

# St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

06/12/2024



*'Let your light shine'*

I cannot believe we only have 2 weeks left in school until the Christmas holidays! Advent is one of my favourite times of year in school – there are so many exciting things happening – children are busy preparing for our Nativity play, Reindeer Run and Christingle Service and staff are working tirelessly to plan so many exciting and memorable experiences for our children including Christmas Wonderland trips, parties and Elf Day. In the midst of all the rush, it's really important to stop and remind ourselves what we're really preparing for - the birth of Jesus, light of the world who brings hope, peace, love and joy. I'm really proud that our children are working hard to spread joy to others this Christmastime by raising lots of money for St Rocco's Hospice and other local charities, our Y6 class singing to elderly residents in the community and Warrington Hospital and all our children finding ways to cheer others up and spread kindness.

Have a lovely weekend everyone...19 more sleeps!

*Miss Hodgkinson*

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



### Starting Reception Class

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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>

### Places in St Barnabas Nursery Available

We are now accepting applications for places in our nursery for January 2025.

Please ask the school office for an application form or to make an appointment to look around.

We can also assist with 2-year-old funding applications.

### **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](https://www.warrington.gov.uk/school-attendance)

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	99%
Y2	96%
Y3	97%
Y4	97%
Y5	98%
Y6	96%
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>96.7%</b>

An amazing week for Y1 who achieved **99%** and an excellent week overall, with almost all classes achieving 96% or higher. Our overall school attendance is **96.7%**, which means **less lost learning time**. Well done to all the children who achieved 96% or better.



### Road Safety

We have had a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parking. We appreciate how difficult drop off and pick up times can be but we must stress the importance of road safety – this includes safe parking and safe driving.

We have painted yellow zig zag road markings outside school for a very good reason: *the safety of our pupils*. You must not park or stop even for a moment on these markings. Any car stopped or parked in this restricted area can hide small children who are about to cross the road.

The children may not see approaching cars and approaching motorists may not see the children.

**Please do not stop in the middle of the road to let out your children.**

Thank you for your support.



## St Barnabas CE Primary School and Nursery

*"Outstanding at enabling all pupils to flourish"*

**OPEN DAYS & TOURS AVAILABLE**

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### St Barnabas Countdown to Christmas

Our children have worked incredibly hard this term and let their light shine in many different ways. We have many plans in school to make the last 2 weeks of term exciting, magical and memorable as countdown to Christmas. I thought you would like some more information about all the events that will be taking place over before the end of term.

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>3:15pm Starbooks Christmas Café.</b> All families welcome. Pick up children at 3:10pm then come into the Starbooks Café through the main entrance. No charge. Warm drinks and snacks, Christmas reading activities and a Christmas wreath trail for families to enjoy. <b>'Elfridges Shop will be open selling cute Christmas gifts</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9:15am Y2 Nativity performance</b> All Y2 families invited to watch Drop children off at the classroom, hall will open at 9am for parents Refreshments served
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>1 – 1:45pm Little Movers Nursery Family Christmas Party.</b> Nursery families invited <b>2 – 2:45pm Little Movers Reception Family Christmas Party.</b> Reception families invited
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Jumper Day and Reindeer Run</b> Children will take part in the Reindeer Run to raise money for St Rocco's. <b>Reception and KS1 children</b> can come to school wearing their disco clothes with a Christmas jumper if they wish <b>KS2 children</b> come to school wearing their Christmas jumper with school uniform. Christmas jumpers are optional Reindeer Run sponsor forms and money to be returned to school by 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Discos:</b> <b>3:15 – 4:30pm Reception &amp; Ks1</b> £4 per child (party bag included) <b>4:45 – 6:00pm KS2</b> £3 per child. Children can bring money with them to spend in the tuckshop
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>9:15am Y4 Keyboard Concert</b> parents/carers invited
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Wonderland Trip</b> Reception, Y1 & Y2 – NO CHARGE Coach will return to school at <b>3:45pm</b>
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Dinner for Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y4 and Y5</b> All children in school will get Christmas dinner free of charge, including those who are not eligible for free school meals. Classes not having Christmas dinner on this day will have the normal lunch menu
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>3:40pm Christingle Service in St Barnabas Church</b> All families invited Pick your child up from school at 3:10pm and go to St Barnabas Church for the Christingle service
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Dinner for Y2, Y3 and Y6</b> All children in school will get Christmas dinner free of charge, including those who are not eligible for free school meals. Classes not having Christmas dinner on this day will have the normal lunch menu.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Party Day!</b> Children should come to school wearing their party clothes All party food is provided by school
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Extravaganza trip to the Children's Adventure Farm Trust.</b> Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 Children come to school wearing warm, comfortable clothes. Lunch is provided at the farm. £4 per child, payable on ParentPay
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Elf Day!</b> Children can come to school wearing own clothes/pyjamas/dressed as an elf for a day of fun and games! All children's names entered in a special Christmas prize draw
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>School closes at 1:30pm</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>School opens</b>