

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

18/10/2024



'Let your light shine'

It's been an incredibly busy half term at St Barnabas, with so much going on from trips, after school clubs, fundraising organised by our children and children taking on important leadership roles. In school, you will often hear me talking about 'letting your light shine,' and I don't think there has ever been a term when I have seen so many examples of our children living out our vision in so many different ways. From extremely high standards of work, superb sporting achievements, raising money for charity, kindness and support for friends, I could talk all day about the achievements of our children and they just keep getting better and better! A big thank you to our amazing staff team who all work tirelessly to support our children to be the best they can be.

Have a lovely half term everyone – we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 28th October.

Miss Hodgkinson

HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS OUR AMAZING CHILDREN HAVE 'LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE' THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL...



BE ON TIME!

School starts: 8:40am

Children must be in before 8:50 or they will be marked LATE.

Local Authority Attendance Update

The Local Authority will now be issuing fines (fixed term penalty notices) for parents who take children on holidays during term time. The link below will take you to the LA webpage containing information about penalty notices:

[School attendance | warrington.gov.uk](http://warrington.gov.uk)

Attending school on time every day is the best way to ensure your children's future success. Children with good attendance achieve much better in school and go on to get better jobs than those with poor attendance. The government expects all children's attendance to be **at least 96%**.

Here is our class and whole school attendance for last week:

Class	Attendance
YR	94%
Y1	93%
Y2	97%
Y3	95%
Y4	98%
Y5	97%
Y6	99%
Whole School	96%

An amazing week for Y6 who achieved **99%**. Our overall school attendance is above 96%, which means less lost learning time. Well done to all the children who achieved 96% or better.



ST BARNABAS IS ON A BUS!!!

Our school is featured on one of the brand new electric double decker buses in Warrington. If you spot the bus, take a photo of it and send it to the office on Class Dojo. The first 3 families to send in a photo win prizes for their children. Good luck!

Staying Safe Online

This week's message centres around age ratings on films and TV. Many of our children enjoy exploring new themes in films and TV. As our children mature, their curiosity in films and TV grows with them. Our guide this week, breaks down the risks of allowing children to see inappropriate film and TV content at too early of an age and offers some expert advice on how to limit exposure to such material.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Hope'

"Hope is a waking dream"
Aristotle

This week we pray for those who have lost loved ones.

This week's big question:
Do you have to be optimistic all of the time?

Come and join our school family.

We would like to welcome you to look around St Barnabas CE Primary School and have the following open days:

Wednesday 6th November 1.30pm to 3pm

Friday 8th November 9am to 11.30am

If you are unable to make one of the open days we can offer tours of the school upon request, please contact stbarnabas_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk or phone 01925 633606 to arrange.

We look forward to seeing you!



St Barnabas CE Primary School and Nursery

"Outstanding at enabling all pupils to flourish"

OPEN DAYS & TOURS AVAILABLE

www.stbarnabasceprimary.co.uk
stbarnabas_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk Tel: 01925 633606

Starting reception class

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, they are due to start reception class in September 2025.

You will need to apply for a place here:
<https://www.warrington.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions>

Meet and Greet

Don't forget, if you have any issues in the morning or at the end of the day, a member of staff will be outside for you! We have staff available every morning and afternoon at each entrance gate – we can help you with any issues you may have, no matter how small. Please come for a chat if you need to.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN
The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:
U: Suitable for all ages
PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them
12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sex-related themes
15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above
18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?
STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE
Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION
Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE
Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY
It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS
Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST
If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL
Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them; this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS
If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask (and summarise) the story for you, so this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS
Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parent's discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert
John Inshy is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://www.wake-up-wednesday.com/parents-educators-need-to-know-about-horror-films-and-age-ratings>

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The Bread and Butter Thing help people on low incomes to eat more healthily. They have mobile food clubs that provide nutritious meals to help people feed their families for free. They have a location – in partnership with WA5 Good Neighbours, at Sankey Bridges Community Centre. Open: 1:30 – 2pm on Tuesdays
Tel: 07860 063304
<https://breadandbutterthing.org>

Dates for your Diary 2024 - 2025	
Tuesday 3 rd September	School opens
Friday 18 th October	School closes for half term break
Monday 28 th October	School opens
Friday 20 th December at 1:30pm	School closes for Christmas break
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half term break
Monday 24 th February	School opens
Friday 11 th April	School closes for Easter break
Tuesday 22 nd April	School opens
Monday 5 th May	Bank holiday (school closed)
Friday 23 rd May	School closes for half term break
Monday 9 th June	School opens
Friday 27 th June	Warrington Walking Day (school closed)
Friday 18 th July	School closes for summer break

Dates for your Diary Autumn Term	
Friday 18 th October	School closes for half term
Monday 28 th October	School opens
Wednesday 6 th November	1:30 - 3pm Open afternoon for families of children starting school in September 2025
Friday 8 th November	8:45am Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 8 th November	9 – 11am Open morning for families of children starting school in September 2025
Monday 11 th November – Friday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 11 th November	10:45am Y6 to lead Remembrance Worship
Monday 11 th November	Y5 trip to Warrington Museum
Wednesday 13 th November	Y6 trip to Norton Priory
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Saturday 16 th November	12 – 3pm St Barnabas Church Christmas Fair – everyone welcome
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd November	National Road Safety Week
Monday 18 th November	Y5 Fire Safety Visit
Tuesday 26 th November	3:15 Y4 Parents' Meeting about Y4 multiplication check
Thursday 5 th December	Y3&4 advent workshop at Liverpool Cathedral
Friday 6 th December	8:45am Parent Coffee Morning
Tuesday 10 th December	3:15pm Starbooks Christmas Reading Café – everyone welcome
Thursday 12 th December	10am Y2 Nativity performance
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13 th December	Elf Run
Friday 13 th December	Christmas Disco: 3:15 – 4:30pm Reception & Ks1 4:45 – 6:00pm KS2
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Wonderland Trip – Reception, Y1 & Y2
Tuesday 17 th December	3:40pm Christingle Service in St Barnabas Church
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Party Day!
Friday 20 th December	School closes at 1:30pm
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens

ChatHealth

We can help you with mental health, relationships, bullying & more...

Get free confidential & anonymous advice from an NHS Specialist Community Nurse via text:



Young People aged 11-19: Text: 07507 330101



Parents and Carers of children aged 0-5: Text: 07507 327981



Parents and Carers of children and young people aged 5-19: Text: 07480 635994



Have a happy and safe half term from everyone at St Barnabas. School re-opens on **Monday 28th October**.