

St Barnabas CE Primary School



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St Barnabas CE Primary School and Nursery



Information for Parents



A unique place where children
'let their light shine.'

Welcome

St Barnabas Church of England Primary School and Nursery is an aspirational setting where we prepare our children for a positive future, achieved through faith. We aim to give our children the knowledge, skills, self-belief and love of learning to 'let their light shine', pursue their dreams, be the best they can be and have a happy and successful future. Our dedicated staff team nurture and help every child to face their individual challenges with courage and determination and to discover their own unique talents and strengths.

We welcome all children and their families and want your child's introduction to our nursery to be a positive and engaging experience. We understand that this is an important milestone in your child's learning journey and that it will be both an exciting and nervous time for you and your child. We aim to make it a happy and memorable experience, and this booklet will provide some useful information that will help your child settle quickly into Nursery and answer some of the questions you may have.

We look forward to working alongside you to provide the best learning experiences possible for your child.

Please contact us if you have any questions or if we can help in any way.

Miss Jane Hodgkinson, Headteacher



3 & 4 Year Old Children

All prices exclude the cost of a school dinner. These can be paid for separately or you are welcome to send in a packed lunch.

Morning Session	8:40am – 11:30am	£12.00
Morning Session	8:40am – 12:15pm	£13.50
Afternoon session	12:30pm – 3:00pm	£12.00
Afternoon session	11:30am – 3:00pm	£13.50
All Day	8:40am – 3:00pm	£25.50
Lunchtime Session	11.30am – 12.15pm	£2.00

Snack

In addition to the above fees we charge £8 per half term for snack which is payable at the start of each half term via ParentPay.

Link Clubs

Breakfast Club	7.30am – 8.45am	£5.00
	7.45am – 8.45am	£3.40
After School Club	3.15pm – 4.30pm	£3.20
	3.15pm - 5.50pm	£6.00

ST BARNABAS NURSERY FEES

Payable online via ParentPay or cash at a Paypoint store

2 Year Old Children

All prices exclude the cost of a school dinner. These can be paid for separately or you are welcome to send in a packed lunch.

Morning session	8:40am – 11:30am	£17.60
Morning session	8:40am – 12:15pm	£23.00
Afternoon session	12:30pm – 3:00pm	£17.60
Afternoon session	11:30am – 3:00pm	£23.00
All Day	8:40am – 3:00pm	£40.00
Lunchtime Session	11:30am – 12:15pm	£5.20

Snack

In addition to the above fees we charge £8 per half term for snack which is payable at the start of each half term via ParentPay.

Link Clubs

Breakfast Club	7:30am – 8:45am	£7.00
	7:45am – 8:45am	£5.20
After School Club	3:15pm – 4:30pm	£6.00
	3:15pm - 5:50pm	£10.00

School Information

Our Office Team



Mrs Walsh
Business Manager



Mrs Edwards
Admin Assistant

Pastoral



Mrs Fisher
SENCO

Our Nursery Team

Our skilled and experienced staff team (both teaching and non-teaching) pride themselves on the positive relationships we build with parents, carers and the families of children within our care. Our Nursery team will welcome your child daily, and our office staff are always happy to help should you have any questions.

Our Nursery Team



Miss Carr
EYFS Leader



Miss Kinlin
Teaching Assistant



Miss Fletcher
Teaching Assistant



Mr Collins
Apprentice

Useful Information and Links

To apply for tax free childcare and save 20% of your costs visit **www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs**

To apply for free childcare as a working parent please visit
www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working

To apply for funded 2 year old childcare if you receive additional government support visit
https://admissions.warrington.gov.uk/citizenportal_LIVE

More information for all of the above is available from the **www.beststartinlife.gov.uk**

Term Dates

Please visit our school website for term dates:
www.stbarnabasceprimary.co.uk

Holiday List 2025 – 2026

Autumn Term 2025	
Open	Close
Tuesday 2 nd September	Friday 24 th October
Monday 3 rd November	Friday 19 th December
Spring Term 2026	
Open	Close
Tuesday 6 th January	Friday 13 th February
Monday 23 rd February	Thursday 2 nd April
Summer Term 2026	
Open	Close
Tuesday 13 th April	Friday 22 nd May
Monday 8 th June	Friday 17 th July
PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE ALSO MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 4TH MAY 2026 AND WARRINGTON WALKING DAY FRIDAY 3RD JULY 2026	

Our Learning Vision

Our nursery is newly refurbished, providing a clean, bright and airy environment for your child. Our staff are highly qualified and have a wealth of experience in early years; we will ensure that your child feels safe and secure in our care. We offer a wide range of opportunities to allow children to develop their knowledge and skills, ensuring that they have the best start to their education. Within this high quality provision our aim is to:

- Provide a carefully designed and sequenced curriculum, which is broad and balanced; a curriculum that fulfils the Educational Programme for each area of learning and the Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning
- Give each child a happy and positive start to their school life in which they can establish a solid foundation for a love of learning
- Enable each child to develop socially, physically, intellectually and emotionally
- Encourage children to develop independence within a secure and friendly atmosphere
- Support children in building relationships through the development of social skills such as cooperation and sharing
- Work alongside parents to meet each child's individual needs to ensure they reach their full potential
- Promote equality of opportunity

We offer high-quality learning environments indoors and outdoors, facilitating early years pedagogy. They provide opportunity for children to practise, consolidate and apply ongoing and new learning, across all areas of learning and the Characteristics of Effective Teaching and Learning. Across the daily routine, staff ensure children have a balance of child-initiated and adult-led activities. It is recognised that young children learn by, taking part in activities guided by knowledgeable adults and lead their own learning sensitively supported by staff.

We recognise that children learn to be strong and independent from secure relationships. The role of the key person is securely in place. Each child is assigned a key person who helps to ensure that their learning and care is tailored to meet their needs. The key person supports parents and/or carers in guiding their child's development at home. The key person also helps families to engage with more specialist support, if appropriate.

To find information about our curriculum, ways to support your child and our daily routines, please visit our school website www.stbarnabasceprimary.co.uk



Example 15 Hour Nursery Sessions

Monday	8:40am – 3:00pm
Tuesday	8:40am – 3:00pm
Wednesday	8:40am – 11:30am

Wednesday	12:30pm – 3:00pm
Thursday	8:40am – 3:00pm
Friday	8:40am – 11:30am

Monday	8:40am – 11:40am
Tuesday	8:40am – 11:40am
Wednesday	8:40am – 11:40am
Thursday	8:40am – 11:40am
Friday	8:40am – 11:40am

Monday	12:00pm – 3:00pm
Tuesday	12:00pm – 3:00pm
Wednesday	12:00pm – 3:00pm
Thursday	12:00pm – 3:00pm
Friday	12:00pm – 3:00pm

We are also able to offer additional hours, subject to availability. Please book additional hours via the School Office.

Nursery Sessions

EYFS consists of Two-Year-Old Provision, a Nursery Class and a Reception Class. Children can join the two-year-old provision the term following their second birthday with two-year funding, or the Nursery class, the week following their third birthday. We also provide both government and self-funded 30 hour places.

We offer children sessions at the start of the week or at the end of the week. Start of the week sessions consist of all day Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday morning. End of the week sessions consists of Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday and Friday.

A variety of flexible options are available including:

Example 15 Hour Nursery Sessions

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Wednesday	08:40am – 3:00pm
Thursday	08:40am – 3:00pm
Friday	08:40am – 3:00pm

Parents as Partners

Parents and carers are a child's first educators and play a crucial role in your child's learning journey. We greatly value any input, opinions and information you can share with us about your child's learning and progress.

We provide many opportunities for parents and carers to take an active part in your child's education. Lots of information will be shared via our app, Class Dojo; in addition, further information can be found on our school website, through our weekly school newsletters and informal conversations at the start and end of the day.

We also regularly welcome parents and other family member into school for a variety of sessions including:

- Stay and Play
- Cosy reading sessions
- Phonics and Early reading workshops
- Starbooks Reading Cafes
- Monthly family coffee mornings
- Parents' Evening



Reading with your child

Reading books to your child has is one of the best things you can do to help them succeed at school.

Reading a book and chatting about it has a positive impact on your child's ability to:

- understand words and sentences
- use a wide range of vocabulary
- develop listening and comprehension skills

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A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success!

Library Books and Story Bags

Library books are provided for children to take home to their families, to share, discuss and enjoy! Staff will change your child's book every week, but we encourage adults to choose a high-quality book with your child from our book stand in the entrance area, as often as you wish. Our Two-Year-Olds are provided with a Story Bag each week to take home to their families to share and enjoy together. Story Bags include a high-quality book and props linked to the book.

Nursery Rhymes

Nursery rhymes are extremely valuable to support language and communication skills, build confidence and prepare children for reading and writing as they get older. Our children sing nursery rhymes each day as part of their daily routine and we encourage families to sing our 'Rhyme of the Week' with their children at home too!

"The school's programme for wider development is ambitious. In particular, the focus on careers and raising pupils' aspirations for their future is remarkable."

"The school offers esteemed leadership roles for many pupils. Pupils relish the responsibility of being mini police or worship leaders."

"Pupils say the school is 'a place for everyone.' They celebrate their uniqueness and diversity. They are kind to one another."



SIAMs Inspection

The school and nursery had a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools in November 2022 and we achieved the highest possible overall grade of "Excellent". The inspectors reported that school is "outstanding in enabling children to flourish" and that we have "outstanding pastoral care". "Leaders are creative and highly innovative in sensitively addressing the varied needs for each individual in their diverse community."

Ofsted Inspection

St Barnabas' most recent Ofsted inspection took place in March 2024 and found that the school continues to be good.

The report stated that:

"Pupils' behaviour around school is exemplary."

"Pupils at St Barnabas live up to the school's motto and 'let their light shine.' They are polite, respectful and happy."

"Children in the early years, including the two-year-old provision, thrive."

"Pupils are supported from an early age to aspire high. There is no ceiling put on their achievement."

"Pupils take part in lessons enthusiastically. They enjoy learning and try their best."

"The school expects the best from its pupils and staff. Pupils live up to these high expectations."

"The school has designed an ambitious and broad curriculum. The essential knowledge that pupils should learn has been carefully chosen."

"Teachers use their strong subject knowledge to deliver the curriculum successfully. They expertly model the use of subject specific vocabulary."

"Staff act as positive role models for pupils. They teach pupils how to behave exceptionally well."

"Staff are adept at identifying any additional needs that pupils may have."



Independence and Self-Care

Being independent has many benefits for our children, including building self-confidence and self-esteem and enabling them to achieve their milestones.

Here are some suggestions of ways we can work together to support our children at Nursery and at home to develop their independence and self-care:

Mealtimes: We encourage our children to try new foods, feed themselves and clear away their own plate, cutlery and cup.

Handwashing: Handwashing is a regular part of our mealtime routine and after visits to the toilet or outdoor activities such as gardening. Including handwashing as part of the daily routine, helps children to understand the importance of hygiene and become independent.

Toilet training: When showing signs of readiness, we support our children and their families to fully understand and work together through the toilet training process. Toilet training enables our children to reach an important milestone and develop independence and confidence.

Dressing themselves: We encourage our children to dress themselves, this includes putting on and taking off their own coat and shoes.

Tidying up: We always encourage our children to tidy up after playing with toys or making a mess. Simple tasks like helping to tidy up, makes the child feel like they are contributing, gives them a sense of importance and builds their independence.

Our Values

Friendship is ...



- Encouraging and supporting one another.
- Listening to others.
- Including everyone.

Creativity is ...



- Using your skills and imagination to create amazing things.
- Thinking/solving problems in lots of different ways

Truthfulness is ...



- Saying what we did.
- Being honest.

Peace is ...



- Being quiet and calm.
- Letting others get on with their learning.

Responsibility is ...



- Looking after the world, working hard and being kind and helpful.

Compassion is ...



- If we see someone that looks like they're suffering, we have to help them.

Justice is ...



- All about fairness, equality and doing the right thing.

Perseverance is ...



- To keep going, even when something is a challenge. With self-believe you can achieve your dreams. Always try your best and never give up.

Pupil Expectations

Technology

- Mobile phones to be switched off and stored by the teacher at the start of the day.
- Mobiles are brought in at parents' discretion.

Movement around school and nursery

- Arrive at nursery on time each day. Put your belongings away, quietly enter class and start your morning task.
- Put up your hand and ask politely if you need to go to the toilet.
- Line up quietly to move around school.

British Values

- Rule of law
- Individual liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs
- Democracy

Our Golden Rules

- We are gentle
- We are kind and helpful
- We listen
- We are honest
- We work hard
- We look after property

Nursery Lunch

Positive lunch routines can help our children to understand the importance of food and a balanced diet, develop social skills and important life skills such as using cutlery. Our nursery lunches are nutritionally balanced, good value for money and all dietary requirements and allergies are catered for. Our current menu runs over a 3-week period which offers a more varied choice for children to try different foods. Please visit the school website to access the menus for each half-term. If you would like your child to have a school meal, please book this prior to their session. School meals cost £3.05 per day and are paid for via Parent Pay.

If you opt to send your child to nursery with a packed lunch, we do encourage to make healthy choices when preparing this.

A healthy packed lunch should consist of:

- Fruit and vegetables
- Unrefined starchy food - for example multigrain bread, pasta or rice
- Sources of protein - meat, fish, eggs, beans etc.
- Milk or other dairy foods - i.e. cheese
- A small amount of fat, sugar and salt
- Water, milk or juice

Please be aware that we are a **nut free school** - please ensure that your child's packed lunch does not contain any nuts.

Snack

We provide our children with a healthy and tasty snack twice a day. We have a varied menu including dips and pittas, crackers and spreads, yoghurts and cereal. We also provide fruit, salad and milk each day. In order for us to provide this healthy menu, we ask our families to contribute and make a snack payment of £8 each half-term. Payments can be made via Parent Pay.



Water

Children are asked to bring a bottle to nursery each day filled with water which they can drink through 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 with their dinner.

Other Important Information for Parents

We kindly ask that all items sent into Nursery, including clothing and personal belongings are named.

We ask our parents/carers to send the following items into nursery:

- A change of clothes in a small named bag
- A suitable coat and accessories (hats, scarves, gloves) for weather at specific times of year
- A named water bottle (filled with water)
- Two year olds must bring a named bag with a change of clothes each day.

For children wearing nappies, we ask our families to provide nappies and wipes at the start of each term. Staff will inform families when they need to be topped up.

We also request during periods of hot weather; sun cream is applied at home before children attend nursery.



Nursery Uniform



PE t-shirt with school logo
Plain joggers (navy or black)
Choice of: School cardigan, jumper or fleece
Trainers

- No jewellery- other than small plain, round ear stud.
Only one in each ear.
- No nail varnish or transfers.
- Long hair tied back.
- All clothes must be clearly labelled.

Nursery uniform is available from:

Warrington Schoolwear Centre, 50-54 Buttermarket Street,
Warrington WA1 2NN

www.alphaschoolwear.com Tel: 01925 576868

Touchline Embroidery, Liverpool Road, Warrington WA5
1AE

www.touchline-embroidery.com Tel: 01925 413777

Health

We promote good oral health, as well as good health in general, in the early years by talking to children about the effects of eating too many sweet things, the importance of eating a healthy balanced diet and regular exercise and the importance of brushing your teeth.

We also follow Public Health England guidance on supervised tooth brushing. The tooth brushing programme is designed to help stop young children developing tooth decay. It gives your child another chance to brush their teeth each day. The tooth brushing activity takes place in nursery. Children have their own toothbrushes which are stored safely in a suitable storage unit. Staff support and supervise the children to ensure all procedures are followed safely and effectively.



Class Dojo

We use a free app called Class Dojo to communicate with parents. You will be given log-in details once your child has started with us. You are able to message the office if your child is absent and communicate with their class teacher. It's a great way of keeping in touch with what is happening in school.



ParentPay

School use an online e-payment system called ParentPay which allows you to pay online, or pay cash at a PayPoint store for dinners, trips, snacks, Link Club fees, etc. You will be given an activation letter once your child has started with us. We also take card payments at the school office (not for meals).



Medication

Parents are asked to inform the office of any medical conditions or allergies. All medication must be signed in at the school office. If your child suffers from asthma, spare inhalers and spacers will need to be left in nursery. If your child needs medication, an adult must bring it to the school office so that it can be stored correctly. A parent/carer MUST complete a form so that arrangements can be made for your child to receive their medication at the correct time. We cannot give medicine to a child without parental consent.



Link Club

Our link club runs in the morning from 07:30am to 08:50am and in the afternoon from 3:00pm to 5:50pm, offering fun activities and a healthy snack for pupils aged 3 years old and over. You do not need to book the breakfast club, just turn up. Please book the after school link club with Nursery staff or the school office. You will only pay for the clubs that you use.