



St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Issue 1—Autumn Term 1—Week 1

Welcome Back!

It is with great joy and anticipation that I extend to you a warm welcome to the start of a new school year at St Barnabas and St Philip's.

The beginning of the school year is a time of fresh beginnings, where each day holds the promise of new knowledge, lasting friendships, and boundless opportunities. It is a time when our school come alive with the energy, curiosity, and enthusiasm of our students, and I can assure you that we are more excited than ever to see their bright faces light up our school once again.

At SBSP, our commitment to providing a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment for your children remains unwavering. We believe in the power of education to transform lives, and we are dedicated to fostering a culture of excellence in both academic and personal development.

As parents and guardians, your support is invaluable in creating a positive and productive educational experience for your children. We encourage open communication and collaboration between home and school, knowing that our partnership is essential for your child's success.

In the coming weeks and months, we look forward to engaging with you through parents meetings, school events, and various opportunities for involvement in your child's education. Together, we can create a strong and supportive community where every child can flourish.

As we embark on this journey into the new school year, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to the growth and well-being of our students. I have every confidence that, together, we will make this year one filled with inspiration, achievement, and fond memories.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and care of your children. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead, full of exciting discoveries and meaningful moments.

Kind Regards, Miss Timms & The SBSP Team

2023

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Important Dates

5th September—
KS1/KS2 Return to school from 8.40am

5th September—
9.30am Reception start school

11th September—
3.30pm PSFA Welcome BBQ

13th September -
Year 1 begin Forest School

13th September -
Meet The Teacher Sessions
Year 1 and Year 2

14th September—
Meet The Teacher Sessions
Year 3 and Year 4

15th September -
Meet The Teacher Sessions
Year 5 and Year 6

18th September -
Meet The Teacher Session
Reception

18th September -
2.30pm—Year 5 and Year 6
parents Secondary
School Transition
Support with Sam
Lord

19th September—Year 4
begin Swimming





School Uniform

Please visit our website [here](#) to see the Autumn Term Uniform Requirements.

From this term, children must wear their house coloured PE T-shirts for PE.

If you are unsure which house your child is in, please speak to their class teacher or a member of the admin team.

A reminder that bags, coats and hats should be red, black or white and shoes should be black.
If your child is in the incorrect uniform, you may be contacted to bring in the correct attire.

PE Days

For the Autumn Term, class PE days are as follows:

Reception - Thursday

Year 1 - Tuesday

Year 2 - Tuesday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 4 - Swimming on Tuesdays

Year 5 - Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6 - Monday and Tuesday

KS1 children do 10 minutes as daily exercise, as an addition to their Tuesday PE lesson.

Children should wear their PE kit to school on PE days.

After School Activities

Please visit our website [here](#) to see the Autumn Term Club Offer for 23-24.

Please note that most clubs have a minimum number of pupils to run, and unfortunately may be cancelled if this number does not sign up.

If you have any questions regarding clubs please speak to the admin team.





Meet The Teacher Sessions

As we settle into the new academic year, we ask you to join us to meet your child's new class teacher for a briefing on what to expect throughout the year.

The dates are as follows:

Reception—Monday 18th September

Year 1—Wednesday 13th September

Year 2—Wednesday 13th September

Year 3—Thursday 14th September

Year 4—Thursday 14th September

Year 5—Friday 15th September

Year 6—Friday 15th September

All sessions take place in your child's classroom, straight after school, from 3.40pm—4.10pm.



KS2 School Lunches

As you may have heard in the news, the Mayor of London has launched 'Universal Free School Meal funding' for London families with children in Years 3 -6, who are not already eligible for free school meals.

We have now received information from the Mayor of London, allowing us to plan and let you know of how SBSP will run this. City Hall has announced that they will be funding meals at £2.65 for each pupil, and therefore SBSP will be charging 20p per day (£1 a week) for school meals for the academic year 2023-24 as the school cost for meals is £2.85.

Gateway payments have been changed to reflect this. You will have the option to pay for a term at a time, or the whole year:

Autumn Term: £15 (previous cost - £213.75)

Spring Term: £11 (previous cost £156.75)

Summer Term: £13 (previous cost £185.25)





School Day Timings

Last year, we trialled a 'soft start' for learning, and as it was successful we have made the following changes:

8.40am - School Gate is open and all children will go straight into the classrooms to commence their learning, from 8.40am-8.55am this will be revision/consolidation. *This is an optional start, the official school day begins at 9.00am.*

8.55am - The school gate will close and the register will open.

9.00am - The register will close and children will be marked as late if they arrive at 9.00am or after.

Our school day will continue to finish at **3.20pm** for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and at **3.30pm** for Years 3 - 6.

Children who are not picked up by **3.40pm** will be marked as late pick up.

The school office is open between 8.40am and 4.00pm.

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>

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.

