

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

21/03/2025



'Let your light shine'

Goodbye Mrs Virdi...

Sadly, we have to say goodbye to Mrs Virdi, who will be leaving on 4th April to take on a new challenge as a family support worker. Mrs Virdi has worked in our nursery since September 2021 and will be very much missed by children, parents and staff. We would like to thank her for being an incredible nursery room leader, for all her hard work and everything she has done to support our youngest children and their families. We wish Mrs Virdi the very best of luck in her new job.

Next week is our **Spring Concert** which will take place at **6pm on Thursday 27th March**. All our children in KS2 will be performing in the show, which is a fantastic opportunity for them to showcase their musical talents and the skills they have been learning in music lessons this year. There will be singing, dancing and music played on a range of instruments. It's going to be an amazing evening... tickets are **FREE** and **available to collect from the school office**. We have reserved 2 tickets for every family with children in KS2, then if there are any spares, we will allocate them to families who request extra tickets. Doors open at 5:30pm and refreshments and raffle tickets will be sold on the night. We look forward to seeing you there.

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...



Places in St Barnabas Nursery Available

We have places available in our nursery for 2, 3 and 4-year-olds. 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 and 15 hours funding applications.

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>

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

BE ON TIME!

School starts: 8:40am

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

Parent Coffee Morning

8:45am on Friday 4th April. This session we will be welcoming **Warrington Wolves** to talk about *Everybody Counts*, a brand new, **free** after school activity for parents and children, the Mental Health Support Team and Torus Housing Foundation. Come along for a cuppa and a chat.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Creativity'

"You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have".

Maya Angelou.

This week we pray for those living in places affected by climate change. Please help us to protect our wonderful planet.

This week's big question is:

Do you always need to make something to be creative?

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	92%
Y1	98%
Y2	92%
Y3	92%
Y4	99%
Y5	96%
Y6	99%
Whole School	95%

A great week for Y1, Y4, Y5 and Y6 with excellent attendance. Our overall school attendance last week was **95%**, which means too much lost learning time.

School Uniform

Trainers should only be worn on PE days.

Black school shoes should be worn on all other days with school uniform. Thank you for your support.



EVERY BODY COUNTS

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES IN WARRINGTON

We provide help and advice for you and your family on...

**Mental wellbeing**

**Nutrition**

**Physical activity**

Every Body Counts

A free programme for children and young people aged 5-16 years* (up to 25 years with special educational needs) and their families. Our programme will help family members make better informed lifestyle choices leading to positive health gains including physical activity, mental wellness and nutrition. Our approach is compassionate and inclusive where our families will feel supported, their needs understood and coached for long term behavioural change.

SCAN BELOW FOR FURTHER INFORMATION



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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.



Baby & Child First Aid

Would you know what to do in an emergency?

2 hour class covers:
CPR, Choking, Bumps, Bleeding, Breaks, Burns, Febrile Seizures & Meningitis Awareness



Friday 28th March 9am - 11am
St Barnabas CE Primary School
Book your **FREE** place by calling the School Office on
01925 633606

Staying Safe Online

Our guide this week focuses on live streaming. Streaming is a major part of children's entertainment. Watching streamers can be interesting, but it comes with risks such as misinformation, negative influences and inappropriate content. There are over 2.5 million viewers on Twitch - the current most popular platform and this can bring many dangers. Our guide gives us hints and tips to keep our children safe.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities - and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.



NEGATIVE INFLUENCES

While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.



FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.



UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.



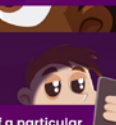
MISINFORMATION

Streamers are, in many ways, just like us - and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.



ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.



Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS

For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that - influencing young minds, for better or for worse.



CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS

While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers - despite many being dogged by controversy.



DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION

Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.



SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS

You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.



Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/streamers>

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School Term Dates 2024 - 2025

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
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

21.3.25	Y3/4 Rugby session
21.3.25	Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
27.3.25	6pm Spring Concert – Y3, 4, 5 & 6 taking part. Tickets are free, 2 per family, please pick up from the school office.
1.4.25	6pm Primary Arts Network Performance at the Parr Hall – Y4 & 5 taking part
3.4.35	Y4 trip to Quarry Bank Mill
4.4.25	8:45am parent Coffee Morning
4.4.25	Reception trip to Chester Zoo
7.7.25	3:15 – 4:30pm Starbooks Easter Cafe
8.4.25	Nursery and Reception Easter Stay and Play Session
9.4.25	10am Whole School Spring Service at St Barnabas Church – all families welcome
9.4.25	Donkeys visiting our school
10.4.25	Nursery - Easter Stay and Play Session
11.4.25	Learn to ride – Y3/4 bikeability session
11.4.25	School closes for Easter break
15.4.25	10am – 2pm Easter Holiday Club
16.4.25	10am – 2pm Easter Holiday Club
17.4.25	10am – 2pm Easter Holiday Club
18.4.25	10am – 2pm Easter Holiday Club
22.4.25	School opens for Summer term



St Barnabas CE Primary School

'Golden Ticket' Easter Raffle

Friday 28th March 2025

Tickets £1 each and are on sale now

1st Prize Warrington Wolves Season Tickets (Adult + Child)

2nd Prize Massive Pokémon Hamper

3rd Prize £25 Just Eat Voucher

And another 32 other prizes including...

* Easter Treats Hamper * Huge Pikachu Soft Toy * Giant Nursery Toy Bundle * Lego Rabbit and Cuddly Toy * Stitch Backpack and Soft Toy * Basketball Hoop * Karaoke Set * Handbag Bundle * Puppy Cuddly Toy * Power Ranger and Money Box * Craft Hamper * 2 x Children's Headphones * Children's Headphone and Party Light * Children's Headphones and Plush toy * Lantern, Candle and Scarf * Fuzzy Duck Toiletries * Toy truck and car sets * Lynx Set and Braces * Pink Bear * Blue Plush toy * Purple Plush toy * Dragonball figurines * 10 further prizes of Pokémon Landorus, Thundurus & Tornadus Card Sets *



Holiday Activities and Food

Are your children on benefit related free school meals?

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If yes, they can attend up to four fully funded holiday activities this Easter. Browse now at warrington.gov.uk. Bookings open 9am on Monday 10 March. Email haf@warrington.gov.uk to find out more.

Not eligible?

Many clubs offer paid places at a reduced rate.



#HAF2025



Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th April

10am to 2pm.