St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter



28/11/2025

'Let your light shine'

It has been the most difficult week in our school, following the news of our beautiful Jamie's tragic death. Our school community is praying for Jamie's family and friends and we will do everything we can to support them at this most difficult time. Our children were told in an age-appropriate way yesterday and I have been overwhelmed with their sensitivity, kindness, maturity and compassion. Many of our children have been busy making beautiful cards and pictures and writing messages which have all been taken to Jamie's family.

Jamie's tragic death will have such a tremendous impact on us all and we want to come together to provide the best possible support for our St Barnabas community. Please rest assured that we have an extremely skilful staff team who are well trained to spot children who are struggling and to offer the right support, such as bereavement counselling, when it is needed.

I would like to thank you, our families, for your messages of support and offers of help – I am really touched by your kindness and will share them all with Jamie's parents – I know they will find some comfort in knowing how much you all care. Please contact me if there is anything at all you need. Please keep Jamie and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Miss Hodgkinson

HERE ARE SOME OF THE WAYS OUR AMAZING CHILDREN HAVE 'LET THEIR LIGHT SHINE' THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL...



Be on time!

Being on time to school every day is **REALLY IMPORTANT.** Children who are late miss vital learning and are picking up bad habits that could affect their future employability. Being just a few minutes late each day builds up to large amounts of lost learning over a school year. If your child is late twice within a 2-week period, you will be contacted to discuss how we can support you to get to school on time.

Minutes late per day	Days of lost learning in a year
5 minutes	3 ½ days
10 minutes	7 days
15 minutes	10 days

Local Authority Attendance Update

The Local Authority will now be issuing fines (fixed term penalty notices) for parents who take children on holidays during term time. The link below will take you to the LA webpage containing information about penalty notices:

School attendance | warrington.gov.uk

Meet and Greet

Don't forget, if you have any issues in the morning or at the end of the day, a member of staff will be outside for you! We have staff available every morning and afternoon at each entrance gate — we can help you with any issues you may have, no matter how small. Please come for a chat if you need to.

<u>Places in St Barnabas Nursery Available</u>

We are now accepting applications for places in our nursery for January 2025.

Please ask the school office for an application form or to make an appointment to look around.

We can also assist with 2 year old funding applications.

Starting Reception Class

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, 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

Packed Lunch ideas

A healthy packed lunch will give children the energy and nutrition they need to get the most from their school day – helping them to stay healthy, feel good and be ready and able to learn. Just like school meals, packed lunches should be made up of foods from the main food groups in the Eatwell Guide https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-guidelines-and-food-labels/the-eatwell-guide/ and portions should be appropriate for a child's age and size. This will ensure every child has a healthy and nutritionally-balanced lunch.

5 top tips for your packed lunch

- Freezer packs can keep food cool. Freeze a (reusable) bottle of water which will be ready to drink by lunchtime.
- Get your child to help pack their lunch box they are more likely to enjoy it.
- Love to dip? cut up pitta bread or veg sticks to have with a dip.
- Use pastry cutters to cut funny shaped sandwiches.
- Protect your fruit by putting it in a small plastic container.

Some GREAT ideas for upping the veg content in your lunchboxes can be found via https://simplyveg.org.uk/lunchboxes

Our Christian Value for this half term is: 'Responsibility'

This week we pray for Jamie. We pray for his family who are consumed with overwhelming grief. We pray they find strength and comfort. Please guide them through their pain and help all in our school community to try our best to light up the darkness with love and compassion.

This week's big question is:

Can we take responsibility for others' choices or actions?

Road safety

Road Safety

We have had a number of complaints regarding inconsiderate and dangerous parkin. We appreciate how difficult drop off and pick up times can be but we must stress the importance of road safety – this includes safe parking and safe driving.

We have painted yellow zig zag road markings outside school for a very good reason: *the safety of our pupils*. You must not park or stop even for a moment on these markings.

Any car stopped or parked in this restricted area can hide small children who are about to cross the road. The children may not see approaching cars and approaching motorists may not see the children.

Please do not stop in the middle of the road to let out your children.

Thank you for your support.



Can you help us with donation of new toys/gifts, pyjamas and selections boxes for children & young adults aged 0-18 years?

DONATIONS ARE NOW BEEN TAKEN AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

THE GATEWAY **GOLDEN SQUARE CUSTOMER SERVICES** HOWLEY HOTEL **PAVILLION TEA ROOMS**

WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL TIMES SQUARE

WARRINGTON TOWN HALL THE ALBION

THE GREENWOOD HOTEL

THE STATION HOUSE THE CHESHIRE CHEESE

THE RED LION

THE IRISH CLUB

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WA11QB

WA12JP

WA13GF

WA12NT WA1 1UH

WA27EG

WA2 OEQ

WA27FW

WA41JH

WA3 1HE

WA27AL

MON-FRI 9AM-5PM

MON-SAT 9.30-5.50PM, SUN 11AM-5PM, LATE NIGHT THURS UNTIL 8PM

MON-SUN 12NOON-11PM

TUES-THURS 9AM-2PM MON-FRI 9AM-5PM

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If you would prefer to make a cash donation this is a link to our just giving page













Naughty Elves & Reindeer Onesie

We have had some naughty elves arrive at school over the weekend and they are up to their usual mischief!

This year they are dressing up in reindeer onesies and trotting around school.





If you would like to help us out by adopting an elf please come to the office where they are on sale for £3.50 and the reindeer onesies can be bought for £2.50.



GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

8th December 2025



1st Prize Fire Stick, Smart Watch and Ear Pods

2nd Prize Pamper Hamper 3rd Prize Pokémon Bundle

Plus many other prizes including...

*Harry Potter Bundle * Star Wars Bundle * Mini Exercise Bike *

*Retro Dance Mat * Karaoke Set * Cocomelon Toy*

*Monsters Inc. Soft Toy * Handbag and Purse * Tickle Me Elmo *
*Monster Snap Toy * Alcohol Bundle * Curlimal Toy * Golf Game *

* Power Ranger Toy * Mechanics Build Toy * RC Dinosaur *

*Board Games/Jigsaw Bundle * 2 x Board Games Bundles *

* Jewellery Bundle * Car Transporter & Cars * Games Bundle *

* Huge Nursery Toy Bundle * K'Nex Toy * Barbie Book & Toy * Candle & Salt / Pepper Set * Buzz Lightyear Figurines *

* Ty Beanie Fox * Chocolate Bundle * 5 x Pokémon Cards *

* 10 x Free Child Tickets to Gulliver's World (with paying adult) *

Tickets available at just £1 each on ParentPay or from the School Office





Rec, Y1 & Y2 Disco

Friday 12th December

3.15 - 4.30pm

£4 – includes a snack, drink & party bag



Key Stage 2 Disco

Friday 12th December

4.45 - 6pm

£3 - includes snack & drink

Sweets & glow sticks available to buy

Staying Safe Online

Our guide this week focuses again on Tik Tok, as it is the world's go to short video platform, which is 13+. There is an endless stream of ready to access videos, but there are pitfalls to consider, such as age-inappropriate content, viral challenges and misinformation. Our guide explores the hidden hazards and gives advice for parents.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm'

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

CONTACT WITH

MISINFORMATION AND

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Meet Our Expert

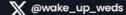


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Holiday Club Booking Instructions

Follow this link to the new booking system www.eequ.org

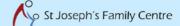
- · At the top right of the screen click "Join for Free" in the orange box.
- · Enter your email address and choose a memorable password you will need to make a note of this as you will need it for future HAF Club bookings.
- · You will be sent an email to verify your email address and must do this before you can move on to book the club.
- · Once you have registered click on the box at the top left of the screen called "HAF"
- · Scroll down the list on the right-hand side and select Warrington Borough Council.
- · Search for St Joseph's @ St Barnabas Primary School from the list of clubs
- · Click on the photo (as above) and then click the green "Book" button at the bottom right-hand side of the screen.
- · Click" Select Dates".



- · You will need to enter the details for all children you are booking for so please click the "New Child Attendee" button and add their first name, last name and date of birth, then click "Save Child Attendee". You need to do this for each child you are wanting to attend.
- \cdot Once you have added your child(ren) you need to select them and then click the green "Next" button at the bottom of the screen.
- · Next you will need to complete all their medical and dietary details along with any permissions and other information e.g., SEN, disability, etc.
- · Click "Next"
- · Click "Request Booking"
- \cdot You will then receive an email saying that your booking request has been sent to the council for approval.
- · You should then get another email once the booking has been confirmed.



St Joseph's Family Centre



St Barnabas Christmas **Holiday Activity Club**

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd December And Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th December 10am to 2pm

Our Christmas Holiday Club will be run by Dawn and Lauren from St Joseph's Family Centre (you may remember them from previous clubs).

Please visit <u>www.eequ.org</u> to book your place for your child.





Supporting Families in Need This Christmas

If you are a family who is vulnerable and feel like you need support, we are here to help.

Speak to our Community Centre Co-ordinator about how to refer into the service.

Alternatively, you can contact:
Liz Hands, Triage Assessment Worker

01925 818017 (Option 4

Let's make this Christmas special for every child in Warrington!





St Barnabas Countdown to Chrístmas

Tuesday 2 nd December, 1pm	School choir singing in Golden Square
Friday 5 th December	8:45am Parent coffee morning – all families welcome
Friday 5 th December	Y3 trip to Warrington Museum
Monday 8 th December, 3:15pm	Starbooks Christmas Cafe and Christmas shop
Wednesday 10 th December	Nursery, Reception, 1, 2, 5 Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 10 th December – Thursday 11 th December	Christmas shop open at lunchtimes
Thursday 11 th December, 9:15am	Y2 Nativity Performance for parents Christmas shop open
Thursday 11th December, 2:30pm	Y4 Keyboard Concert
Friday 12 th December	St Rocco's Reindeer Run and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December	Y3,4, & 6 Christmas dinner
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Disco: Reception & KS1 3:15 – 4:30pm KS2: 4:45 - 6pm
Monday 15 th December	Little Movers Family Christmas Parties for Nursery and Reception
Monday 15 th December, 3:30pm	Christingle Service in St Barnabas Church
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Party Day!
Thursday 18 th December	Whole school trip to Children's Adventure Farm Trust Winter Wonderland
Friday 19 th December	Elf Day!
Friday 19 th December	School closes for Christmas break at 1:30pm
Tuesday 6 th January	School opens