



# St Barnabas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**



Autumn 2 2022

## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday 3rd January- 8.55am** Spring 1 term starts

**Wednesday 4th January-** Reception Class Vision Screening

**Thursday 5th January-** 3.30-4.30 Year 1 & 2 Super Skills Club starts

**Friday 6th January-** Year 5 visit from librarian Angela

**Monday 9th January-** Road safety officer to visit Year 1

**Monday 9th January-** 3.30- 4.30 Choir club starts again

**Tuesday 10th January-** 3.30-4.30pm Years 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics Practice

**Tuesday 10th January-** 3.30-4.30pm Performing Arts Club starts again

**Tuesday 10th Jan & Wed 11th Jan-** Life Education PSHE visit to school

**Wednesday 11th Jan-** 9.00am -Reception Rhyme Time starts again

**Tuesday 17th January-** 4.00-6.00pm Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics at Darwen Vale

**Thursday 2nd February-** Choir -Let's Go Sing Workshop

**Tuesday 7th February-** Years 5 & 6 Money Matters Workshops

**Friday 10th February-** Dress to Express Day for Children's Mental Health Week

**Our Vision: '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**

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

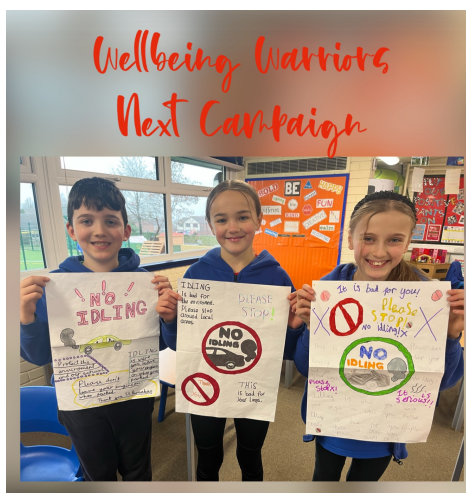
Wow, what a busy but joyous half term we have had in the lead up to Christmas. We really have made up for the past few years of covid restrictions with wonderful nativities, Christmas cracker concerts, church services, parents evening, pantomimes and parties! It has been brilliant to have so many parents and carers back in school and church. To see all of the fun things we have experienced over the last few weeks, please see our [gallery](#) and [news](#) sections on our website.

**Our Year 5 RotaKids would like to thank you all from the bottom of their hearts for your generous donations of toys for families in need and refugees living in Darwen. Some of the toys will also be sent to children in Ukraine, who have lost almost everything in the war.**



## Wellbeing Warriors

Our Wellbeing Warriors have been extremely busy creating new posters to highlight 'idling' around our school and the dangers of it. Idling is the term used for when a car is stationary but the engine is still running. This creates harmful toxic emissions that can make us really poorly. They want to spread this message, especially to our parents and carers so they will be out with their posters over the next few weeks to promote their campaign and record any idling that they see, especially directly outside our school boundary.



# Attendance

Well done to all of our classes for their amazing attendance so far this year. It has been great to see different classes winning the amazing attendance award and an extra fun session on the MUGA each week. The Government attendance target is 95% but our school and Trust target is 96%. For the Autumn 2 half term our whole school attendance dropped to 95.16%. However, we did have a lot of bugs and viruses going around in the weeks leading up to Christmas, which significantly affected our infant classes. We will continue to closely monitor attendance and parents of children whose attendance is causing a concern will be contacted.

We awarded 'Amazing Attendance' certificates to children with over 96% attendance at the end of this Autumn term. Well done to everyone who had an amazing attendance award! We will be awarding Amazing Attendance awards at the end of the Spring term too.

## Autumn 1 Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97.76%	95.06%	97.50%	96.95%	98.06%	96.26%	97.36%

## Autumn 1 & 2 Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.65%	92.90%	96.21%	96.55%	96.00%	95.25%	95.57%

### Attendance Matters !

Very Good		Worrying		Causing concern	
The effects on school progress					
A whole school year has 365 days. A school year only has 190 days. This leaves: 175 days to spend on family time visits, holiday and other appointments					
No absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of Education 100%	180 days of Education 95%	178 days of Education 94%	171 days of Education 90%	161 days of Education 85%	152 days of Education 80%
<u>Very Good</u> The best chance of success! Gets your child off to a flying start .		<u>Worrying</u> Less chance of success! Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		<u>Serious concern</u> Your child will find it difficult to make progress! This may result in fines and court action.	



## AMAZING ATTENDANCE WINNERS



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### Every Day Counts!

A reminder that the deadline for primary school admissions is 15th January. <https://www.blackburn.gov.uk/admissions>