

6th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! My name is Miss Mulligan and I am the Year 3/4 class teacher. I hope you had a lovely summer and look forward to working with your children this year to make 2026-2027 a rewarding and exciting school year.

P.E DAYS

P.E will take place on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** this term. Each child is required to come to school wearing their P.E uniform for the whole day. Please ensure your child follows the school uniform guidelines and wears the appropriate uniform, socks and shoes. We kindly request that each item is labelled with your child's name so that any missing items can easily be returned. Please note that trainers should only be worn on PE days.

HOMEWORK

Homework is an essential element of children's primary school education. It enables children to reinforce and further develop their learning at home by extending what they have learned at school. Completing homework enables pupils to make good progress in their learning but also share their learning and experiences with family members. It also helps to prepare children to become independent learners and manage their own time effectively.

- Homework will be given to pupils **every Monday** and will be **due by the following Monday**
- Each child is expected to complete daily reading (explained below)
- Homework tasks are intended to take no longer than one hour each week (excluding daily reading) and will be a combination of work related to our in-term topic set as either a project or an English and/or maths activity as well as weekly spelling practice

Reading

Reading at home is vital and greatly impacts your child's school success. Each child is expected to read at home daily for 30 minutes if they are in Year 3 and for 40 minutes if they are in Year 4, building in time to discuss what they have read with an adult to demonstrate understanding. If your child is a confident reader they should read independently before discussing what they have read with an adult and if they are a developing reader they should read to an adult before talking about the text. This is an important habit to build into your routine at home.

All pupils have a yellow reading record which should be used to record parent/child/staff comments. School reading books that are taken home should be logged in the class reading

record and in the pupils' yellow reading record. Books should be returned to school before a new one can be sent home.

Spelling

Each week your child will receive new spelling words to learn at home. They will be tested each Monday and receive new words the same day.

Timestables

All of the children should practice their times tables and division facts for 5-10 minutes each day to improve their speed and accuracy of these number facts.

CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure the office is kept up to date with any changes to your contact details, mobile phone, medical details etc. You can call or email the school office with any necessary information. I am looking forward to teaching your child again this year and helping them to grow into confident and independent learners. Please don't hesitate to contact me or make an appointment at the office to discuss any questions or queries you may have. I can be contacted directly via the school email address: (office@stbarnabasprimary.org.uk)

With warm regards,

Miss Mulligan