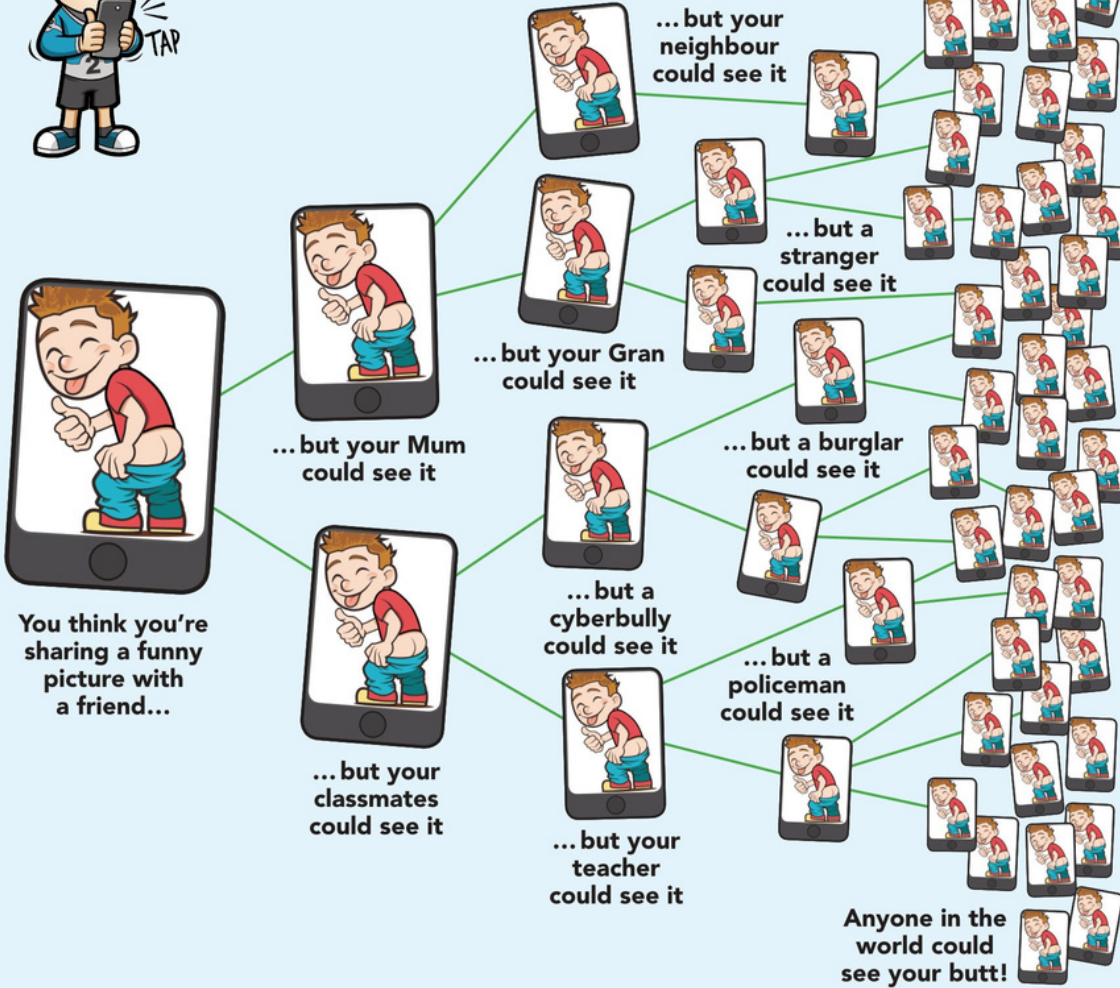
Send a picture of your artwork into school



Parent Guides to Online Safety



THINK before you send!



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

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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Save the Date

16th November 2023 - 09:00am

Compass Support are at St Barnabas

We empower patients to know they are not alone.

Help individuals to feel heard and supported.

Provide access to external services

Aim to improve individuals overall wellbeing and quality of life

Aim to reduce pressure on the NHS, GP surgeries and staff

We could help you with:

- Finances
- Housing
- Social isolation and loneliness
- Mental health
- Family difficulties
- Long Term Health Conditions or Disabilities
- Employment support
- Independent living

Twilight Christmas Fayre

2nd December
3pm - 7pm
St Barnabas School
Spring Lane

Special visit from
Santas Elf too



Come and visit santa
to receive a special
gift as well as taking
part in Christmas
crafting £3.50
(1st come basis due to
time restraints)

Come and visit our little
shopping village and play some
christmas themed games

Sweets, Burger Van,
Coffee stand, Candy floss
Pop corn, milkshakes and cakes

Lucky Dip, Rainbow Raffle,
Lucky Snowman, tombolas

Personalised gifts
Face gems, Glitter tattoos
Hand made gifts, Jewellery,
Charms, toys and stocking fillers

Event stalls available £10

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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

New Loss Workshops

Supporting Families Through Loss

OUR NEW WORKSHOP FOR CHILDREN & GROWN-UPS



Monthly sessions on
Saturday mornings
10-11.30 am

SUTTON BAPTIST CHURCH
METTING ROOMS, B72 1TA

Supporting children to feel safe, seen, soothed & secure

A safe space to support your child through loss. A creative and compassionate community for you and your child to engage in soothing craft and activities.

To register your interest please email: hello@cherisheduk.org