



St Barnabas

Church of England Primary Academy

A member of **CDARI**



Spring 2 2023

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 26th April- 27th Year 4 Residential Trip to the Anderton Centre

Thursday 27th April- KS2 Cross Country at St Peter's

Friday 28th April- Fire Service to visit Year 2

Monday 1st May- May Day Bank Holiday- School Closed

Tuesday 2nd May- Tri Kidz Event

Wednesday 3rd May- Year 4 & 5 Cricket Competition

Wednesday 3rd May- Red, white & blue day- King's Coronation Afternoon Tea Picnic

Thursday 4th May- Polling Day- School Closed

Monday 8th May-Coronation Bank holiday- School closed

w/c Tuesday 9th May- Year 6 SATs

Tuesday 9th May-11th-Year 5 Residential Trip to Hothersall Lodge

Friday 12th May-1-6.00pm High Fives Netball at Westholme

Wednesday 24th May- Year 3 & 4 Quad Kids at St Bedes

Thursday 25th May- KS2 cross country at St Peter's

Friday 26th May- 3.30pm- Break up for half term

Monday 12th June- 8.55am- Summer 2 term begins

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, I hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday with your loved ones. It was another super busy half term at St Barnabas in the lead up to Easter. We had a wonderful visit to London with our Year 6 children, we celebrated World Book day and British Science week and then we finished the term with our Easter Service and a visit from the Spring Chicken! We also had our long awaited Ofsted inspection and we are currently waiting for the report. Thank you so much to those of you who took the time to speak to the inspector or complete the parent survey. We really appreciate your support and we are pleased with the outcome of the inspection.

Last week we welcomed back Miss Flynn, who is on a phased return after her maternity leave. She will be supporting the Year 1 class for two days a week with their phonics and English in the lead up to their Phonics Screening Check w/c 12th June.

We have another busy half term ahead with the King's Coronation, residential trips for Years 4 and 5, our Year 2 and Year 6 SATs and several sporting events. We also have two bank holidays and are closed for INSET on Thursday 4th May as our school is being used as a Polling Station.

To see all of the fun things we have experienced over the last term, please see our website [gallery](#) and [news](#) sections and see our [events](#) page for further information on upcoming events.



At St Barnabas we try hard to promote good attendance. The Government attendance target is 95% but our school and Trust target is 96%. So far this year our whole school attendance is 95.66%. Letters have been issued to parents of children with persistent absenteeism (attendance under 90%) and we are looking forward to seeing an improvement in their child's attendance over the coming term. A huge well done to all of the children who were presented with 'Amazing Attendance' certificates at the Easter Service for achieving over 96% attendance since the start of the school year.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.03%	94.72%	95.73%	96.81%	96.23%	94.26%	96.10%

Goodbye Mrs Price



On Friday we said thank you, good luck and goodbye to Mrs Price, our School Business Manager. Our Chair of Governors, Jen Frankish and our CEO of our Cidari Multi Academy Trust, Peter Ashworth, joined us for a special thank you assembly in recognition of the wonderful work she has done in our school and other schools in the Trust. The children shared their fondest memories of her and as they said she was the 'best Spring Chicken ever', in a wonderful card that they made for her, we thought why not get her to be the Spring Chicken for one last time! Here she is!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=dvICL47Hmng>

This week she has started her new promotion as a Senior School Business Manager at a special school in Bolton. They are very lucky to have Mrs Price as she has been so dedicated and hard working at St Barnabas for the last eight years. Our whole school family will miss her dearly and we wish her all the luck in the world in her new role.



Hop, Skip and Jump for East Lancs Hospice

Over the next couple of weeks each class will Hop, Skip and Jump around the playground or school hall whilst raising funds for East Lancs Hospice. Any donations that are received will help support the amazing work the hospice does for the community. You could ask friends and family to sponsor your child in this event and then pay your donation on parent pay. Unfortunately we cannot accept any cash. Each child that takes part will receive a chocolate treat. This is a wonderful cause and we're sure lots of fun will be had when we complete our hop, skip and jump!

