

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

27/03/2026



'Let your light shine'

So proud of our children...

On Monday, our year 5 pupils took part in a joint concert with other Warrington schools at the Parr Hall. Their singing and dancing was sensational and they performed confidently and energetically in front of a huge audience...! felt so proud I cried! We definitely have some future stars in our midst.

All our children have also showed their creativity by contributing to an amazing art exhibition, which is currently in Golden Square Shopping Centre, just outside Boots – please stop by and have a look next time you are in town.



Over the last 2 weeks, all our children have been completing assessments - we are all incredibly proud of how they have risen to the challenge. They have worked hard, shown great resilience and demonstrated perseverance, tackling challenges with determination and excellent attitudes to learning. Well done everyone.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Miss Hodgkinson

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



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](http://www.warrington.gov.uk)

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>

Nut Allergy

Our school is a **nut free zone** as we have children in school with severe allergies. Please do not send any food in packed lunches containing nuts or traces of nuts, including chocolate spread.

Fundraiser

Some of our pupils are members of Warrington Starlights Dance team. The team have made starlight history and won a bid to compete internationally for the first time ever! This is an amazing opportunity but also very expensive, so Lola's mum is busy fundraising for the trip.

She is making personalised sunglasses and shirts for signing, which are ideal for school leavers.

If you would like to buy any of the items, contact Clair Taylor on 07443987967.

Sunglasses	£3.50
Shirts	£7.50
Sunglasses & shirt	£10



Our Christian Value for this half term is:

'Forgiveness'

Forgiveness is like giving someone a second chance to be kind – and giving your heart a chance to feel happy again.



This week we pray for peace across the world.

This week's big question is:

Do you think it is possible to always to forgive someone?

Easter Eggstravaganza!

Our annual decorated egg competition is taking place soon. Children are invited to decorate a boiled egg at home and bring it into school. There will be a winner from each class and all entries will receive a chocolate prize!

Competition entries should be brought into school on Monday 30th March. Winners will be announced on Tuesday 31st March.



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.

Free Online Safety Parent Workshop – Thursday 30th April 7pm

Warrington Local Authority are totally committed to the digital safety and wellbeing of their students. As part of this, we are running a workshop dedicated to helping parents understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents can do to help.

Please join us for this hour-long workshop in which Ruth Noble, Digital Safeguarding Education Specialist will provide you with lots of valuable insights and tools.

Including:

- Information on the latest apps and games your child may have access to.
- The harmful content your child may be exposed to.
- How you can help your child to safely navigate online risk.
- How to access our FREE [Online Safety Hub](#) with dedicated guidance for parents.
- An introduction to a parental app that allows you to control what your child sees online if they are at risk, plus other important features.

We hope to see you there, please use the link to register for your free place [Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)



Parenting advice

Taming the Tech Tantrum

- Children experience tech tantrums due to interruptions in their digital interactions, heightened by the stimulating and rewarding nature of online activities.
- Overstimulation occurs when young children spend more than two continuous hours on screens. Limiting screen time to an hour or less helps reduce post-screen grumpiness.
- Follow our three-step process for helping reduce the occurrence of tech tantrums.

This week we have some parent advice from the Warrington Online Safety Hub. There are 3 main pieces of advice:

- Set a limit before the screen time starts.
- Give a 10-minute warning. As it nears the end of this time, join in with them to see what they are doing. Let them finish what they are doing.
- Have a transition ready to go. This could be walking the dog, having a 3-minute dance party or sharing a book together.

If you'd like to read the full article you can access it here [Online Safety Hub - Warrington Safeguarding Partnership](#)

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Do you want to work in schools as a Teaching Assistant?

Our **Level 2 Teaching Assistant** course will teach you everything you need to know. It's perfect if you're just starting out or looking for a new career working with young people.

Course overview:

Supporting teaching and learning

Safeguarding children

Child development

Special educational needs

School policies and procedures

Employability skills

Is this course right for you?

If you're aged 19 or over and want to work in a school, this course is a great place to start. You don't need any previous experience - just a desire to help children learn. The course gives you real, practical knowledge that schools are looking for. You'll learn from experienced teachers who will guide you through everything you need to know to become a teaching assistant.

Take your first step toward a rewarding career helping children learn and grow.

Monday 20th April till 30th A - Block course over 9 days - 9.30 till 2.30
Course is being held at Christ church of England Primary School Padgate
Contact Natalie to secure you place - 07483343283

ST. BARNABAS PRIMARY EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, LEARN NEW SKILLS

FREE

CHECK ONLINE TO QUALIFY

10AM-2PM EACH DAY

LUNCH & SNACKS INCLUDED!

FUN SPORTS ACTIVITIES

CRAFT ACTIVITIES

COOKING DEMO

YOUNG LEADERS AWARD

PLUS LOTS MORE!

PLUS CERTIFICATES

TROPHIES & PRIZES!!

APRIL

7TH - 10TH

ONLY 30 SPACES. BOOK NOW!

BOOK ONLINE: WWW.STRIKERACADEMY.CO.UK/HAF

Dates for your Diary

Monday 30 th March	3:15 – 4:30pm Easter Starbooks Cafe – all families welcome
Monday 30 th March	Nursery Easter Stay & Play 2.15pm - 3pm (start of the week children)
Tuesday 31 st March	Reception trip to Chester Zoo
Wednesday 1 st April	10am Whole School Spring Service at St Barnabas Church – all families welcome
Wednesday 1 st April	Nursery Easter Stay & Play – 2.15pm – 3pm (end of the week children)
Wednesday 1 st April	Reception Easter Stay & Play – 2.15pm – 3pm
Wednesday 1 st April	6pm Spring Concert – tickets available for parents of children in KS2
Thursday 2 nd April	School closes for the Easter break
Monday 13 th April	School opens for the summer term



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MENINGITIS + SEPTICAEMIA

Meningitis
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Meningitis is a serious condition where the protective layers around the brain and spinal cord become inflamed. Septicaemia is when the bacteria enter the bloodstream to cause blood poisoning. They can happen to anyone, so it's important to know the symptoms and risks.

Early symptoms, such as fever, vomiting, aches, muscle pain, cold hands and feet and headaches, can look similar to common illnesses like colds or flu. But someone with meningitis or septicaemia will usually become seriously ill in a matter of hours. That's why it's crucial to keep checking on anyone who is unwell.

MENINGITIS SYMPTOMS?

- fever
- a very bad headache (this alone is not a reason to get medical help)
- vomiting
- stiff neck
- dislike of bright lights
- rash (DO NOT wait for a rash to appear before seeking medical advice)
- confusion, delirium
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness
- fits

SEPTICAEMIA SYMPTOMS?

- fever and shivering
- severe pains and aches in limbs and joints
- vomiting
- very cold hands and feet
- pale or blotchy skin
- rapid breathing
- diarrhoea and stomach cramps
- red or purple 'bruised' or blotchy rash on skin that does not fade under pressure - do the glass test. On dark skin, check paler areas of the skin, such as the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, inside the mouth (roof), and the eyelids
- difficulty walking or standing
- severe sleepiness, losing consciousness

If you become worried about yourself, your child, or a friend, particularly if symptoms are getting worse, seek medical help urgently.

EARLY TREATMENT CAN BE LIFE-SAVING.