

# St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

18/07/2025



*'Let your light shine'*

After 11 years' of service at St Barnabas, Mrs Wright will be leaving us today. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank Mrs Wright for her hard work and dedication to our children, and to wish her luck in her new career.

After 25 years of service at St Barnabas, Mrs Longden is also saying goodbye to St Barnabas today. Mrs Longden is one of our longest serving members of staff and has taught many children throughout our school from nursery to year 6, past and present, enabling them to 'let their light shine.' She will be very sadly missed by the whole of our school community; we all wish her happiness for the future.

It's been such a busy end to the term, but one that has left us feeling happy and proud. Just in the last week we have enjoyed a superb performance by year 4 during their keyboard concert and an emotional leavers' service performed by year 6, who achieved the most incredible SATs results. Our children have achieved so much this year, both individually and collectively – I am unbelievably proud of them all. Every single pupil in our school has let their light shine brightly, so today we've had ice-cream as a reward!

I would like to thank all our families for your support this year. I would also like to thank our staff team who work exceptionally hard to enable our children to be the best they can be. Our children just keep going from strength to strength and I am extremely excited for the new year and successes it will bring for our children.

Have a happy and safe summer break everyone...don't forget our holiday club is running for 4 weeks of the summer holidays starting on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July.  
*Miss Hodgkinson*

## Goodbye Year 6

Today is also tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to our incredible year 6 as move on to the next stage of their learning journey. They have had incredible success in our school and have really shown they embody our school values. I feel privileged to have known them and extremely proud to be sending such a group of talented individuals on to have continued success in the future. Their high schools are extremely lucky!



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





### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> September**.

### Y4 Musicians

Year 4 demonstrated their musicianship during an amazing concert yesterday. They showcased their keyboard playing, which they have been working really hard to practise all year, along with a selection of songs, dancing and even performed songs they had composed themselves. It was a passionate and spirited performance, with the whole audience dancing and singing along. We definitely have some future stars at St Barnabas!

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

#### *'Thankfulness'*

This week we pray for our year 6 pupils as they move on to high school. 'Be strong and brave...do not be afraid. The Lord, your God, will be with you wherever you go.'

Joshua 1:9

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever"  
Psalm 107:1

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



### St Barnabas Holiday Club

It's still not too late to sign up for the Holiday Club

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 St Joseph's Family Centre

## St Barnabas Summer Holiday Activity Club

10am to 2pm on the following dates:

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> July

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> July

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> August

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> 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.



**All the staff at St Barnabas would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summer break.**

**School re-opens on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**



## Staying Safe Online

Our safety message this week centres around water safety, as we enter the summer holidays. Our guide this week gives 10 clear, practical tips in supporting children to be safe around water. The guidance is supported by the Royal Life Saving Society UK, giving advice on what beach flags mean and learning to float and call in an emergency.

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](https://nationalcollege.com).

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators STAYING SAFE AROUND WATER

Enjoying time in, on, and around water plays a vital role in a young person's overall development, offering a healthy and exhilarating way to have fun. This guide outlines essential safety advice, based on the Royal Life Saving Society UK's Water Safety Code, to help ensure children can enjoy swimming and similar activities safely and responsibly.

## 1 STICK TO LIFEGUARDED AREAS

It's never advisable to enter unsupervised bodies of water, especially alone. Instead, it's considered best practice to accompany children to places with lifeguards, as they will be trained to respond swiftly in emergencies and provide first aid when needed.



## 2 LEARN SIGNS AND FLAGS

When going to a new environment, it's important to research the local area and make children aware of safety signage before entering the water. If visiting the seaside, make sure children are always supervised by an adult and that they know what different beach flags mean, so they're knowledgeable of where and when they can enter the sea.



## 3 STOP AND THINK

Young people should be cautious before entering water, as it's difficult to know what hazards could be underneath. Use the Water Safety Code and encourage children to ask themselves questions such as, "Is the water too deep or too shallow? Are there currents, tides, or underwater objects?" Make sure children know never to enter water from a height, as what lurks below could cause serious injuries.



## 4 CONSIDER WATER TEMPERATURE

Even on hot days, water can be deceptively cold. Tragedies strike when young people experience cold water shock. Never let children enter water quickly; instead, ensure that they enter slowly and carefully to allow their bodies to adjust to the temperature or exit easily if needed.



## 5 INFLATABLE SAFETY

Although inflatables may seem like a fun idea when visiting locations like the beach, they can float further out from shore and into more dangerous water. It's advisable only to use inflatables in spaces like appropriately managed swimming pools, where they're used in more controlled and supervised environments.



## 6 SUPERVISION IS KEY



For young children, and particularly those under the age of five, it's important for them to be supervised at home, outside and at the pool at all times. It's essential for parents and educators to understand that young children can drown quickly and silently; therefore, anyone supervising them must maintain constant watch in case they get into difficulty.

## 7 DON'T GO TOO FAR



When swimming, especially in open water, it's best to teach children to stay within a safe depth. Share advice with them such as only entering water up to a standing depth, and in the case of visiting the beach, swim parallel to shorelines. This will allow a child to stay in control and get out of the water easily.

## 8 KEEP POOLS AND TUBS DRAINED



For parents of young children, a simple way to protect them at home is to keep outdoor spaces and bathrooms tidy after playtime. This includes removing water from paddling pools after use and turning them over, returning lids to hot tubs and taking toys out of baths, so all water can be fully drained from the tub.

## 9 FLOAT AND CALL 999



If a child gets into difficulty in the water, they should try to float on their back, stay calm, and call for help. If a young person sees someone else in trouble, they should dial 999 or 112 immediately, then shout to reassure their friend, encouraging them to float on their back, and letting them know that help is on the way. Children should never enter the water to attempt a rescue or retrieve belongings.

## 10 TEACH WATER SAFETY



Beyond swimming lessons, children should be educated in school on water safety. Use RLSS UK's accredited programme, 'Water Smart Schools', which offers free lesson plans and resources on how to be safe on, near and around water by following the Water Safety Code.

## Meet Our Expert

The Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) is a national water safety charity that gives children the chance to enjoy a lifetime of fun in the water, safely. Water safety education provided in schools is vital and, in some instances, could be a child's only opportunity to learn about the water.



The National College



## 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!

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Communities and Wellbeing

## Summer Holiday Football Camp

21st July - 29<sup>th</sup> 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



**5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

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

**13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

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

**19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

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

**ANY QUERIES, EMAIL:**  
[emilytandy@warringtonwolvesfoundation.com](mailto:emilytandy@warringtonwolvesfoundation.com)





# Run For #TeamMiniRoccos

## Warrington Running Festival 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025



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### Term Dates for the Academic Year 2025 – 2026

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

Christmas Holiday Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 inclusive

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

Easter Holiday Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026 inclusive

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

Closure Days

BANK HOLIDAY Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

WARRINGTON WALKING DAY Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026



## 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](mailto:haf@warrington.gov.uk) to find out more.

Not eligible?

Many clubs offer paid places at a reduced rate.



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WARRINGTON'S LOCAL  
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CULTURE WARRINGTON

**LCEP  
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**SUMMER  
EDITION**

**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 ARTS FESTIVAL FULL PROGRAMME

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](mailto:LMERCER@CULTUREWARRINGTON.ORG)



**WARRINGTON ARTS FESTIVAL** 18-26 JULY 2025

ART | DANCE | THEATRE | MUSIC

WARRINGTON 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 littles 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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**LCEP NEWS**

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**

**sky Garden Events**

## 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](mailto:amellatitchard@warringtonwolvesfoundation.com)



**LCEP NEWS**

Summer Reading Challenge

**Story Garden**

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Live 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](http://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](mailto:libteam@livewirewarrington.org)



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