

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

11/07/2025



'Let your light shine'

Only one week to go until the end of the school year...I cannot believe how quickly this year has flown by! A massive thank you to everyone who has supported our summer events, including our sports day and summer fair – all the money raised goes directly to fund exciting events and activities for our children – thank you for your generosity.

Our year six pupils received their SATs results this week – all our pupils have made outstanding progress and their achievement is well above the national average in all subjects - this is the result of many years of hard work and perseverance and I couldn't be more proud of them all. Our results are some of the best in Warrington.

All our children throughout the school have worked extremely hard and had a really successful year, so next Friday is our FUN DAY. Children can come to school in non-uniform, play lots of games and we have a visit from the ice-cream van so I can buy everyone an ice-cream as a thank you for letting their light shine this year.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and enjoy the sun while it is letting its light shine!!

Miss Hodgkinson

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



New Y4 teacher

This week we have appointed our new year 4 teacher – her name is Miss Foster and she will be coming into school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week to get to know the children – she is really excited to join our St Barnabas team.

Stay safe this summer

Whether you're staying at home or going on holiday this summer, make sure you are being safe in and around the water.

What to do if you see someone in trouble

Shout – "Are you in trouble? Can you swim towards me, or stand up?"

Reach – find a long object that you can let go of, to try and reach the person. Lie down or crouch so you aren't pulled in too.

Throw – throw something to help keep them afloat - throwlines (floating lines), footballs, and life rings are great options.

Don't go – Never go into the water yourself; keep eyes on them and call 999 immediately.

If you're in trouble, Float to Live - lie on your back, keeping your mouth above the surface, and try to gently move to safety. Stay calm.

For more information and life-saving tips, visit: <https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/your-safety/water-safety/>
Have a very happy, and safe, summer!

From Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service

Attendance at the start of the Autumn Term

Attending school every day is important for your child's future success. Being in school from day 1 in the Autumn term ready to settle into a new year group and get to know a new teacher is CRUCIAL. Last year we had a few families who were still away on holiday at the start of the Autumn term and children missed out on those vital first few days. Learning and progress start from day 1. Please ensure your child is back at school on **Tuesday 2nd September**.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Thankfulness'

"A grateful mind is a great mind which eventually attracts to itself great things." - Plato

This week we pray to say thank you for our beautiful planet.
Please help us to take good care of it.

This week's big question is:
Do we only ever do kind things for thanks?



Term Dates for the Academic Year 2025 – 2026

Term	First Half Term	Half Term Break	Second Half Term
AUTUMN	Tuesday 2 nd September to Friday 24 th October	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October inclusive	Monday 3 rd November to Friday 19 th December

Christmas Holiday Monday 22nd December 2025 to Monday 5th January 2026 inclusive

Term	First Half Term	Half Term Break	Second Half Term
SPRING	Tuesday 6 th January to Friday 13 th February	Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February inclusive	Monday 23 rd February to Thursday 2 nd April

Easter Holiday Friday 3rd April to Friday 10th April 2026 inclusive

Term	First Half Term	Half Term Break	Second Half Term
SUMMER	Monday 13 th April to Friday 22 nd May	Monday 25 th May to Friday 5 th June inclusive	Monday 8 th June to Friday 17 th July

Closure Days	BANK HOLIDAY Monday 4 th May 2026
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WARRINGTON WALKING DAY Friday 3rd July 2026

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.

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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information.**

6 Week Course
Mon - Fri

Daily sessions

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am
2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

www.studysmartuk.online

Staying Safe Online

Our guide this week looks to the world of Artificial Intelligence (AI). It's not only reshaping the way we learn, but is reshaping scammers' tactics. AI can produce convincing phishing emails and fabricate influencer videos. Our guide this week looks at several AI-enabled dangers, and tips for verifying content. This will support people of all ages informing about deepfake audio and videos to fake job offers.

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 AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

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.

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>






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.



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	
Wednesday 16 th July	2pm Y6 Leavers' Service
Thursday 17 th July	2:30pm Y4 keyboard concert
Friday 18 th July	Summer Fun Day This is a non-uniform day...the ice cream van will be visiting....
Friday 18 th July	School closes for summer break
Monday 21 st – Thursday 24 th July	Holiday Club at St Barnabas
Monday 28 th – Thursday 31 st July	Holiday Club at St Barnabas
Monday 11 th July – Thursday 14 th August	Holiday Club at St Barnabas
Monday 18 th – Thursday 21 st August	Holiday Club at St Barnabas
Tuesday 2 nd September	School opens



Communities and Wellbeing


Summer Holiday Football Camp

21st July – 29th August 2025

Activities

Monday: Training day
Tuesday: Mini league day
Wednesday: Training day
Thursday: Mini Champions League day
Friday: Trophies day

SCAN HERE TO JOIN



07778 222 972

Whitecross Community & Recreation Centre,
Lexden Street, Warrington WA5 1PT

WARRINGTON WOLVES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S

SUMMER CAMPS



5TH AND 6TH AUGUST

Venue: Culcheth Eagles Rugby Club, WA3 5EU
9:45AM UNTIL 3PM

13TH AUGUST

Venue: Halliwell Jones Stadium, WA2 7NE
9:45AM UNTIL 3PM

19TH AND 20TH AUGUST

Venue: Padgate Campus, WA2 0DB
9:45AM UNTIL 3PM

ANY QUERIES, EMAIL:
emilytandy@warringtonwolvesfoundation.com



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Minimum age - 4 years

We have free Charity places in
the Junior Race for our younger
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that you raise a minimum
sponsorship of £30.

A parent/guardian can
run alongside for support.

Junior runner will
receive a medal



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Holiday Activities and Food

Are your children
on benefit related
free school meals?

Scan me



If yes, they can attend up to 16 funded
sessions this summer. Bookings will go live on
Wednesday 25 June at 9am.
Email haf@warrington.gov.uk to find out more.

Not eligible?

Many clubs offer paid places at a reduced rate.



#HAF2025



St Joseph's Family Centre

St Barnabas Summer Holiday Activity Club

10am to 2pm on the following dates:

Mon 21st Tues 22nd Wed 23rd Thurs 24th July

Mon 28th Tues 29th Wed 30th Thurs 31st July

Mon 11th Tues 12th Wed 13th Thurs 14th August

Mon 18th Tues 19th Wed 20th Thurs 21st August

Our Summer Holiday Club will be run
by Dawn and Lauren from St
Joseph's Family Centre.

Please scan the QR code to book
your child's place.



WARRINGTON'S LOCAL
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LCEP NEWS

SUMMER
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FOR FAMILIES

Warrington's Local Cultural Education Partnership (LCEP) is delighted to share our second newsletter with families across Warrington, with a spotlight on Warrington Arts Festival taking place this July!

Warrington's Local Cultural Education Partnership (LCEP) is a collaborative initiative that brings together schools, cultural organisations and community partners to enhance cultural education opportunities for children and young people. These partnerships aim to ensure that all young people, regardless of their background or location, can access high-quality arts and cultural experiences.

Each term we hope to connect with families across Warrington, letting them know about the cultural and creative activities happening across our wonderful town!

WARRINGTON FULL PROGRAMME ARTS FESTIVAL

An alien invasion, a life-sized knitted house and a nostalgic nod to iconic nightclub Mr Smiths are among the eclectic highlights for the return of Warrington Arts Festival this July.

The vibrant annual event, hosted by arts charity Culture Warrington, has revealed its full programme for a summer town centre takeover with a series of performances and installations coming to a variety of venues and pop-up spaces over nine days.

LCEP NEWS IS FOR YOU, SO LET US KNOW IF YOU'D LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE!

Got a story you want to shout about?

An opportunity you'd like to share?

A big win you need some help celebrating?

CONTACT US AT: LMERCER@CULTUREWARRINGTON.ORG



WARRINGTON 18-26
ARTS FESTIVAL JULY 2025

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ARTS FESTIVAL



SUNDAY 20 - SATURDAY 26 JULY
WAVES, GRANDMA'S HOUSE

A full-scale, knitted sculptural installation by Associate Artist Marie Jones, depicting her grandmother Margaret's home in Great Sankey!

Floating down from the rigging at Parr Hall, Marie invites visitors to walk through the front door, between the walls and into the rooms used most by her grandma.

Parr Hall

SATURDAY 19 & SUNDAY 20 JULY, 12PM-5PM

FAMILY GARDEN PARTY

Join us for a weekend bursting with creativity, performance and garden-themed fun.

Enjoy the spectacular Farmyard Circus, meet the Seedkeepers and Meadow Sprites, plant your own sunflower seedling and much more.

Queen's Gardens, outside Parr Hall



MONDAY 21 JULY, 10AM-12PM & 1PM-3PM

EARLY YEARS TAKEOVER, MUSEUM ALIVE

A day of play for 0-5 years. Be wowed by Goofus Theatre Company as they present a magical, interactive performance for your little ones.

Come meet our baby dinosaurs, relax in our sensory space, take part in a fossil dig, dance the day away at our family disco and have a scribble on our giant doodle wall and floor!

Warrington Museum & Art Gallery



SATURDAY 26 JULY, 8:45PM

STARSaucer

Don't panic but a flying saucer has been spotted in Warrington! Where do these intergalactic visitors come from, and what do they want? Like all the greatest paranormal mysteries, no one knows. But if you come to the landing site at Bank Park, we can promise you something strange and spectacular.

Bank Park, next to the Town Hall



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sky Garden Events

Thu 19 Jun 10.30am - 12pm | Free, Drop-in
Adult botanical drawing

Fri 25 Jul 10.30am - 2.30pm | Free, Drop-in
Eco Arts Day
Family theatre sessions at intervals throughout the day

Thu 31 Jul 10.30am - 11.30am | Free, Bookable
Yoga
By Soul Space Chester

Tue 12 Aug 2.30pm - 3.30pm | Free, Bookable
Sound bath
By Soul Space Chester

Tue 26 Aug 10.30am - 12.30pm |
£5 donation per car
Clothes swap and luggage rummage

Sat 27 Sep 10am - 1pm | Free, Drop-in
Harvest festival

PARR HALL FOR FAMILIES

THURSDAY 31 JULY

MILKSHAKE! LIVE - ON HOLIDAY



SATURDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

DINOSAURS LIVE!

FROM THE HOME OF THE DINOSAURS



WOLFPRINT AT THE MOVIES

On Saturday 17 May, Wolfprint took to the stage and performed in 'A Night At The Movies', the audience was dazzled, and talents were displayed with pride. This event kick started the Warrington Wolves Community Foundation's 20th Anniversary celebrations!

Wolfprint is the Warrington Wolves Community Foundation's arts and performance programme for individuals with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities. For more information about these sessions and what else the Foundation offers, please contact amellatitchard@warringtonwolvesfoundation.com



Summer Reading Challenge

Story Garden

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THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- 95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

VOLUNTEER CALLOUT

To help with children's events and activities for The Summer Reading Challenge

AGED 14-25

For more information contact
libteam@livewirewarrington.org



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