



Welcome Back !



Dear Families,

We are delighted to welcome everyone back after the summer break, and I hope you all enjoyed a restful and happy holiday with your children. It has been wonderful to see the school come alive again this week – classrooms buzzing with activity, the sound of children's happiness filling the playground, and our staff working hard to ensure a smooth start to the term.

A very warm welcome to our new families who have joined us this September. Whether you are starting in Nursery, Reception, or joining us in another year group, we are so pleased to have you as part of our school community. I have already seen children settling in beautifully – learning new routines, making friends, and engaging in their lessons with enthusiasm.

It has also been lovely to see so many familiar faces return. The start of a new school year is always a chance to come together again as a community, building on our shared values and looking ahead to the exciting opportunities this year will bring. Together, we will continue to nurture, grow and flourish, supporting every child to fulfil their unique potential.

A reminder about our morning routine: the

school gate opens at 8:40 am and will close promptly at 8:55 am. Arriving on time ensures children have the best start to their day, settling into their learning calmly and confidently. If your child arrives after 9:00 am, they will be marked as late in the register. Thank you for working with us to maintain this important part of the school day.

This term is already shaping up to be an exciting one. Teachers have planned engaging lessons, enriching activities, and special events that will inspire and challenge our pupils. We also have trips, workshops, and opportunities for families to come into school, so please keep an eye on our newsletters and calendar updates.

I am confident this will be a year where we continue to work together in the spirit of community, compassion, and perseverance – supporting one another and celebrating every success, big or small.

Wishing you all a happy and successful start to the academic year.

Kind Regards,
Miss Timms
Headteacher





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."





School Achievements

We are excited to announce that over the Summer we received the Platinum School Games Mark!





Autumn Term PE Days

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

Nursery: Thursday

Reception: Thursday

Year 1 : Friday

Year 2: Friday

Year 3: Monday and Friday

Year 4: Tuesday (Swimming) and Friday

Year 5: Wednesday and Friday

Year 6: Thursday and Friday



Year 1 and Year 2 children do 10 minutes of daily exercise, in addition to their Friday PE lesson.

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





Autumn Term Key Dates 25/26

To help families plan ahead, please take note of the following important dates for the Autumn term:

Wednesday 3rd September—Children return to school

Tuesday 9th September— 3.40pm - Meet The Teacher Year 4

Tuesday 9th September— 3.40pm Meet The Teacher Year 3

Wednesday 10th September— 3.40pm Meet The Teacher Year 1

Wednesday 10th September— 3.40pm Meet The Teacher Year 2

Thursday 11th September—2.00pm - Secondary School Transition Meeting for Year 6 Parents (Year 5 Parents Also Welcome)

Thursday 11th September— 3.40pm Meet The Teacher Year 6

Thursday 11th September— 3.40pm Meet The Teacher Nursery

Friday 12th September— 3.40pm Meet The Teacher Reception

Friday 12th September— 3.40pm Meet The Teacher Year 5





Autumn Term Clubs (1)

SBSP ACTIVE CLUB					
SBSP AUTUMN TERM TIMETABLE					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3:30 - 4:30	Art Club KS1/KS2	Football Club Y1-3	Lights Up Yr 4 - 6	Football Club Y4-6	Chess Club Rec - Yr 6
3:30 - 4:30	Cookery Club KS1	Percussion Rec-Y6	Verbal Non Verbal Y5/6	Cookery Club KS2	Lights Up Rec - Yr3
3:30 - 4:30	Book Club Y5/6		Choir Rec - Year 3	Debate Club Y4-6	Coding Club Y5/6
3:30 - 4:30					
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LEAGUE EVENTS - AWAITING CONFIRMATION					
3:30 - 5:00		Girls Football Y5/6	Boys Football Y6	Mixed Dodgeball Y5/6	

If your child has a sports club they should come to school in their PE kit on that day, **children will not get changed at school for clubs** with the exception of the Girls Football League.





Autumn Term Clubs (2)

After School Wraparound Childcare and most clubs will need to be booked through Active Day Camps on <https://activedaycamps.com/st-barnabas-st-philip>

Breakfast Club and the following clubs (which are run by school staff) will need to be booked on Arbor.

Please note that if registration numbers are low next week, clubs will have to be cancelled, so we encourage you to book your clubs as soon as possible.

Rec-Y3:

Choir (15 places)

KS2 :

Y5/6 Verbal – Non Verbal Reasoning Club (10 places)

Y4,5,6 Debate Club (12 places)

Y5/6 Book Club (8 places)

Y5/6 Coding Club (10 places)

Y4/5/6 Football Club (10 places)

On a first come first serve basis:

Y5/6 Girls Football League (6 places)

Y6 Boys Football League (6 places)

Y5/6 Mixed Dodgeball League (6 places)

All Clubs Term Dates:

Starting week commencing **15th September 2025**

Please note there will be no clubs week commencing the 27th October for half term

Ending week commencing **24th November 2025** bringing the total to 10 sessions per club for the term

If your club is on a Monday, please be aware that the 3rd of November is an inset day, so your club will run for 9 weeks rather than 10

Please note that on Arbor, unless you have paid for the club your space is not guaranteed. You cannot reserve places without paying.





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 6th 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





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 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.

