



St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Spring 2—Week 2—2024/25



Each week, children who display exemplary learning behaviours are chosen as our **stars of the week**.

This week our stars of the week are:

- Nursery** - Haylie
- Reception**—Orianna
- Year 1** - Mikhail
- Year 2** - Lawson
- Year 3**—Fox
- Year 4** - Maryam
- Year 5**- Adam
- Year 6** - Jessica



Important Dates

11th March —Year 4 Great Exhibition Workshop

13th March —Year 4 Visit to British Museum

13th March —Y5 STEM Challenge Day

17th March —Dr Mali Dentist Offer—Rec-Y3

24th March —Big Walk & Wheel Week

25th March —Year 5 Visit to Golden Hinde

25th March —Year 6 Visit to Junior Citizenship Scheme

25th March —Chess Tournament (Selected Pupils)



Our value this term is **'Hope'**

This week our value stars are:

- Nursery** - Raya
- Reception**—Leonardo
- Year 1** - Victoria
- Year 2** - Yemariam
- Year 3** - Ayub
- Year 4** - Luke
- Year 5**- Ava
- Year 6** - Alex



This week our attendance statistics are:

- Nursery**—91.3%
- Reception** - 92%
- Year 1**- 86.9%
- Year 2** - 97.5%
- Year 3** - 82.4%
- Year 4** - 94.7%
- Year 5**- 81%
- Year 6** - 96.1%

The winning class is:

Year 2





Our Value for This Term Is:

Celebrating HOPE at St Barnabas and St Philip's

At St Barnabas and St Philip's, we celebrate the value of Hope – the belief that better things are ahead and that with hard work, faith, and perseverance, we can make a difference in our lives and in the lives of others. Hope is the light that guides us through challenging times, helping us to remain positive and motivated as we work toward a brighter future.



Why is Hope Important?

Hope is the foundation of resilience. It helps us to remain optimistic, even in the face of adversity, knowing that positive change is always possible. When we hold onto hope, we inspire others to do the same. It encourages us to work together, dream big, and trust in our abilities to overcome obstacles and achieve our goals. At school, hope fuels our passion for learning, growing, and supporting one another.

Ways to Practice Hope at Home

Here are a few simple ways children can nurture hope with their families and friends. We encourage you to make these moments a regular part of your lives, reflecting on how they bring positive change:

- **Goal Setting Together:** Sit down as a family and talk about your hopes and dreams for the future. Help each other set realistic goals and discuss the steps needed to achieve them. Celebrate every little progress and encourage perseverance, even when things get tough.
- **Gratitude Journals:** Keep a family gratitude journal where everyone writes down one thing they're grateful for each day. Reflecting on the positives in our lives can help to create a hopeful mindset and strengthen the sense of community.
- **Sharing Positive Stories:** Share stories or experiences that highlight the power of hope. Whether it's through books, films, or real-life examples, let the stories inspire and remind everyone that hope is the key to overcoming life's challenges.

As we focus on Hope this term, let's remind ourselves that every step forward, no matter how small, brings us closer to making a difference. By practicing hope in everyday actions, we can build a school community where everyone feels empowered, optimistic, and ready to create a better tomorrow.





Second Hand Uniform Sale



We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Second-Hand Uniform Sale on **Tuesday 11th March 2025**, in the playground after school.

This is a great opportunity to purchase quality pre-loved uniform at a reduced price while also supporting our school community.

If you have any uniform that your child has outgrown and would like to donate before the sale, please drop it off at the main office at your earliest convenience. Donations should be clean and in good condition.

We will accept cash and card payments.

Thank you for your support—we look forward to seeing you there!





Healthy Eating

We are incredibly proud to that our school has a **Healthy School Gold Status**, for all our work around Healthy Eating. Please see the below regarding healthy eating at our school:

After School Snacks:

A helpful reminder regarding the snacks provided to children during our after-school club. As you know, our school is dedicated to promoting a healthy lifestyle among our students. To support this commitment, we kindly request that all snacks brought to the after-school club adhere to our healthy eating guidelines.

To assist you in selecting suitable options, here are some suggestions for nutritious and appealing snacks that you can pack for your children:

- Fresh fruits such as apples, bananas, grapes, and berries
- Vegetable sticks like carrots, cucumber, and bell peppers, possibly with hummus for dipping
- Whole grain crackers or rice cakes
- Low-fat yoghurt or fromage frais
- Whole grain sandwiches or wraps with healthy fillings like lean meat, cheese, or vegetables
- Cheese slices or cubes
- Dried fruits like apricots, raisins, or cranberries (ensuring they are free of added sugars)
- Popcorn (plain and unsweetened)
- Smoothies made from fresh fruits and vegetables



Birthday Sweets/Cakes

It is against our Healthy Eating policy to bring in cakes/sweets for children's birthdays.

We ask that to celebrate birthdays you bring in fruit cups, or a healthy alternative to sweets/cakes.

Fruit Snacks

In EYFS/KS1 we provide fruit snacks for the children and there is no requirement for you to bring anything into school for your child. However, we are aware that some parents choose to add an additional fruit snack.

If you choose to bring your child grapes, these must be cut in half for children due to health and safety for children up to the age of 7.

Nut Free

Please note that our school is a nut-free environment to ensure the safety of all our students. Any snacks containing nuts will not be allowed.

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a healthy and safe environment for our children. Should you have any questions or require further clarification on suitable snack options, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.





School Church Services

We appreciate that we are able to visit both St Barnabas and St Philip's each term.

Our remaining service date for Spring Term is:

Thursday 3rd April 2025 —
St Barnabas Service

We invite all parents/carers to join us for these services, but ask that you join us at the church.

Staff are accompanying the children on the walk and having parent's there can sometimes be a little distracting.





Earls Courtiers Auditions!

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Sound
of
Music

EARLSCOURTIERS
AUDITIONS NOW OPEN
Tuesday 18th March 4pm-6pm
Wednesday 19th March 4pm-6pm
Thursday 20th March 4pm-6pm

All auditions will take place
between 4pm-6pm. To book a slot
complete our form on our website
earlscourtcommunitytrust.com/soundofmusic

**Lots of roles for young and old!!
Casting two von Trapp families**

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MIND

Parents & Carers' Forum

The Mental Health Support Team in Westminster is organising the next Parents & Carers Forum. We believe in providing parents and carers with a platform where their voices and views can be seen, heard and valued.

WHEN?

Monday 10th March
4:30pm to 5:00pm
on MS Teams.

£10 Sainsbury's
voucher for
participating

You will have the opportunity to:

- Learn about our support and other services available in Westminster and Kensington & Chelsea.
- Give your feedback on the support from Mental Health Support Team.
- Talk to other parents and carers about the needs of children and young people in Westminster as well as Kensington and Chelsea, and what support is needed to improve children and young people's wellbeing.



For more information or to receive the meeting link, please email:
mhsteam@wclmind.org.uk

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Summer Dates 24/25

To help families plan ahead, please take note of the following important dates for the summer term:

- **Spring Term 2 Parent Meetings** – Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd April (3.40pm–6.10pm)
- **End of Spring Term 2** – Thursday 4th April (school closes at 1.30pm)
- **Return for Summer Term 1** – Monday 22nd April (from 8.40am)
- **Year 6 SATS National Assessments** – Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May
- **Half Term**— 26th May—30th May
- **Year 1 National Phonics Screening Check** – Monday 9th – Friday 13th June
- **Year 4 National Multiplication Check** – Monday 9th – Friday 13th June
- **Class Photographs** – Monday 16th June
- **Sports Day** – Thursday 3rd July (9.15am–3.00pm)
- **Year 6 Production** – Thursday 10th July (5.30pm)
- **Summer Fair** – Friday 11th July (3.30pm-5.00pm)
- **End of Summer Term**—Friday 18th July (school closes at 1.30pm)

Please ensure these dates are in your diaries.





Donations and School Support

We are incredibly thankful to all the parents/carers who regularly donate to our school community - whether it be through time, bringing in used uniform or books, or through monetary donations.

We would like to bring to your attention several other ways in which you can donate to the school if you are able to:

Amazon Wish Lists

Reading Wish List: <https://amzn.eu/cw44tXq>

Maths Wish List: <https://amzn.eu/70gz5eg>

Easy Fundraising:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/sbsp/?searchSessionId=fbb5681c-3de9-4b02-813e-cd0fc9f3548b>





Governors Fund 24-25

As you may be aware, we are a voluntary aided Church of England Primary School with approximately 210 pupils. We are devoted to providing our pupils with the best possible learning environment based on decent morals and values, and we are proud to have served our community for over a century.

As a Church of England School, we are required to contribute an annual maintenance fee to the London Diocese Board for School. This fee allows the school to effectively benefit from the LDBS maintenance scheme that provides 90% of the overall cost for approved capital projects including redevelopment of the existing facilities and major refurbishments.

Over the years, our pupils have benefitted from a range of capital projects, including, a new bridge linking two blocks, a fully equipped school kitchen, music room, Computing suite, library, refurbished classrooms, new toilets, a new roof and skylights.

I am sure you will appreciate, it is vital for our pupil's education, that we provide them with the best facilities possible. This can only be achieved through the kind generosity of parents, and though the fee per pupil is voluntary, we ask all parents to contribute £45 per pupil per academic year or such amount, as they are able, in order that our pupils continue to benefit from the LDBS maintenance scheme.

Unfortunately, any shortfall in the overall Governors maintenance fund will have to be taken from the school delegated budget that in turn will mean funds being diverted from other areas of the curriculum.

Contributions can be made via the School Gateway : <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>.

or directly to the Governors fund account:
METRO BANK. Sort code: 23-05-80
Account number: 18996065

We appreciate any contributions to this fund.

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Term Dates

Please see the [Term Date Section](#) on our School Website for the full details of term dates.

Please note that any holidays in term time cannot be authorised.

