

# St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

10/01/2025



*'Let your light shine'*

Happy new year everyone! I hope you have all enjoyed the break with friends and family. It can be hard getting back into the normal routine after Christmas, but I have been incredibly impressed with how well all our children have returned to school – looking smart, focussed, enthusiastic and ready to learn and work hard from the moment they set foot in school on Tuesday. We have another busy term ahead, with a geography focus in our wider curriculum and lots of classes have already immersed themselves in learning and produced some excellent work in our Design Technology week. Designing, making and evaluating an incredible range of work from healthy soup and pasta, textiles designed in the style of William Morris to beach huts.

We have lots of trips and visitors planned, linked to our curriculum, and a focus on positive mental health and well-being. Lots more information to follow in the next few weeks.

On Tuesday I gave out **166** attendance awards for children who achieved over 96% and 100% attendance for the Autumn Term. Overall, our whole school attendance was well above national - this is an incredible achievement and I hope to give out even more awards at the end of the Spring term. Good attendance is absolutely crucial to enable our children to have a happy and successful future – thank you families for your support.

It really is lovely to have our children back at school and see them letting their light shine in so many different ways.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

*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>

### **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)

### 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.

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	91%
Y1	91%
Y2	97%
Y3	94%
<b>Y4</b>	<b>98%</b>
Y5	97%
<b>Y6</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>95%</b>

An amazing week for Y4 and Y6 who achieved **98%**. Our overall school attendance dropped to **95%**, which means more lost learning time. Let's try hard to get back up above 96% again next week.



### Staying Safe Online

Our e safety message is about the JusTalk Kids app aimed at aged 13 and under. It is a platform designed for younger children to be able to interact with a community of their own age. However, with any social media platforms there are hazards and risks. This week's guide gives hints and tips on how to keep children safe and protected.

### Our Christian Value for this half term are:

#### *Respect / Humility*

*"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."*

Philippians 2 vs 3

This week we pray to give thanks for all the people who help us in our lives.

This week's big question:

What should respect look like?

### 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.

### School Term Dates 2024 - 2025

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	School opens
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	School opens
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	School closes for Easter break
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School opens
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank holiday – school closed
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School closes for half term
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	School opens
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Warrington Walking Day – school closed
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for Summer break

### Dates for your Diary

10.1.25	8:45am Parent Coffee Morning – everyone welcome
21.1.25	Reception and Y6 Class Photos
22.1.25	Y5 Fire Safety Visit
3.2.25 - 7.2.25	Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
10.2.25	3:15 – 6pm Parents' Evening and Starbooks Reading Cafe
11.2.25	3:15 – 6pm Parents' Evening and Starbooks Reading Cafe
12.1.25	6pm Confirmation Service for Y4, 5 & 6 pupils
14.2.25	School closes for half term
24.2.25	School opens

## Warrington Football Development



At Penketh High School (Sports Hall)  
Heath Rd, Penketh, Warrington, WA5 2BY  
Starting on Monday 27th January 2025

In association with First Kick Football

School years - Reception & Year 1	6:00pm - 6:45pm
School years - Year 2 & Year 3	6:45pm - 7:30pm
School years - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6	7:30pm - 8:30pm

Dear parents,  
Places are now available to join a new 12-week football course every Monday at Penketh High School, which is open to both boys and girls.

Our courses teach children correct football techniques by FA qualified coaches who have full DBS (CRB) clearance to work with children. The structure for the course is 'FUN through Football', building confidence for total beginners and moving onto more complex sessions for experienced players.

We provide a ball per player for the majority of our drills ensuring children get more touches of the ball and improve quicker than conventional coaching where children are waiting around to have a turn. The sessions are held in the fantastic sports hall so trainers should be worn. Parents are also advised to bring a still drink for the session.

The club has links to local junior teams of which players will be able to play for at the weekend. Players who show advanced ability on the course will be recommended for trials at professional academies. Players who have previously attended courses are currently playing for Preston North End, Blackburn Rovers, Manchester United, Liverpool, Blackpool, Everton, Burnley, Bolton, Oldham, Rochdale and Wigan.

The cost of the course is just £6.25 per week, which is payable in two instalments. The first payment of £25 is due when booking your child on and the second payment of £50 due at the first session. Parents are encouraged to watch the sessions but are welcome to leave children, as every session is fully supervised.

#### \*\*NEW TOURNAMENT FORMAT\*\*

Every four weeks we have a tournament in order for the children to put their new-found skills into practice with medals awarded at the end of the course for various categories.

ALL PLAYERS WILL RECEIVE A TROPHY AND MEDAL at the presentation, which is held on the final week of the course. Additional trophies will also be awarded in each group from categories including; Best Attitude, Star Player, Most Improved Player, Most Promising Player and Hardest Working Player.

To book a place for your child please telephone:

Scott  
0151 363 6503 or 07514 316534  
[www.firstkick.co.uk](http://www.firstkick.co.uk)



We cannot guarantee that the course will run in consecutive weeks  
Please note we have a strict no refund policy once the course has been booked

## GIRLS RUGBY LEAGUE



Use the QR code to get in touch today

WE ARE RECRUITING FOR THE 24/25 SEASON  
COME DOWN TO A TRAINING SESSION

ARE YOU IN YEARS 5 & 6 -  
COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

WE TRAIN AT VICTORIA  
PARK (WINTER TRAINING)  
FRIDAY - 7PM - 8PM



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