

# St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

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*'Let your light shine'*

We're back for a brand-new school year! It has been amazing to welcome our children back to school this week and see them connecting with old friends, making new friends and enjoying their learning. It is an absolute pleasure to stand on the gate every morning and see our children looking so smart with big smiles on their faces, walking into school each morning. I am really impressed with our children's excellent behaviour and focus on getting back to the important task of learning – every child in our school has already 'let their light shine' in many ways this week. A warm welcome to our new families who have joined us in Nursery, Reception and throughout school. We look forward to working closely together with you and celebrating your children's future successes at St Barnabas – I know there will be many!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Hodgkinson

## Water Bottles

Children are asked to bring a bottle to school filled with water which they can drink throughout the day. Drinking water throughout the day keeps children's brains hydrated and helps them to learn well. Only water is allowed in these bottles, as drinking juice throughout the day causes tooth decay. Children can drink juice with their dinner. If any children persist in bringing juice in their water bottles, parents will be contacted.

## Start and Finish Times

School opens at 8:40am and all children should be in school by 8:45am. Gates are locked at 8:50am and anyone who arrives after this time will need to enter via the school office and be marked as late. At the end of the day, doors open at 3:10pm and all children should be collected by 3:15pm. Being just a few minutes late each day adds up to days of lost learning over a year - BE ON TIME!

## Nut Allergy

Our school is a nut free zone as we have children in school with severe allergies. Please do not send any food in packed lunches containing nuts or traces of nuts, including chocolate spread. Thank you.

## Our Christian Value for this half term is:

### 'Generosity'

*"Remember this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

**This week we pray for all those around the world living in food poverty.**

### **This week's big question is:**

What does it mean to be generous?

2 Corinthians 9 vs 6-8

## Playtime Snacks

We are a healthy school and constantly reinforce with our children that healthy eating and regular exercise lead to positive mental and physical health. Part of this is to educate our children to eat as healthily as possible, as this contributes to future success. The only snacks we allow at playtimes are toast or fruit, these can be brought in from home or toast can be purchased via ParentPay. Thank you for your support.



### Dates for your Diary Autumn Half Term 1

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 Swimming at Orford Jubilee Hub
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 trip to Liverpool World Museum
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 Swimming at Orford Jubilee Hub
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	9:10m Bible presentation for new Reception pupils in St Barnabas Church – parents/carers of reception pupils invited, followed by cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Research.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y5 Swimming at Orford Jubilee Hub
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Jigsaw Festival at St Elphin's Church – all families welcome
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	School Photos
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5 Swimming at Orford Jubilee Hub
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	9am Harvest Worship led by Y5 Parents of Y5 invited
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Y5 Swimming at Orford Jubilee Hub
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu immunisations for reception to Y6 pupils (consent required from parents)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Y5 Swimming at Orford Jubilee Hub
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Book Fair
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October & Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evenings for all classes
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term

### School Term Dates 2023 - 2024

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	School opens
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	School opens
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	School closes for Christmas break
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter break
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday – school closed
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Warrington Walking Day – school closed
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for Summer break





## Staying Safe Online

There is nothing more wonderful than sharing pictures of special moments. However, we need to be alert to the pictures we are sending and what other people can see and access about our lives. For example, can anyone work out where we live or what school our children go to? Our guide this week gives tips on safety considerations, when posting images online.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SHARING PHOTOS ONLINE

School is often a time chock-full of milestones for your child, and you may well be eager to share their accomplishments with the world. In today's digital age, sharing images of such precious moments on social media is commonplace, and – while that's a lovely thing to do – it does come with some risks attached. Our guide can help parents and carers to consider the potential dangers and make informed choices about safely sharing photos of their children online.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### INVASIONS OF PRIVACY

Even with the right settings in place, absolutely nothing online is 100% private. Anyone who can view your photos could take screenshots and potentially share them elsewhere. Privacy settings are still important, though, so it's always wise to ensure your social media accounts have them set up; just bear in mind that you can't completely control what happens to anything once it's gone online.

#### REVEALING PERSONAL DETAILS

Small details in photos can often reveal personal information. Backgrounds can give clues to where you live, for example, while school logos on uniforms, sports kits, or bags could help someone identify which school your child attends. With interactive maps and reverse image searches commonplace online, information like this could easily be misused by an individual with malicious intentions.

#### MISUSE OF IMAGES

Once something's been shared online, it's almost impossible to get it deleted. Photos can show up in search engine results and be downloaded, manipulated, and shared without consent. There's the potential for someone's images to be used for advertising purposes (which in many cases, isn't illegal) or even more inappropriate reasons, such as cyber-bullying or serious forms of exploitation.

#### ONLINE GROOMING

Pictures that convey details about your child's interests, activities, or daily routines could arm an online predator with the kind of information they can deploy to gain a child's trust. They might use this knowledge to pretend to be the same age as the child or to have a shared hobby. Essentially, the more a predator knows about a young person, the easier it is for them to invent some 'common ground'.

#### PRESSURE TO PLEASE

When their parents or carers share notable moments and accomplishments in a child's life on social media, some children may begin to feel an expectation to always meet certain standards, to achieve things, or to behave in ways that are "worth sharing". Knowing that other people (even friends and family) can see these posts on social media might also add to the pressure they're feeling internally.

#### IMPACT ON DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

Every photo of a child posted online contributes to their digital footprint. Young people's lives have never been so closely and publicly documented as they are now, and this permanent online presence could affect a child's future opportunities or the choices they make as they grow up – in addition to influencing how they see themselves and, consequently, their emotional wellbeing.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### REVIEW SETTINGS REGULARLY

Make sure your social media's secure in terms of who can view your content or see your location (only family and trusted friends, for example). Privacy settings aren't totally foolproof, but they do make it tougher for strangers to access your pics. Reviewing your settings regularly is also a good starting point for conversations with your child about managing their own social accounts when they're older.

### CONSIDER OTHER CHILDREN

When taking a group photo, make sure you get parents' or carers' permission to share it on social media. There may be an important safeguarding reason for them not wanting their child's photo posted publicly online, or it might simply not tally with their personal beliefs or cultural background. A quick conversation in advance, just to make sure, is usually hugely appreciated.

### CHECK YOUR PHOTOS

Photos of your child shouldn't provide any clues to where they live or go to school; even a house number, street name, or car number plate could be a giveaway. Cover up or blur out school logos, too. If you really want to share a particular pic, you could post a watermarked or low-res version, which can help to discourage misuse as those images are less appealing to download or reproduce.

### THINK AHEAD

Try to consider the longer-term implications of what you post. Would you be happy with that photo being online in 10 years' time? Would your child still be OK with the image when they're older? Once your child is mature enough, you could ask for their consent before posting; it respects their privacy, fosters trust and understanding, and helps them to start thinking about their own online life.

### Meet Our Expert

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