

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

25/09/2026



'Let your light shine'

Children have settled into the new school year incredibly well and have already many achievements to be proud of. All the children look really smart in their uniforms and we will continue to monitor this throughout the year. Please ensure that children are wearing black school shoes with their uniform. Trainers should only be worn with PE uniform on PE days. Remember we have a large supply of pre-loved uniform and shoes in school which is available **FREE** for all families. Speak to me or Mrs Fisher if you would like any. If you are unsure on our school uniform requirements, please visit our website: [St Barnabas Church of England Primary School - Uniform](#)

Our pupils have many opportunities to shine and develop their leadership skills – a great way to do this is to join one of our pupil ambassador teams. During the next 2 weeks, children in KS2 will find out about the different roles available and then be able to apply to become a pupil leader. It enables them to become involved in the local community and have their say as to what should be changed or improved – they also get to work with local MPs, police and other leaders. Here are the roles:

School Parliament

Mini Police

Well-Being Warriors

SSOC (School Sports Organising Crew)

Reading Ambassadors

Worship Leaders

EAL Ambassadors

Super Behaviour Team

Attendance Ambassadors

Science Ambassadors

Becoming an ambassador enables pupils to share their incredible ideas and become involved in the running of the school. It's great preparation for the next stage of their education and the world of work! All ambassadors receive a special pin badge which will be awarded in a special assembly when all the roles have been allocated. Please talk to your child about the roles and encourage them to apply – all our children are amazing and have a lot to offer.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Hodgkinson



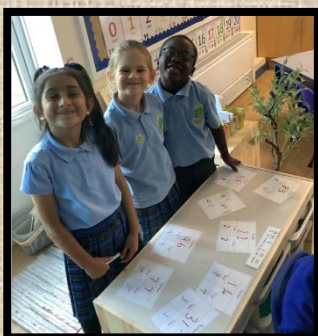
Bumblebee



Year 1 have been playing games in partners to guess whether the amount has been added to, taken away or stayed the same.



Fantastic team work, writing and maths skills being used in continuous provision so far this week! Well done year 2!



We have also been computer scientists this week, sorting different computer-based items into different categories based on their purpose!



In Year 3 History, we have started experiencing some of the Stone Age. We sat around a pretend fire with fur blankets and thought about what life would be like in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We then thought like historians and looked at some different artefacts linked and discussed how they would be used in daily life.



In Year 4 maths we played 'race to 1000.' We stated how many hundreds we were making and how many 100s are in 1000.

Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Friendship'

'A good friend is a blessing from God.'

Samuel 1 18.3

This week's big question:

Should you ever abandon your friends.

This week we pray for those who are homeless.



Water Bottles

Children are asked to bring a bottle to school filled with water which they can drink throughout the day. Drinking water throughout the day keeps children's brains hydrated and helps them to learn well. Only water is allowed in these bottles, as drinking juice throughout the day causes tooth decay. Children can drink juice or with their lunch. If any children persist in bringing juice in their water bottles, parents will be contacted.

FREE BREAKFAST CLUB!



From September our Breakfast Club is changing as we move over to the National Breakfast Club Programme.

All school children are invited to come from 8.15am every day for free and receive a healthy breakfast. This will replace the bagels that are currently available to children on arrival in their classroom.

We will maintain our self-funded wrap around care from 7.30am at a reduced charge of £2.75 until 8.15am where children will then join the free session.

To enable us to properly plan and purchase food, please can you follow this link to register your interest [FREE BREAKFAST CLUB – Fill out form](#)

You do not need to book for the breakfast club, you can just turn up.

Starting reception class

If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, they are due to start reception class in September 2026. You will need to apply for a place here: <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions>

Start and Finish Times

School opens at **8:40am** and all children should be in school by **8:45am**. Gates are locked at 8:50am and anyone who arrives after this time will need to enter via the school office and be marked as late. At the end of the day, doors open at 3:10pm and all children should be collected by 3:15pm. Being just a few minutes late each day adds up to days of lost learning over a year - **BE ON TIME!**

Playtime Snacks

We are a healthy school and constantly reinforce with our children that healthy eating and regular exercise lead to positive mental and physical health. Part of this is to educate our children to eat as healthily as possible, as this contributes to future success. The only snacks we allow at playtimes are **toast or fruit**, these can be brought in from home or toast can be purchased via ParentPay. Thank you for your support.

Healthy packed lunches for children at St Barnabas CE Primary School

CARBOHYDRATES

- wholemeal bread
- pasta
- rice
- couscous
- potatoes



DAIRY (OR NON-DAIRY ALTERNATIVE)

- cheese
- yogurt
- milk
- fortified soy milk
- calcium-set tofu



FRUIT

- apples
- bananas
- berries
- oranges
- grapes



VEGETABLES OR SALAD

- carrot sticks
- cucumber
- cherry tomatoes
- peppers
- sweetcorn



PROTEIN

- chicken
- eggs
- beans
- lentils
- fish



WHAT SHOULD I NOT BRING TO SCHOOL

Sweets Fizzy drinks Nuts
Sesame Shellfish Donuts Pastries

Tough Mudder Manchester 2026 for TOFS

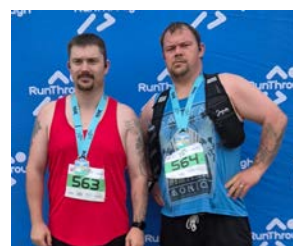
On 10 October 2026, I will be taking part in Tough Mudder Manchester to raise funds for TOFS, a charity that supports children and adults born with the rare conditions Tracheo-Oesophageal Fistula (TOF) and Oesophageal Atresia (OA).

This cause is very close to my heart as my daughter was born with TOF/OA eight years ago. During a very frightening and uncertain time, TOFS provided invaluable support, information, and reassurance for our family.

I am hoping to raise £250 to help TOFS continue supporting families facing similar challenges. If you are able to donate, no matter how small the amount, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support. ❤ Michelle and Neil Bate

[Michelle Bate is fundraising for TOFS](#)



Our guide this week looks at Discord, which is a hugely popular communication platform where young people can chat, play games and join communities built around shared interests. Our guide explores some of the risks that can come with using it, including contact with strangers, inappropriate content, harassment and the potential for gaming and socialising to become a distraction from everyday life. The guide also offers practical advice for parents and educators, from using Discord's Family Centre and checking privacy settings to talking openly about suspicious behaviour and reviewing spending controls.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(with a 17+ app rating on app stores)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people "find their tribe", especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord 'Nitro', a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the 'Shop' for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's 'Family Centre', which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard, and The New Statesman.



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See full reference list on our website



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Movers & Groovers

Friday 1.30 - 2.15am bookable session at Barnes Close Family Hub

A rhyme, music & movement class using stimulating resources with an aim to improve children's early development.

What will I get from the session?

You will learn new songs and rhymes which you can continue at home with your child to enhance their learning & development

Who is it for?

Children aged 1-5 years with parents/carers.

What do I need?

Comfy clothes and a drink for your child.



More information

Call: 01925 443444

Barnes Close & Boulting
Ave - Option 3

FAMILY
HUB

WARRINGTON
Borough Council

BEST
START
IN LIFE

School Uniform

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- Pale blue polo shirt
- Grey trousers or blue tartan skirt/pinafore
- Black shoes must be worn NOT boots please



PE Kit

St Barnabas CE Primary School and Nursery

School PE Uniform

- PE sports t-shirt with school logo, royal blue shorts or black/navy joggers/leggings & trainers.
- Children should come to school in full PE uniform on planned PE days.



HALLOWEEN AT CAFT

WE WILL BE RUNNING 2 HOUR
OUTDOOR HALLOWEEN VISITS
FOR DISABLED AND SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED
CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
THROUGHOUT THE OCTOBER HALF TERM.

VISITS GO LIVE ON
THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER AT 9AM
PLACES ARE LIMITED SO WE ADVISE BOOKING
EARLY

WE ARE USING A NEW SYSTEM FOR BOOKING EVENTS,
THROUGH EVENTBRITE, YOU CAN FIND THE LINK BY
VISITING OUR WEBSITE WWW.CAFT.CO.UK/FAMILIES

PLEASE CHECK OUR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA BEFORE YOU BOOK
WWW.CAFT.CO.UK/FAQS

REGISTERED CHARITY 1003675



**Tuesday 29th
September
3.15 – 5PM**

£4



SNACK & DRINK PROVIDED

FILMS WILL BE SHOWN IN CLASSROOMS AND WILL
BE AGE APPROPRIATE



Emmanuel

Diocese of Liverpool
Academies Trust

Open Day



**Friday 2nd
October
9am - 11am**

**Wednesday 7th
October
1:30pm - 3:00pm**

**Wednesday 18th
November
1:30pm - 3:00pm**

**Friday 20th
November
9am - 11am**



MENU AUTUMN 2026

Menu Cycle Week One: 1st Sept, 21st Sept, 12th Oct, 2nd Nov, 23rd Nov, 14th Dec

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Vegetarian Sausage roll with baked diced potatoes & beans - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans	- Pork or Quorn sausage with Yorkshire pudding, creamed potatoes, carrots & peas - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans	- Beef or vegetarian burger in a bun with baked diced potatoes & fresh salad - Vegetable fajitas with savoury rice & sweetcorn - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans	- Barbecue chicken with baked wedged potatoes & sweetcorn - Vegetarian option served with baked wedged potatoes & sweetcorn - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans	- Fish fingers - Crumb coated chicken - Served with chunky chipped potatoes & peas or baked beans - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans
Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Vanilla ice cream	Yoghurt	Orange jelly and fruit	Homemade blueberry cake/muffin	Homemade biscuit
Milk/water	Milk/water	Milk/water	Milk/water	Milk/water



MENU AUTUMN 2026

Menu Cycle Week Two: 7th Sept, 28th Sept, 19th Oct, 9th Nov, 30th Nov

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Margarita pizza with baked jacket wedges & sweetcorn - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans	- Chicken or Quorn Tikka Masala - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans	- Pasta bolognaise (beef or vegetable) served with garden peas - Garlic and herb chicken pitta with vegetable rice & broccoli - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans	- Brunch lunch (sausage, beans, hash brown, omelette) - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans	- Battered fish - Crumb coated chicken - Served with chunky chipped potatoes & peas or baked beans - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans
Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Doughnut	Yoghurt	Arctic or chocolate ice cream	Raspberry jelly and fruit	Homemade biscuit
Milk/water	Milk/water	Milk/water	Milk/water	Milk/water



MENU AUTUMN 2026

Menu Cycle Week Three: 14th Sept, 5th Oct, 16th Nov, 7th Dec

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Tomato & mascarpone pasta bake with seasonal vegetables - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans	- Chicken or vegetable katsu curry served with rice - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans	- Pizza (pepperoni/cheese) served with jacket wedges & salad - Sweet and sour chicken/quorn served with rice/noodle - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans	- Pork or Quorn meatballs in tomato & basil sauce with pasta & peas - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans	- Oven baked fish stars - Oven baked chicken poppers - Served with chunky chipped potatoes & peas or baked beans - Jacket potato with cheese/tuna/beans
Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit	Fresh fruit
Strawberry ice cream	Yoghurt	Jelly and fruit	Vanilla and chocolate marble cake	Homemade biscuit
Milk/water	Milk/water	Milk/water	Milk/water	Milk/water

Dates for your Diary Autumn Half Term 1

Tuesday 29th September	3:15pm – 5pm Movie Night
Friday 2nd October	8:45am Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 2nd October	9 – 11am Open morning for families of children who will be starting reception in September 2027.
Monday 12th October	Mobile Farm visiting EYFS
Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th October	Parents' Evenings for all classes Starbooks Reading Cafe open in the hall from 3:30pm
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October	Book Fair after school in the hall
Friday 23rd October	School closes for half term

Term Dates for the Academic Year 2026 – 2027

Term	First Half Term	Half Term Break	Second Half Term
AUTUMN	Wednesday 2 nd September to Friday 23 rd October	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October inclusive	Monday 2 nd November to Friday 18 th December

Christmas Holiday Monday 21st December 2026 to Tuesday 5th January 2027 inclusive

Term	First Half Term	Half Term Break	Second Half Term
SPRING	Tuesday 5 th January to Friday 12 th February	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February inclusive	Monday 22 nd February to Thursday 25 th March

Easter Holiday Friday 26th March to Friday 2nd April 2027 inclusive

Term	First Half Term	Half Term Break	Second Half Term
SUMMER	Wednesday 7 th April to Friday 28 th May	Monday 31 st May to Friday 11 th June inclusive	Monday 14 th June to Wednesday 21 st July

Closure Days

BANK HOLIDAY Monday 3rd May 2027

WARRINGTON WALKING DAY Friday 25th June 2027