



St Barnabas

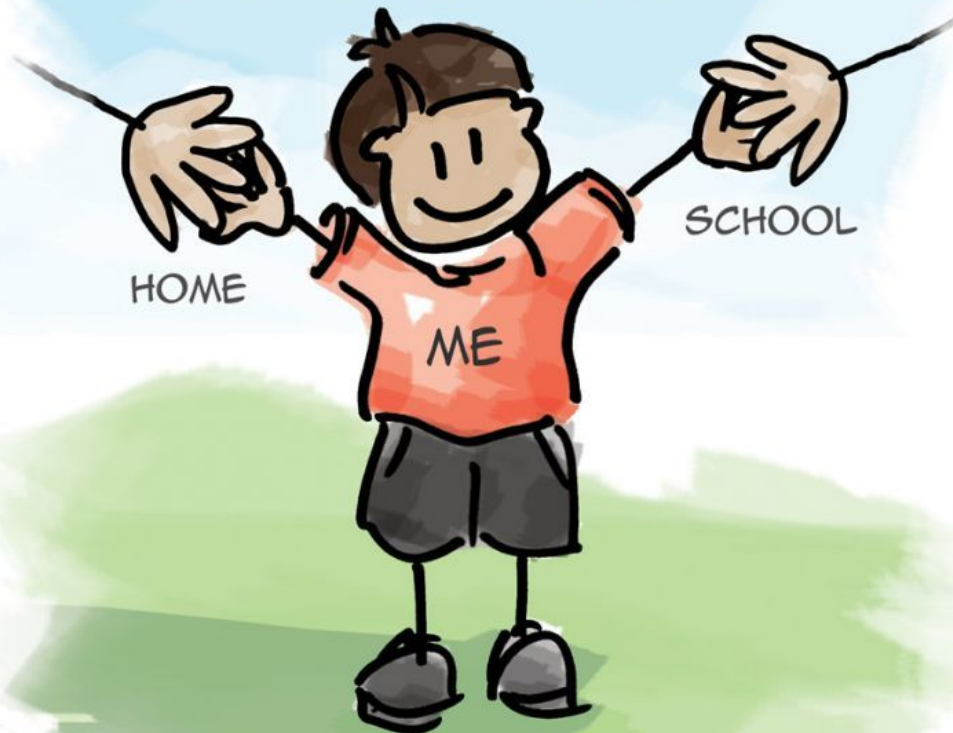
Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**



Welcome to our School

BETTER TOGETHER



HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Our Vision and Values



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**‘Achieving great things through
learning and growing together in a
love-filled Christian family’**

‘That they shall have life, life in all its fullness’ John 10:10



Our **every**
vision for **Child**
Life in all its fullness;
Our prayer for
every heart,
The **will** to
make it
so.

Our Values

Courage

Friendship

Trust

Service

Forgiveness

Generosity

Respect

Encouragement



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WHOLE SCHOOL WORSHIP



Our Worship



Rev Matt's Worship



Pentecost & the Church's Birthday



Our Church

HARVEST CHURCH SERVICE

Mother's Day Celebration

St Barnabas Church

Year 4 - Christingle

Year 5 - Around The World

Christmas Service

YEAR 1 VISIT TO ST BARNABAS CHURCH OUR WORLD, JESUS' WORLD

BAPTISM

YEAR 1 RE

Whole School Easter Service in Church

Year 2 & Year 4

RE - Exploring Symbols

within the Church

Our Local Area



Residential Visits





Sports



Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics Final 2025

🥉 3rd Place 🥉

PIC-COLLAGE



Yr 3/4 Sportshall Athletics Winners



Blackburn Rovers Gifted and talented



Biggest Ever Girls' Football Event



TENNIS COMPETITION

PIC-COLLAGE



Music and Performance





Our Community



Charity Fundraising

Thank You
from
Darwen
Asylum
Refugee
Enterprise

One World
One Love
One Community

WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATION WORSHIP

OUR DONATIONS OF SHAMPOO, SHOWER GEL, AND HANDSOPHES FOR UKRAINE

JUDITH KERR RITA ORA

I'M WEARING A LITTLE YELLOW

in these young people they're not alone with their normal heads

8 October 2021

Year 5 Smart School Council

Sweets in a jar

How can we help Turkey and Syria?

Year 5 RotaKids book donation

DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

RotaKids

Poppy Appeal 2024

Refactors 50p

Slap Bands £1.50

Bracelets £1.00

East Lancashire Hospice

We are proud to support the East Lancashire Hospice

East Lancashire Hospice

...a special way of caring

Year 5 RotaKids book donation

DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD

RotaKids

FAIRTRADE

SHE DESERVES FAIRTRADE

IT'S FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

BBB Children in Need

Together, we can MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Year 2

Big Lent Walk



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Barney's Brilliant Behaviour Be's (4 B's)



Be ready



Be kind



Be safe



Be respectful



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Parent Expectations



Learning Support

- Support our school to educate your child
- Help your child to be 'ready to learn'
- Support your child with any tasks to be completed at home



Attendance

- Arrive at school on time (*mindful of parking)
- Ensure your child attends school regularly
- Inform the office if absent (by 8.55am) & appointments



Partnership & Care

- Ensure that your child is smart and proud of their appearance
- Let us know of any changes in contact details or circumstances
- Contact us via Class Dojo or the school office

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters



Did You Know... ?

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By... Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately... or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

When you're in school you...



Have the best possible start in life!

100%	OUTSTANDING
4 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	98% VERY GOOD
7 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	96% GOOD
10 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	95% ALMOST THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	94% IMPROVEMENT NEEDED
20 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	90% CONCERNED
29 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	85% VERY CONCERNED
38 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	80% SERIOUSLY CONCERNED
48 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	75% EXTREMELY CONCERNED
67 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	65% EXTREMELY CONCERNED
95 SCHOOL DAYS MISSED	50% EXTREMELY CONCERNED

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.





School
Ready
with
Teddy



Getting ready to start school

Here are some things you can practise together at home that will really help your child when they start school



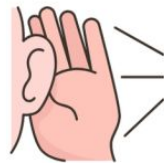
Build independent everyday skills like putting on shoes and coats....



... managing the toilet routine on their own....



... and using cutlery to feed themselves. Mealtimes are great for practising talking too.



Play games to practise listening to instructions and focusing attention.



Share books together - chat about what's happening or how they are feeling.



Make a name placemat to support name recognition and making marks.



Stay active! It develops children's strength, co-ordination and good health.



Start positive conversations about school and offer reassurance about all feelings.



Arrange meet-ups with friends to strengthen social skills and relationships.



STAY & PLAY

FOR CHILDREN NEW TO
RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER

COME ALONG TO PLAY, CRAFT AND
MEET YOUR NEW RECEPTION FRIENDS

LET'S GET SCHOOL READY!

CHILD & ADULT ATTEND TOGETHER



Cre8ability

FRIDAY 21ST & 28TH AUGUST

9AM-1030AM-

£3 PER CHILD PER SESSION

St Edwards Church Hall BB30AA

To secure your place;
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TEL 07411471747
find us on facebook



**Monday 10th
August
4.00-6.00pm**

★ NEW STARTERS SCHOOL ♥ READINESS

Helping your child feel
confident, happy and ready
for school.



Little
steps
today,
big
futures
tomorrow

YOU CAN HELP BY:



TALK

Talk, read and
sing together
every day.



PRACTISE

Encourage
mark making,
drawing and
early writing.



BE INDEPENDENT

Support your
child to dress,
feed and use
the toilet
independently.



BUILD CONFIDENCE

Praise effort,
be positive and
celebrate
achievements.



PLAY & SOCIALISE

Give opportunities
to play and
share with
other children.



ROUTINE

Establish
routines for
bedtime,
mealtimes and
getting ready.



Every child is unique. With love, encouragement and practice,

YOUR CHILD WILL BE READY TO SHINE! ★ ★

FIND MORE
TOP TIPS

For expert advice and practical tips
to help your child prepare for school,
visit the Best Start in Life website:

beststartinlife.gov.uk/preparing-for-school

**Best Start
in Life**

Getting the best start
for our children



Supporting



School Readiness

Growing independence

Taking care of themselves

- Putting on/taking off their coat and shoes
- Using the toilet and washing their hands
- Getting dressed with little help, e.g. after using the toilet or doing PE
- Using cutlery (e.g. fork and spoon, chopsticks) and drinking from an open cup
- Spending time away from you, learning they can be looked after by caring adults

Play, creativity and curiosity

- Taking part in imaginative play (e.g. role play)
- Drawing, painting, colouring and sticking
- Sharing story books with caregivers, looking at pictures and talking about the characters
- Exploring the world around them (e.g. looking closely at the natural world or playing safely with objects at home)



At school your child will be meeting lots of new people and make new friendships. Some things to help them get ready include:

Building relationships and communicating

Being with others

- Practising sharing and taking turns with toys
- Talking to them about how they are feeling and why
- Looking at story books together and speaking about what characters are feeling is a good way to do this
- Beginning to recognise what others are feeling, e.g. understanding if a friend is sad
- Encouraging them to set boundaries for themselves and others (e.g. knowing how to say 'no')

Communication and language

- Singing along with songs and nursery rhymes
- Talking happily to others about activities, experiences and the world around them
- Showing they need help by speaking clearly (in basic English or sign language)
- Recognising the pattern of their name (so they can find it on their coat peg or jacket)

Listening and engaging

- Paying attention for short periods of time
- Listening to and following simple instructions
- Carrying on with a task even when it's difficult and bouncing back if things go wrong



Physical development

Getting moving for at least three hours a day

- Walking up and down steps (one foot at a time, using the wall for support)
- Climbing, running, jumping and playing
- Catching a large ball (most of the time)
- Doing simple puzzles and craft activities, strengthening their grip with cutting and sticking



Healthy routines

- Going to bed around the same time each night, waking up in time to get ready for school
- Limiting screen time to the recommended daily amounts (see advice)
- Eating a healthy diet and trying new foods
- Brushing their teeth with fluoride toothpaste twice a day (you'll need to supervise this until they are at least 7)



STEPS FOR SCHOOL





UK Government

NHS

A GUIDE TO SCREEN TIME

UNDER
5s

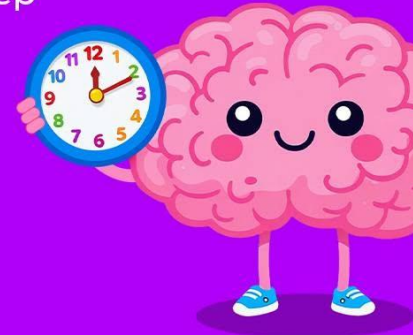


BEST
START
IN LIFE

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How much screen time should my child have?

- Under 2s: Avoid screen time other than for shared activities with family.
- 2–5 yr olds: Try to keep it to 1 hour a day.



What content is better content?

- **Slow-paced, predictable** content is better for young brains.
- Choose content with **simple stories** and **clear, slow speech**, so emotions are easy to follow.



BEST START IN LIFE

How does my screen time affect my child?

- Children's brains are like sponges – they'll copy your screen use habits. **Keep an eye on your own screen time in front of them.**



When and where is it okay for my child to use screens?

- **Screen-free zones:** Keep bedrooms and mealtimes screen-free.



BEST START IN LIFE

How does screen time affect my child's development?

- Too much **screen time** is linked to negative effects on children's health and development.



The School Day and Routines

08.45 : Classroom doors open

08.55 : Registration

09.15 : Collective worship

12.15 – 1.15pm : Lunch

**all infants are eligible to receive
a Universal Infant free school
meal*

3.20pm : Home time for
Reception, Year 1 and 2

3.30pm : Home time for Years
3-6



WRAP AROUND CARE



SCHOOL CLUBS THAT FIT FAMILY LIFE

Before and after school clubs built around routine, movement and development. Designed to make mornings simpler and afternoons happier.

Breakfast Club

£5.00 per session
7:30 am – 8:55 am
Includes continental breakfast

After School Club

£8.00 per session (Full)
3:20/3:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Includes a healthy light snack

Tiered Pricing (Reduced)

£6.00 per session
For wraparound care between 3:30–4:30 pm or 4:30–6:00 pm after an enrichment club.

Offers & Support

- 10% sibling discount applies
- Tax-free & UC vouchers accepted



HOLIDAY CAMPS FULL OF ENERGY

Multi activity days that build friendships, independence and confidence during every school break.

School Uniform - What to Wear

General Guidelines

- **Please label everything clearly** and check after washing (yes, even shoes and gloves!).
- **Hooks on coats** please.
- **Independence:** Start asking your child to fasten/unfasten their own buttons, zips and shoes.
 - **No earrings or jewellery**

Required Outdoor Gear

Children will need a waterproof puddle suit and wellies to be kept in school.



For full details and purchase links, please visit:
stbarnabasdarwen.co.uk/parents/useful-links/school-uniform

School Uniform - Book Bags & PE Kit

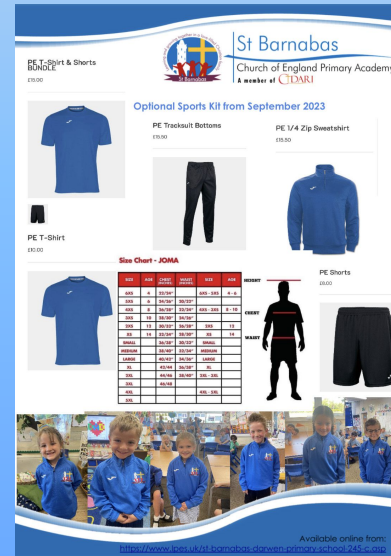
Blue Book Bags

- Library books to share at home
- Talk about cards
- Home reading books
- Reading record



PE Kit

- Royal blue t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Plain black joggers or leggings
- Trainers
- $\frac{3}{4}$ Zip sweatshirt (optional)



 **Important Reminder: Please label everything clearly!**

Transition Week

Transition Sessions

Wednesday 2nd – Friday 4th
September

- **Group 1:** 9.00am – 11.00am
- **Group 2:** 1.15pm – 3.15pm



All Children Start Full-Time

Monday 7th September — Doors open at **8.55am** |
Home time at **3.20pm**



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School Apps



ClassDojo

For daily updates, and
home messaging.



Arbor

Used for school meals,
trips, attendance
tracking, and secure
online payments.

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We can't wait to welcome you into our school family!



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