

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

20/06/2025



'Let your light shine'

The next few weeks are some of the busiest and most enjoyable of the school year – we have Walking Day, Health and Lifestyle Fortnight, Sports Day, the Summer Fair and Summer Fun Day, along with lots of trips, sporting events and of course our Y6 Leavers' Party and Service! So, I thought I would write about several of the events each week in the newsletter from now until the end of term so that you know what is coming up.

Walking Day

Warrington Walking Day will be taking place on Friday 27th June 2025. It is a special parade of local schools and community groups; The parade starts at school and walks through town on a special route through the Golden Gates – it is a special event for the whole town with music and spectators - something that makes Warrington unique. School is closed for the day so that we can take part and would love you to join us to celebrate this wonderful event which makes up part of Warrington's cultural heritage. These are the arrangements for the day:

- Meet on the playground at school at 10am
- Children should be dressed in school uniform
- Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer who need to stay with them throughout the event
- We will walk from school to the town hall where we will join the parade
- Parade will finish by 12pm



Summer Fair: Friday 4th July 1:30pm – 3:00pm



We are holding our Summer Fair on Friday 4th July at 1:30pm. It is going to be a fantastic afternoon of fun for all the family. All the money raised will go towards activities and resources for our amazing children, so please come along to support and bring your friends and family too.

Some of the activities on offer are:

- Tombola
- Warrington Wolves rugby ball raffle
- Snacks, drinks, ice-creams
- Face painting and glitter tattoos
- Beat the goalie
- Hook a duck
- Lucky dip
- Inflatable darts
- Ultimate frisbee

The fair starts at **1:30pm**. Children from Nursery to year 4 will need to **be accompanied by an adult** to attend the fair. The school gates will be open from 1:20pm to 1:30pm for you to come to school to collect your child. After 1:30pm you will need to enter through the main entrance. When you have finished enjoying the summer fair, you will be able to take your children with you. The fair will end at 3:00pm.

It's going to be a busy but fun few weeks – we look forward to seeing you at some of our events.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine.

Miss Hodgkinson

Attendance Matters

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%**.

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

A fantastic week for Y6 who have both achieved 98%.

Be on time!

Being on time to school every day is really important. Children who are late miss vital learning and are picking up bad habits that could affect their future employability. Being just a few minutes late each day builds up to large amounts of lost learning over a school year. If your child is late twice within a 2-week period, you will be contacted to discuss how we can support you to get to school on time.

10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 days

Healthy Packed Lunches

If you do opt to send your child to school with a packed lunch, we do encourage to make healthy choices when preparing this: A healthy packed lunch should consist of:

- Fruit and vegetables
- Unrefined starchy food - for example multigrain bread, pasta or rice
- Sources of protein - meat, fish, eggs, beans etc.
- Milk or other dairy foods - i.e., cheese
- A small amount of fat, sugar and salt
- Water, milk or juice



Please be aware that we are a nut free school. We have children at school who have very severe nut allergies and would require medical assistance if they came into contact with nuts. Therefore, please ensure that your child's packed lunch does not contain any nuts and check ingredients if you are not sure.

Water Bottles

Children are asked to bring a bottle to school filled with water which they can drink through 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.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Truthfulness'

"No issue is more urgent than that of returning thanks."

James Allen

This week we pray for those who are living in parts of the world affected by extreme poverty.

This week's big question is:

What opportunities do I have that I am thankful for?



School Uniform

Wearing the correct school uniform is really important. Sometimes people question why we are tough on uniform but we believe it teaches the children, at an early age, the importance of looking smart and the importance of wearing the correct clothes where required - all skills needed for high school and later, the workplace. Also, our school has a great reputation in the local area - visitors always comment on our children's excellent manners, behaviour and uniform. How our children dress and look on the streets contributes towards this positive image too. Unfortunately, the uniform standards of a number of children have dropped recently and they are coming to school wearing trainers. **Trainers** should only be worn on **PE days**. The correct PE uniform should be worn on PE days, not cycling shorts (see picture below.) If you are struggling to get the correct uniform, we are happy to help and have uniform supplies in school. Please contact Mrs Fisher at school via ClassDojo or by calling 01925 633606.



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Staying Safe Online

Our guide this week looks at YouTube Kids, which promises a safe and child-centric experience with colourful visuals, age-filtered content and robust parental controls. The app has grown rapidly. Even though the platform has safeguards, there is still inappropriate content that can slip through filters; subtle advertising and manipulative design. Our guide supports parents to help their children get the most out of the platform in a safe way.

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 YOUTUBE KIDS

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



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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 30 hours funding applications.

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.

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. 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>



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



This half term is the busiest ever, with so many activities and special events taking place – Please make sure you check the diary dates each week.

Dates for your Diary	
Friday 27 th June	Warrington Walking Day – school closed If you are joining the Walking Day parade, meet at school at 10am.
Monday 30 th June – Friday 11 th July	Health and Lifestyle Fortnight
Tuesday 1 st July	Sports Day – Reception 9am Y1 and 2 10am Y3 and 4 11:20am Y5 and 6 2pm
Wednesday 2 nd July	Moving Up Day – all classes
Wednesday 2 nd & Thursday 3 rd July	Y6 transition days (Y6 children visiting the high school they will be attending from September)
Friday 4 th July	8:45am Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 4 th July	1:30pm – 3pm Summer Fair
Wednesday 9 th July	Y3 trip to the Dewa Museum, Chester
Wednesday 9 th July	4:45pm Children's University Graduation at St Elphin's Church
Wednesday 9 th July	6pm Y6 Leavers' Party
Wednesday 16 th July	2pm Y6 Leavers' Service
Friday 18 th July	Summer Fun Day