



The Shell

14th September 2026

Serve with Hope and Encouragement to Learn and Love



Welcome Back

Dear Parents/Carers

A very warm welcome to the new academic year at St Barnabas' Primary School! We are all very proud of how well the children have returned to school this term. Everyone has been busy in their new classrooms. It has been a wonderful start to the new academic year.

I look forward to working with you and your families over this next year.

Miss Lauren Castle - Headteacher

Diary Dates

Wednesday 16th September- Music Masters

Launch Pad - 2.15pm

Thursday 17th September - Parent coffee morning - Meet and greet - come and say hello and have a coffee and chat.

Monday 21st September - Year 6 Transition meeting 2.45pm

Thursday 24th September - School Disco 3.30pm-5.00pm

School Kitchen

We are excited to announce that over the summer we had a kitchen built. Our school lunches are now cooked on site which means hotter, fresher meals. We have had some positive feedback from pupils and staff of the quality of food.



Attendance and Punctuality

We are tracking and monitoring attendance closely. Our aim as a school is for attendance to be 96%. Currently we are at **93%**. Please help us reach our goal.

If your child isn't able to attend school because of illness or any other reason, please contact the school office by phone or email.

Holidays during term time cannot be authorised. Please do contact the school office if you have any questions about attendance or check the policy on the school website.

A reminder about our attendance raffle. Every week that a child is in school everyday and on time, they will receive a raffle ticket. At the end of the term we will draw the raffle.

Allergies

A reminder that we are a **nut free** school. If you provide your child with a packed lunch, please ensure that no items contain nuts, this includes all chocolate spreads. If a child does have an item that looks to contain nuts this will be removed and handed to the parent at the end of the day.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Star of the Week on Friday 11th September:

Nursery - Lara **Reception** - Amaani-Mae

Year 1 - Saffiyah **Year 2** - Abdullah **Year 3** - Harry

Year 4 - Alice **Year 5** - Ariella **Year 6** - Tristyn

READER OF THE WEEK

Reader of the Week on Friday 26th June:

Nursery - Aisha **Reception** - Jaiden

Year 1 - Nourah **Year 2** - Aysha **Year 3** - Afomiya

Year 4 - Hakeem **Year 5** - Kat **Year 6** - Muska

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EYFS

The children were asked to bring in a photograph of themselves. They then drew a portrait of themselves and painted it, paying particular attention to the colours used for their hair and clothing.



POETRY WEEK

Last week, all classes took part in a poetry week. Classes listened, wrote and performed their own poetry and some children shared their poems during Collective Worship.

Well done everybody!



Year 1/2

As part of PSHE the children have been learning about 'How to be a Good Friend'

