

St Barnabas CE Primary School Newsletter

02/04/2026



'Let your light shine'

I cannot believe we are almost at the end of another term - this year really is flying by so quickly. Again, there have been so many incredible achievements by our children from excellent attendance, super improvements in handwriting and arithmetic scores, brilliant artwork and year 5's sensational performance at the Parr Hall. Last night all our KS2 classes took part in our Spring Concert, performing poetry, songs and musical instruments with creativity, confidence and passion. The standards of our children's performance gets better every year - I am extremely proud of every one of you.

On behalf of everyone at St Barnabas, I wish you and your family a blessed and joyful Easter and look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 13th April.

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 those suffering from illness.

This week's big question is:
Is world peace achievable?



We would like to say a huge thank you to the **Children's Adventure Farm Trust (CAFT)** and the **Trust Alliance Group** for their generous donations of Easter eggs this year. Their kindness has ensured that every one of our pupils will have an egg to enjoy over the Easter period.

We are incredibly grateful for the continued support CAFT provides to children and young people, and we also appreciate the Trust Alliance Group for their ongoing contribution.

Thank you for helping make this Easter extra special for our school community.



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

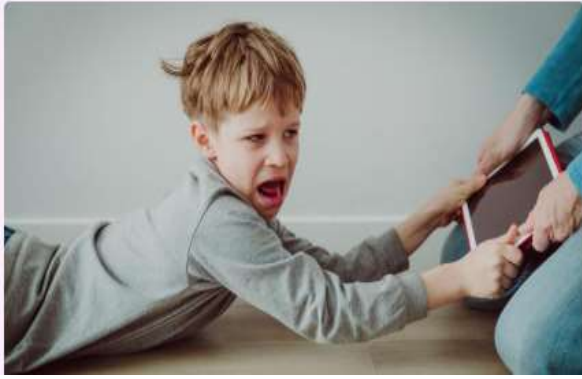
Warrington Local Authority are totally committed to the digital safety and wellbeing of their students. As part of this, we are running a workshop dedicated to helping parents understand the risks their children face in their online lives and the practical things parents can do to help.

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](#)

Calling all Jigsaw Enthusiasts

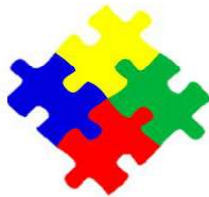
St Elphin's, St Barnabas & Holy Trinity Churches invite you to join them at St Elphin's Church, Church Street, Warrington, WA1 2TL for a

Jigsaw Day

Saturday

18th April 2026

10.00 - 2.00pm



Other Stalls include:

Refreshments	Cake Stall
Tombola	Jams Stall
Knitted goods	Wood
Stained Glass	Silk Arrangements
	Candles

Admission £1.00 - includes free raffle ticket
Proceeds to be split between the 3 churches

ST. BARNABAS PRIMARY
EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

FREE
CHECK ONLINE TO QUALIFY

HAVE FUN, MAKE NEW FRIENDS, LEARN NEW SKILLS

APRIL
7TH - 10TH
ONLY 30 SPACES. BOOK NOW!

10AM-2PM EACH DAY
LUNCH & SNACKS INCLUDED!
FUN SPORTS ACTIVITIES
CRAFT ACTIVITIES
COOKING DEMO
YOUNG LEADERS AWARD
PLUS LOTS MORE!
PLUS CERTIFICATES
TROPHIES & PRIZES!

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