



St Barnabas and St Philip's Newsletter

Autumn 1—Week 4—2025/26



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— Emma

Reception -Lyla

Year 1 - Esther

Year 2 - Yara O

Year 3 - Sofia

Year 4 - William

Year 5— Mikael

Year 6 - Iosu



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

This week our value stars are:

Nursery -Atena

Reception—Kiyo

Year 1 - Jesse

Year 2 - Elona

Year 3 - Emelia

Year 4 - Shirin

Year 5— Michiko

Year 6 - Aymara



This week our attendance statistics are:

Reception - 97.2%

Year 1— 93.3%

Year 2 - 90.4%

Year 3 - 94.4%

Year 4 - 94.4%

Year 5— 98.2%

Year 6 - 96%

The winning class is:

Year 5



Important Dates

8th October—

Choirs of Christmas Year 5 Rehearsal

9th October— Har-

vest Church Service at St Barnabas 9.30am

10th October— Flu

Immunisations

14th October —

Year 3 Gunnersbury Park Trip

16th October—

Black History Month Workshops

17th October—Y5

Visit to Schools Sumo Presentation

21st October—Y6

Kayaking Trip





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."





Rain or Shine, We're Ready to Play!



As the weather begins to change, we want to remind everyone that St Barnabas and St Philip's is proud to be an **OPAL Play GOLD school**. This means our children head outside to play in all weather conditions, embracing outdoor fun come rain or shine!

To help your child enjoy their outdoor playtime to the fullest, please ensure they come to school with a **suitable coat**. Whether it's chilly or drizzly, we want to make sure everyone stays warm and dry while making the most of their playtime.

A gentle reminder that coats should be in **school colours—red, grey, black, or white**.

Children are also welcome to bring in wellington boots, or wet weather shoes, that can be changed into at break and lunch times. These should be brought in a bag and hung on their pegs.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide all-weather, all-fun play experiences for our children.





Celebrating Black History Month at St Barnabas and St Philip's



We are excited to announce the launch of **Black History Month** at St Barnabas and St Philip's!

Throughout October, we will be celebrating the rich and diverse contributions of Black individuals and communities to our world, both past and present.

This year, we have a wonderful programme planned, including special assemblies, in-class sessions, and workshops led by the fantastic team at BigFoot Education.

These activities will provide our children with meaningful opportunities to explore important themes, ask thoughtful questions, and deepen their understanding of Black history, culture, and achievements.

We look forward to a month of inspiring learning, reflection, and celebration together.





Harvest Service at St Barnabas Church



We are delighted to remind you that our annual Harvest Service will take place on **Thursday 9th October** at **St Barnabas Church**. This is a wonderful occasion for our school community to come together in celebration and gratitude.

As part of our Harvest tradition, we are kindly asking for donations to support The Upper Room, a local charity that provides meals and support to those in need. Suggested donations include non-perishable food items such as canned goods, pasta, rice, and toiletries. Every contribution makes a difference!

Please ensure that any donations are brought on the day, so we can present them during the service.

We look forward to seeing you at the church for this meaningful event.





Photo Day



It's that time of year again—school photo day is just around the corner!

On **Tuesday 14th October** we will be capturing those priceless smiles and smart uniforms in individual photos for all children, as well as sibling photos.

To ensure your child looks their best, we kindly ask that everyone arrives in full school uniform. If you usually have PE on this day, please come in full uniform, and PE will be scheduled for another day that week.

For those with siblings in school, sibling photos will also be taken. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and look forward to seeing all the children looking smart and ready for their close-ups.





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 9th October— Harvest—St Barnabas Church
- Thursday **13th November**— Remembrance—St Philip's Church

•Thursday 27th November— Advent—St Barnabas Church

•Thursday 18th December— Christmas—St Philip's Church

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.





St Barnabas Church Family Fun Day

St Barnabas Family Fun Day!

Saturday 4th October

10am to 12pm

St Barnabas Church, Kensington

Join us for a morning of fun and activities for the whole family!

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The Speech and Language Team



Central London
Community Healthcare
NHS Trust

Please join us for our Parent Coffee Morning

The Biborough Mainstream Schools Speech and Language Therapy team will be hosting a workshop for parents and carers on Total Communication Approach



Date and Time: Monday 6th October 2025 at 10am

Location: LDN London Community Hub, 389A Harrow Rd,
London, W9 3NA

The workshop is addressed to families of Children and Young People (CYP) resident in London Boroughs of Westminster, Kensington & Chelsea.

We will talk about:

- What is a Total Communication Approach
- Benefits of this intervention
- How to implement it

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





Governors Fund 25-26

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 Arbor

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.

