



St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Spring 1—Week 4



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— Danel

Year 1 - Levi

Year 2 - Sophie

Year 3—Alonso

Year 4 - Kodi

Year 5- Alex

Year 6 - Caspian

FEBRUARY

Important Dates

7th February—
Years 4/5/6
5000 Project
Session 2

8th February—St
Barnabas
Church Service

9th February—
Middlesex Crick-
et Session 2 for
Years 2,3,4,6

9th February—
Women in Sci-
ence Day

9th February—
Finish for Half
Term at
3.20pm/3.30pm

19th February—
Return to school
from 8.40am-
8.55am

19th February—Y5
Bike-ability

SERVICE



Our value this term is **'Service**.

This week our value stars are:

Reception— Mateo

Year 1 - Nathaniel

Year 2 - Kiddus

Year 3—Izabela

Year 4 - Aymara

Year 5- Valentin

Year 6 - Kimiya

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



This week our attendance statistics are:

Reception - 95%

Year 1 - 96.2%

Year 2 - 97.3%

Year 3 - 96.9%

Year 4 - 98%

Year 5— 96%

Year 6—92.2%

The winning class is:

Year 4





Our Value of the Term is:


SERVICE
HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value SERVICE.
We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK TOGETHER about Service

Jesus was called the 'servant king'; his mission was to **serve** God and to **serve** all those people he met, through his teaching, his example and the way he led his life.

Who are the unsung heroes who **serve** us?

- at school
- at home
- in our clubs

How do you **serve** others?

- at school
- at home
- in your clubs



READ TOGETHER... Queen Esther serves her people

When King Xerxes, the ruler of the mighty land of Persia, was looking for a wife, Mordecai immediately thought of his cousin, the wise and beautiful Esther. Mordecai's family was Jewish, but he warned Esther not to tell anyone about this as he knew that there were powerful people in the land who hated Jews. Mordecai took Esther to the palace gates to be presented to the king, and, sure enough, as soon as King Xerxes saw Esther he fell in love with her, and the humble Jewish girl became a queen.

Mordecai often sat by the palace gates hoping to hear snippets of news about his cousin. For some time, all seemed well. But Haman, a wicked and powerful man in the court of King Xerxes, became angry with Mordecai because he would not bow down and honour him. Haman hatched a cunning plan. He began to tell the King bad things about the Jews living in his land and eventually he persuaded Xerxes that all the Jews should be killed. Queen Esther was beside herself with grief. She loved her people very much but felt powerless to help them.

King Xerxes noticed how terribly sad his queen had become, and begged her to tell him why she was so upset. Esther said she would explain if he and Haman would come to a feast that she prepared the following evening. When the grand banquet was over King Xerxes asked once again. "My dear Esther, you promised to tell me the reason for your sorrow." Esther summoned all her courage in what might be her last act of **service**. She told the King about Haman's plan to kill all of the Jews, which would include herself. King Xerxes was furious at the prospect of losing his beloved and beautiful Esther and ordered Haman to be arrested.

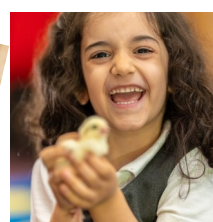
And so it was that Esther's name will be forever be remembered for her willingness to risk everything in the **service** of her people.

Bible story based on Book of Esther

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"There is more happiness
in giving than receiving"

*The words of Jesus recorded in
Acts 20:35 - The Good News Bible*





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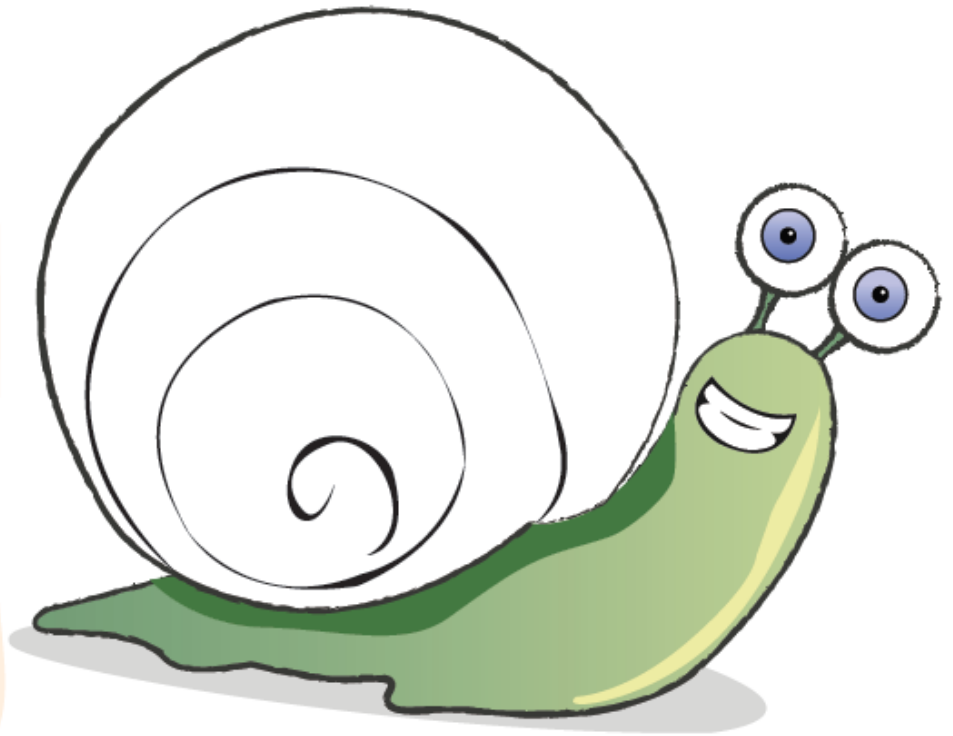
FAMILY FOCUS

Service with a smile

Complete a 'service snail'.

Living a life of **service** is about keeping your eyes open and looking out for ways to make others smile.

Draw a large smiley snail. Can you fill in the spirals on the snail's shell with ways in which as a family you serve each other in one week? When the snail shell is full take it to school to display in the Challenge Gallery.





Our Value of the Term is:



★ HALL OF FAME

JK Rowling OBE

Joanne K Rowling is best known for writing the series of fictional novels about Harry Potter, stories which captured the imagination of children across the world. She was awarded the OBE for her “**services** to children’s literature”.



JK Rowling wanted to use some of the money she had earned from her books to help orphaned children in Eastern Europe, she founded The Lumos Foundation and funded work to transform the lives of disadvantaged children living in huge, poorly funded orphanages. With her help beautiful, well equipped homes have been established, run by foster parents who love and care for young children.



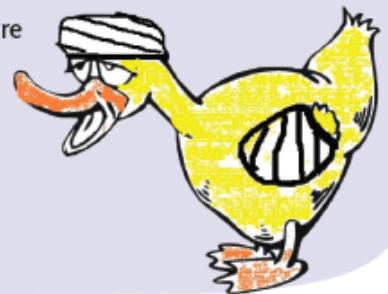
FASCINATING FACTS



OBE Award

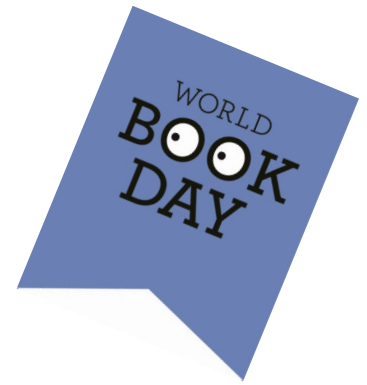
The OBE, Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, is an honour and medal awarded to people who have **served** their country or local community, often as volunteers.

- the first honours were awarded by George V in 1917 to people who had **served** their country in World War 1 but were not soldiers
- over 800 OBEs are now given each year
- OBEs are awarded for **service** such as:
 - o helping disabled children and their families
 - o working on nature conservation projects
 - o bringing relief to carers of very sick relatives
 - o protecting and caring for our country’s important buildings
 - o providing animal welfare





World Book Day 2024



We are excited to share with you our plans for World Book Day 2024 :

Author Workshops -

Thursday 7th March

On World Book Day, author **Steve Tasane** – who will be working with each class on creative writing and story telling.

Waterstones Book Store Visits -

Thursday 7th and Friday 8th March

We will be taking each class to Kensington Waterstones to spend their £1 book token. You will receive a gateway consent form for this.

World Book Day Day Dress Up -

Thursday 7th March

On Thursday 7th March, we are asking children to wear dress up as a character or in the style of their class novel for the half term as below:

Reception –

Growing and Changing Theme –
Minibeasts and Plants

Year 1 – Where The Wild Things Are -
Forest Animals and Forest Themed
Outfits

Year 2 – How To Find Gold by Vivienne
Schwartz – Pirates, Mermaids and Sea
Creatures

Year 3 – The Story of Tutankhamun
by Patricia Clevaland – Egyptian In-
spired Outfits

Year 4 – The Lion and The Unicorn
and Other Hairy Tales by Jane Ray -
Amazon Rainforest Creatures and Ex-
plorers

Year 5 – Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-
Boyce - Space Themed Outfits

Year 6 - A choice of any character
from a book they have read (in a
school text) in Year 5 or Year 6





Phonics Success

All of our 2022-23 attainment data can be found [here](#).

However, we'd like to specifically share our phonic success with our community with the following data:

Phonics Screening Check Year 1

96.2% pass rate

Average mark of 36.7/40

100% of children passed who were with us for the whole of Year 1

This result is in the **top 5%** of the country.





School Church Services

We are delighted to be able to visit both St Barnabas and St Philip's each term.

Our service dates for this term are:

Thursday 8th February - St Barnabas

Wednesday 27th March - St Philip's

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.

All services begin at 9.30am and last approximately 45 minutes.





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=fb5681c-3de9-4b02-813e-cd0fc9f3548b>

PSFA General Donation: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/sbsp-psfa/#.Yx8urnbMKUk>





Governors Fund 23-24

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.

