



# St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Spring 1—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:

**Reception** - Ava-Rae

**Year 1** - Maksym

**Year 2** - Shi Shi

**Year 3** - Anna

**Year 4** - Mayson

**Year 5** - Evika

**Year 6** - Datis



## Important Dates

**21st January**—  
Aim Higher Writing Day  
Year 5/6

**22nd January**—  
Dr Me with  
Year 5

**30th January**—  
Black and Blue Project  
Year 6 at Kensington Library

**30th January**—  
Whole School Church Service

**30th January**—  
LDBS School Service—  
School Parliament



Our value this term is **'Compassion'**

This week our value stars are:

**Reception** - Katharine

**Year 1** - Jad

**Year 2** - Zemen

**Year 3** - Fox

**Year 4** - Summer

**Year 5** - Sofia

**Year 6** - Olivia

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

every student, every day



This week our attendance statistics are:

**Reception** - 92.9%

**Year 1** - 94.2%

**Year 2** - 95.8%

**Year 3** - 98%

**Year 4** - 100%

**Year 5** - 96%

**Year 6** - 96.4%

The winning class is:

**Year 4**





## Our Value for This Term Is:

At St Barnabas and St Philip's, we celebrate the value of Compassion – the ability to care deeply for others, show kindness, and take action to support those in need. Compassion means seeing the world through someone else's eyes, offering help when it's needed, and spreading love and understanding wherever we go.

### Why is Compassion Important?

Just as a single drop of water can ripple across a pond, acts of compassion create waves of kindness that touch the lives of many. Compassion teaches us to be empathetic, to notice when someone is struggling, and to respond with care and generosity. Whether it's in our classroom, our school, or the wider world, compassion brings people closer together and inspires hope and healing.

### Ways to Show Compassion at Home

Here are a few simple ways children can practice compassion with their families and friends. We encourage you to make these moments part of your daily lives, reflecting on how they can make a difference:

**Acts of Kindness Challenge:** Create a family "Acts of Kindness" chart. Each day, encourage everyone to perform one small act of kindness, such as helping with chores, writing a kind note, or lending a listening ear. At the end of the week, share how those acts made someone feel.

**Care Packages for Others:** Work together as a family to create a small care package for someone in need or someone going through a tough time. This could include a handwritten note, a comforting snack, or a small gift to show them they're not alone.

**Storytime with Heart:** Share stories, books, or films that teach lessons about compassion. Afterward, talk as a family about how the characters showed kindness and how we can apply those lessons in our own lives.

As we focus on Compassion this month, let's all take the time to notice the needs of others and respond with love and kindness. By practicing compassion in small but meaningful ways, we can help create a world where everyone feels seen, supported, and valued.





## Our Value for This Term Is:



### READ TOGETHER...

#### The good Samaritan

When someone asked Jesus the question, "Who is my neighbour?" he told a story that surprised everyone who heard it. The hero was from Samaria but those listening were mainly Jews. (Jews and Samaritans usually kept well away from each other.)

"A man set out on foot from Jerusalem to a town called Jericho", said Jesus. The crowd murmured and exchanged knowing glances. They knew this was a lonely, dangerous road, a favourite place for robbers to attack travellers. "As the man reached a rocky and desolate place, a gang of robbers leapt out and beat him. They took all that he had and left him bleeding and bruised. To the man's relief, he saw in the distance a priest from the temple. A priest is bound to help me, thought the man. He waited until the priest came a little closer and then called out, 'Thank goodness it is you. Please Sir, take me to safety.' But to his amazement the priest hurried past pretending not to see or hear him.

As the poor, injured man grew weaker and weaker in the burning midday sun, he once again heard footsteps. Looking up he saw a Levite, another of his own people. 'Please Sir, please help me', he called out. Surely this Levite would take pity on him, but to his horror the Levite just kept on walking.

The man had almost given up hope when he felt a gentle touch on his shoulder. A stranger, a Samaritan, had bent down beside him and was bandaging his wounds and giving him sips of water to drink. The Samaritan helped the man on to his own donkey and slowly, carefully took him all the way to an inn. There he paid the innkeeper to look after the man until he was well. The man never forgot the **compassion** and kindness of the Samaritan stranger."

"Who do you think was a good neighbour?" asked Jesus.

Bible story based on Luke 10:29-37

### TALK TOGETHER about Compassion

**Compassion** is about 'standing in someone else's shoes' when they are having a hard time. In other words, trying to understand how they might be feeling and doing our best to try to help.

Talk together about:

- how we can show **compassion** and kindness to one another at home
- recognising when friends at school need us to listen and act with **compassion**
- stories in the news demonstrating how strangers show **compassion** in times of natural disasters
- how nations show **compassion** to other nations at times of disaster or need by sending money or volunteers to help





## School Church Services

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

Our service dates for Spring Term are:

**Thursday 30th January 2025**  
—St Barnabas Service

**Monday 3rd March 2025** ——  
St Philip's Service

**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.





## Junior Lawyers Club

**Give your child a competitive edge with JLC Debate and Public Speaking workshops**

The Junior Lawyers Club offers engaging online workshops that teach students vital debate and public speaking skills. These workshops not only build confidence and communication abilities but also prepare students to think critically and creatively, to handle pressure in interviews, and to perform in leadership roles. Led by lawyers and professional actors, the sessions equip students with the tools they need to excel academically and stand out in competitive environments.

For more information or to book, visit [www.juniorlawyersclub.co.uk](http://www.juniorlawyersclub.co.uk) or call us on 01225 941 028.



# The Junior Lawyers Club





**St Barnabas and St Philip's School Nursery 24-25**

**Opening January 2025**

# New Nursery

**Full time places remaining  
Extended day available 7:30 – 6:30**



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Church of England School**





## 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.

