



# St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Spring 2—Week 4—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** - Faisal
- Reception**—Zaid
- Year 1** - Ethan
- Year 2** - Maisie
- Year 3**—Nai
- Year 4** - Srdjan
- Year 5**- Aymara
- Year 6** - Polina



## Important Dates

**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)

**27th March** —St Barnabas Easter Church Service

**28th March** —Y5 Coding Trip (Selected Pupils)

**31st March** —Year 3 Thames Explorer Trip

**1st April** —Year 2 Visit to The Charterhouse



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

This week our value stars are:

- Nursery** - Aya
- Reception**—Zyah
- Year 1** - Lara
- Year 2** - Javell
- Year 3** - Ana Luiza
- Year 4** - Ivy-Rose
- Year 5**- Nandia
- Year 6** - Abbas



This week our attendance statistics are:

- Nursery**—93.1%
- Reception** - 93.4%
- Year 1**- 85.8%
- Year 2** - 94.2%
- Year 3** - 99.2%
- Year 4** - 95%
- Year 5**- 92%
- Year 6** - 91.9%

The winning class is:  
**Year 3**





## 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.





## Attendance Letters

Today, you will be receiving an individual letter regarding your child's attendance for the first three terms of the school year.

This letter will indicate their current attendance level and how it aligns with our school's standards.

Our current attendance target range for all children is **96%-100%**.

Regular attendance is essential for your child's progress and success, and we greatly appreciate your support in ensuring they attend school as consistently as possible.

The attendance standards are as follows:

**Gold: 100%**

**Green: 99% - 96%**

**Amber: 95.9% - 90%**

**Red: Below 90%**

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to get in touch.







## Spring Term Parent Meetings

We would like to invite parents / carers to attend parents' meetings toward the end of Spring 2. This will be a chance to look at your child's work and speak to the class teacher for 10 minutes.

The class teacher will speak to you about your child's Spring assessments, progress over the term, next steps in their learning, and answer any questions you may have about the upcoming term.

The dates that these will take place are:  
**Tuesday 1st April and Wednesday 2nd April**

The times will be between:  
**3.40pm - 6.10pm**

All meetings will take place in the school hall.

Please note that teachers can only take meetings within these allocated time slots, and we hope that by providing you with this notice, you'll be able to find a slot that works.





# 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.





## Parent Governor Election Update

Following the recent parent governor election that closed on Friday, 31st January 2025, we are **reopening the nomination process for a two-week period** from Friday, 14th March to Friday, 28th March.

If there is only one nomination per vacancy, the nominated parents will be automatically appointed, and the result will be communicated to the candidates on Monday, 31st March, with an email sent to all families.

If there are more candidates than vacancies, an election will take place with a choice of voting methods: electronic or paper. Voting will be open from 15:30 on Monday, 31st March, to 15:30 on Friday, 4th April. Ballots will be available from the school office.

The results of any election will be communicated to all candidates and emailed to all families on Tuesday, 22nd April.



**Parent Governor Vacancy**

*Apply now!*





## The Great Save!



Hey SBSP!

We have something exciting to share with you. If you have any old sport kits, we love for you to pass them on.

Why do we want to do this?

Well, we are doing a campaign that is all about recycling, supporting a charity.

We will be next to the food hall door, from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March to Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March, from 11:15 to 11:40 and from 12:35 to 1:30 (break times).

There will be members of the Eco Warrior Team standing near a box that will accept any donations that you will bring. Fantastic prizes will be also handed out.

THANK YOU!



We are excited to let you know about a fantastic recycling initiative led by our Eco Warrior Team!

We are collecting old sports kits to support a charity and reduce waste.

If you have any old sports kits at home (please note, not our school PE kit), we would love for you to donate them.







## School Church Services

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

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

Our remaining service date for Spring Term is:

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

**Thursday 27th March 2025 —**

St Barnabas Service

*This has changed from 3rd April*





# Holland Park PTA

<p><b>18+</b></p>  <p><b>£15</b> TICKET</p> <p>CHARITY NUMBER: 1204753</p>	<p>HOLLAND PARK SCHOOL PTA</p> <p><b>COMEDY NIGHT</b></p>		
<p>18+   LICENSED BAR   FOOD &amp; DRINK ON SALE   RAFFLE</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY 27TH MARCH</b> DOORS OPEN 6PM STARTS 6:45PM <b>HOLLAND PARK SCHOOL HALL</b> <small>AIRLIE GARDENS, CAMPDEN HILL RD, LONDON W8 7AF</small></p>		
			
<p><b>MARK MAIER</b> YOUR MC FOR THE NIGHT</p>	<p><b>KATE LUCAS</b> FAMED FOR HER "DELICIOUSLY DARK SONGS" AND "PLAYFULLY BITTER MUSINGS ON LIFE"</p>	<p><b>DAN KIELTY</b> BRILLIANT OBSERVATIONAL COMEDIAN UNDENIABLY HILARIOUS</p>	<p><b>MIKE GUNN</b> "ONE OF THE 10 LEADING STAND-UPS IN BRITAIN" – INDEPENDENT ON SUNDAY LIVE AT THE APOLLO, MCINTYRE'S ROAD SHOW AND A REGULAR AT THE COMEDY STORE</p>
<p> <b>FANTASTIC NIGHT OUT</b> NOT TO BE MISSED</p>			
<p>TICKETS AVAILABLE : <a href="http://WWW.PTAEVENTS.CO.UK/HPS/">WWW.PTAEVENTS.CO.UK/HPS/</a></p>			
<p>ALL PROCEEDS GO TO FUNDING HOLLAND PARK SCHOOL FUNDRAISING PROJECTS</p>			

Holland Park School is hosting a Stand Up Comedy Night. It's a great opportunity for parents/guardians who are thinking of Holland Park School for their children's secondary school to meet parents currently at the school in a very social setting.

For tickets please go to : tickets on sale here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hps/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=93899>





## 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** – Friday 4th April (school closes at 1.30pm)
- **Return for Summer Term 1** – Tuesday 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)
- **Year 6 Leavers Service at St Philip's Church**—Friday 18th July (9.30am)
- **End of Summer Term**—Friday 18th July (school closes at 1.30pm)





## 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.

