



St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Autumn 1—Week 3—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 stars begin in Autumn 2*

Year 1 - Jad

Year 2 - Sofia

Year 3 - Luna

Year 4 - Luke

Year 5 - Raya

Year 6 - Tomas



Important Dates

25th September — Year 6 Academy Awareness Sessions with PC Alan

26th September — Year 6 Academy Awareness Sessions with PC Alan

27th September — Years 2/3 and 5/6 Visit to History Street

1st October — Individual Photo Day

2nd October — Year 1 Forest School Session 2

2nd October — Years 2-5 Sports Event

2nd October — Year 6 Kayaking Trip



Our value this term is **'Wisdom'**

This week our value stars are:

Year 1 - Bamen

Year 2 - Emilia

Year 3 - Aaliyah

Year 4 - Nick

Year 5 - Imogen

Year 6 - Polina



This week our attendance statistics are:

Reception - 87.3%

Year 1 - 100%

Year 2 - 99.6%

Year 3 - 88.5%

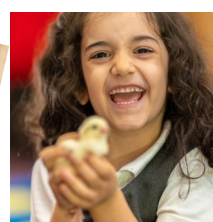
Year 4 - 92.8%

Year 5 - 91.5%

Year 6 - 94.7%

The winning class is:

Year 1





Our Value for This Term Is:

WISDOM

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value WISDOM.

We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Wisdom

Wisdom is different from just being clever. Often wise people have lots of experience and can give good advice to help us make difficult decisions. Some people pray because they believe that God can help them to live their lives **wisely**.

Talk together about:

- Making **wise** choices
- The consequences of our words and actions
- Learning **wisdom** from others – including children from parents and parents from children
- Learning from our mistakes and becoming **wiser** through them



READ TOGETHER...

The wise and foolish builders

Jesus told a story about two men. The first man was **wise** and decided to build his house on a rock. This house was hard to build. He had to stand on the rock and dig foundations deep down into that hard rock to make his house strong. He worked for many, many days before his new house was finished. It was a long time before he and his family could move in.

The other man built his house on the sand. This house was easy to build. The sand was soft, easy to stand on, and easy to dig into. He built his house very quickly and soon his family was living happily in their new house.

But then, one day it started to rain. It didn't rain gently. It didn't rain for just a few minutes. It poured. The wind blew and blew. All round new streams began to flow, making their own tracks across the rock and sands. The rainwater washed around the house on the rock and ran down the roads. But the house stood firm, it didn't move, and everyone inside was safe.

The family in the house on the sand looked out at the raging storm. Their house was creaking, it was moving. The water gushed all around. And then crash! As the sands shifted the house tumbled to the ground.

Jesus said, "The man who built his house on rock is like someone who listens to my **wise** teaching and builds their life upon it. When storms and troubles come, they will stand firm."

Bible story based on Matthew 7:24-27

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"It's no good shutting the stable door after the horse has bolted."

Anon

This is a well-known proverb. Can you think of a time when you did the right thing but too late?



QUIZ Wordsearch

Can you find the words from the story?

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| WISE | HOUSE | FOOLISH |
| STORM | RAIN | BUILD |
| STRONG | FIRM | CRASH |
| ROCK | SOFT | CREAKING |
| SAND | FOUNDATIONS | |

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Our Value for This Term Is:



FAMILY FOCUS

Building a Wall of Wisdom

Everyone has a favourite proverb or wise saying. Talk to family members about proverbs that they think give **wise** advice. Ask them to explain the meaning of the proverb and add it to a 'wall of **wisdom**'.

Build your wall by writing each proverb on a 'brick' cut out of paper. Blu-tack the bricks on to a wall.

You can find lots of proverbs on www.phrases.org.uk



To start you off here three well-known proverbs:

"A chain is only as strong as the weakest link"

"Many hands make light work"

"Don't count your chickens before they hatch"



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

A Brick for the Wall

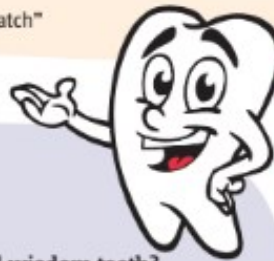
Make a shoe box 'brick'. Cover the box with paper and write your favourite proverb on the brick.

Then, either in a cartoon drawing or in words (hand written or typed on the computer and printed), tell a story using your proverb as the moral. Finish with the words:

So this proves the proverb, ".....".

(For example, So this proves the proverb "Don't count your chickens before they hatch".)

Decorate the brick so it looks fantastic and take it to school to help build a Wall of **Wisdom**.



FASCINATING FACTS

Why are some teeth called wisdom teeth?

- Your first teeth are called milk teeth. Can your Mum tell you when you cut your first milk tooth?
- Milk teeth normally fall out while you are in primary school and are replaced by adult teeth, which have to last for the rest of your life! Can you remember when your first milk tooth came out?
- **Wisdom** teeth grow much later than adult teeth in most people and are bigger, flatter teeth. Can one of the adults in the family remember when they grew their first **wisdom** tooth?

Over the centuries and in different parts of the world '**wisdom** teeth' have been known by many names:

- In Ancient Greece they were *sophronisteres*, thoughtful teeth.
- Later in Roman times they were given the name *dentes sapientiae*, teeth of wisdom.
- The name **wisdom** teeth was adopted in Britain in Victorian times.
- In Arabic speaking countries, the teeth are called *Ders-al-a'qel*, or teeth of the mind.
- In Spain they are referred to as *muela de juicio*, or teeth of judgment, because they grow as young people leave school and become **wiser** and have more responsibility.



HALL OF FAME

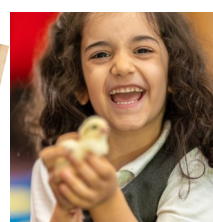
Confucius

Confucius was an ancient Chinese teacher. He lived more than 2500 years ago but such was his **wisdom** and understanding that his teaching is still remembered today.

Confucius wanted everyone to see the importance of making **wise** and thoughtful choices.

One of his sayings is...

"Everything in creation has a beauty of its own but not everyone is able to see it."





Eco Warriors and School Parliament

Each year, we elect new representatives to our Eco Warrior team and our School Parliament Team.

Eco Warriors take on responsibility for our OPAL Play work, the environment and healthy living.

School Parliament representatives take on responsibility for the curriculum, behaviour for learning and championing school and community events, including charity work.

Our representatives this year are:

Eco Warriors

Year 1—Victoria

Year 2—Gaspard

Year 3—Sophie and Aseel

Year 4—Anthony and Bethel

Year 5—Nandia and Kimia

Year 6—Gelila, Polina and Tomas

School Parliament

Year 1—Yaromir

Year 2—Ana

Year 3—Baatar and Aalyiah

Year 4—Hannah and Luke

Year 5—Rose and Kodi

Year 6—Ariadne, Valentin and Jessica

Reception children will join the teams in the Summer Term.





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

Further to our previous communication, we are thrilled to announce that from **7th January 2025** we will be opening a 3–4-year-old Nursery (Term Time Only).

We would be delighted if you could share this with any parents that you feel may utilise the provision. We know that this provision is going to ensure the longevity of our school, support the community, and add an exciting new element to our school.

If you have any further questions regarding applications, or would like to apply, please contact the school office for the admissions forms.

Thank you for your kind and supportive comments as we proceed on this wonderful journey.

St Barnabas and St Philip's CE Primary School
58 Earls Court Road, W86EJ

Nursery Opening
7th January 2025!
for 3-4 year olds

Full Time and
Part Time
Places
Available

Email
admin@sbsp.rbkc.sch.uk
for further information





School Church Services

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

Our service dates for Autumn Term are:

Thursday 10th October—St Philip's—Harvest Service

Thursday 7th November —St Barnabas—Remembrance Service

Thursday 28th November —St Philip's Advent Service

Thursday 19th December —St Barnabas—Christmas 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.





Church Events

St Philips

'Come and See'

Thursday 3 October at 5pm

All creatures great or small welcome to the
The Feast of St Francis of Assisi

Blessing of Animals



Bring your pet or a photo of your pet, or just come along to celebrate with others.

For those who love animals, birds and all creation.

Our services are in Church and online via zoom

For information visit: www.specr.org

St Philip's Church, Earls Court Road, London, W8 6QH

The Parish of: St Philip, Earl's Court Road. Vicar: The Reverend Philippa Turner.

Associate Priest: The Reverend Margaret Ayo. Curate: The Reverend Helen Calner.

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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 List : <https://amzn.eu/gs8jKyz>

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.

