“Through our Christian ethos and the values we hold dear, we are creating roots to grow and wings to fly”
Welcome to St Barnabas Church of England Primary School

We are a friendly, welcoming and caring school. We believe that children and adults achieve more when they feel happy, secure and valued.

There is a real sense of community within our school – we are a family school. The children are very proud of their school and always have lots of positive things to talk about!

We want the children to enjoy their learning and we have high expectations for their achievement, creative, emotional and social development. Our Christian ethos is central to the underpinning success of the school and we have excellent links with St Barnabas Church. Through the quality of the relationships our children develop whilst at St Barnabas- the nurture, care, guidance, support and encouragement they are given, they leave us being confident individuals ready to embrace the next phase of their education.

For more information, latest news and curriculum details on our school please visit our website at www.stbarnabas-erdington.com. If you are a new family considering applying for a place and would like to visit the school to see us in action, please contact the office and we would be happy to welcome you.

Emma Grice
Headteacher
Christian Distinctiveness

As a Church Voluntary Aided Primary School, Saint Barnabas works hard to develop and sustain the school’s Christian distinctiveness. We work in close partnership with Reverend Freda and the Church of Saint Barnabas.

Saint Barnabas Primary School is founded upon core values. To support our school values, the themes for Collective Worship are changed each half term and reflect values to support the social, moral, emotional and spiritual growth of our children. Our principal values are friendship, kindness, determination, forgiveness, honesty and co-operation and time is spent exploring what is distinctively Christian about these particular values. Also, many other values are explicitly taught throughout the school day such as: respect, courage, trust and appreciation.

Religious Education is a core subject at our school and is timetabled weekly following the Birmingham Agreed Syllabus for RE. As a Church School, although Christianity forms the major study in Religious Education lessons, we have a duty to foster an accurate and increasing understanding of other religions and world views. As a result, our pupils gain a greater insight into the world in which they are growing up. They are also able to appreciate the faith of others and develop a deeper understanding of their own beliefs and practices. These outcomes contribute to harmonious relationships within and between communities, promoting social inclusion and combating prejudice.

Worship
We have daily Collective Worship in the school hall on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, including a weekly ‘Songs of Praise’ service.

Child Led Worship
Every half term one of our Collective Worship sessions is led by the Ethos Committee, which encourages positive role models for the children within school.

Celebrating with parents
Every Friday Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have celebration Collective Worship where we gather and invite parents to celebrate the work children have done in school. In Reception children have the opportunity to explore their faith with their family through ‘Stay and Pray’ sessions which are held termly.

Worship with the community
Half termly we visit Saint Barnabas Church where Reverend Freda leads our service to celebrate major Christian Festivals. These include: Harvest, Christmas, Candlemas, Easter and Pentecost. Throughout the year, individual classes visit the Church for specific teaching on different areas of Christian life. We also hold our ‘Year 6 Leaver’s Service’ at Saint Barnabas Church.

Ethos Committee
Each year group has two members on the Ethos Committee who represent the different faiths at Saint Barnabas. They have important roles and responsibilities which include regularly meeting with Reverend Freda and the RE/Collective Worship co-ordinator to discuss projects and religious festivals that are celebrated. They hold open doors for the whole school to enter Collective Worship in the hall, light the candle, keep the Collective Worship display up to date and help lead the school prayer. The Ethos Committee evaluate Collective Worship regularly and are the voice of the pupils with regards to worship time at St Barnabas Primary School.

The School Day
Children pray regularly during the school day. All classes start the day with our morning prayer. They say Grace before lunch and each class has their own end of day prayer. We regularly say our school prayer.
Christian Distinctiveness, Values & Ethos

Saint Barnabas Primary School is founded upon core values. Although Christians have many values the school focuses upon Honesty, Kindness, Co-operation, Friendship and Determination. These values were selected by the extended St. Barnabas Family. Children, parents, Governors and staff all chose their top five Christian values. The Worship Council then determined which five the school would focus upon.

To support our school values, the themes for Collective Worship are changed each half term and reflect values to support the social, moral, emotional and spiritual growth of our children. Our principal values of friendship, kindness, determination, forgiveness, honesty and co-operation are also explored, deciding what is distinctively Christian about these particular values. Also, many other values are explicitly taught throughout the school day such as; respect, courage, trust and appreciation.

Our Aims

To educate pupils intellectually, socially, morally, aesthetically, physically and spiritually within a school firmly based on Christian principles.

To enable pupils to discover and develop their talents and abilities to their full potential by setting positive and realistic goals. Creating a happy, safe and co-operative atmosphere that offers equality of opportunity whilst promoting a healthy lifestyle.

To promote Christian values within the school as exemplified by the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, at times specifically embracing the tenets of the Church of England; and to encourage in pupils a sense of commitment, self-reliance, responsibility, respect for others, a respect and understanding of other faiths and cultures, and a healthy self-esteem.

To establish and maintain a positive atmosphere within which pupils, parents, staff and governors are well informed; where staff have a clear understanding of their role and are committed to the full development of each pupil.
To utilise and develop the differing strengths of all members of staff (teachers, teaching assistants and non-teaching staff) to the benefit of the children and to use Performance Management as a tool for their own professional development, self-esteem and self-fulfilment.

To prepare children for life as citizens in the wider community beyond school, by study of and involvement in the local community and by encouraging parents, visitors, outside agencies and religious representatives into the school.

To maintain a well ordered and equipped building, using the space available to its full potential, encouraging an attractive and well cared for site; ensuring that adequate and proportional funding is available for resource provision and site maintenance.
“The school focuses upon Honesty, Kindness, Co-operation, Friendship and Determination.”
Staff

Head Teacher: Mrs E Grice  
Deputy Head Teacher: Miss J Arnold  
Inclusion Manager & SENCO: Mrs T Johnson  
Bursar: Mrs M Bourne  
Pastoral Manager: Mrs A Haynes  
Senior Office Manager: Mrs S Parker  
Administrative Assistant: Mrs P Smart  
Finance Administrator: Mrs K Gilbert  
Site Manager: Ms C Cassin

Full details of our teaching staff for the current academic year can be found on our website: 
https://www.stbarnabas-erdington.com/whos-who/

Governors

We have a very talented and committed group of governors serving our school. All are volunteers, who each represent different sections of the school community.

Each governor makes a commitment of time, experience and expertise in order to support continuous improvement in school for the benefit of all the children here. Look out for them on the playground, at school events and parents’ evenings.

Chair of Governors: Jane Garrington  
Vice Chair of Governors: Cllr Robert Alden  
Parent Representative Governor: Mr Jamie Barton  
Foundation Governor: Mr Stewart Dance  
Foundation Governor: Mr Daniel Donaldson  
Staff Representative Governor: Mrs Tracey Johnson  
Foundation Governor: Miss Louise Ordidge  
Associate Governor: Miss Jenny Arnold  
Local Authority Governor: Yael Collins
# The School Day

## St Barnabas School Day

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<td>The bell rings and the front doors open to allow children to enter school</td>
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<td>Children enter nursery</td>
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Teachers in these year groups determine when break times will take place. Nursery and Reception children have their own outside areas to play and learn in.

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*Please note that if you are visiting our school and require use of the car park that we have a Closed Gate & No Moving Vehicles Policy from 8.30am to 9am and again between 3pm and 3.30pm.*
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Uniform Information

We are proud of our school uniform and believe that it forms part of our distinctive identity. Branded uniform with our school logo can be purchased from Trutex School Uniforms online using the following link: www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk

Children are required to have the following school uniform:

- St Barnabas red sweatshirt or cardigan.
- White St Barnabas polo shirt (a plain white polo shirt can be worn under a school jumper or cardigan).
- Grey or black trousers/shorts, skirt or pinafore dress.
- Red and white summer dress.
- St Barnabas House Coloured School book bag.
- Appropriate outerwear (coat, hat, gloves, cap) for the season.
- Long hair must be tied back using either plain red, white or black hair bobbles. A plain hair band may also be worn in these colours.

Footwear

- Plain socks or tights, white, black or grey, should be worn for school.
- Shoes should be black. Trainer style shoes should not be worn.
- Fashion shoes (platforms, heels, multi-coloured shoes, open-toe, boots etc) are not suitable.

Jewellery

- Pupils may wear watches, but other jewellery is not suitable for the school day.
- Pupils with pierced ears may wear plain studs. Any pupil wearing pierced earrings must be able to remove and replace them themselves.

We ask parents not to send their children to school wearing:

- Jeans, denim clothing or jogging bottoms.
- Unsuitable shoes e.g. high heels or flip flops
- Branded clothes
- Make up, nail varnish or excessive amounts of hair gel
- Jewellery
- Extreme haircuts and styles

Indoor Kit

- A t-shirt in their house colour (£1.50 from the office)
- Plain black shorts
- Socks and black plimsolls (although children can be in bare feet for some activities)
- Hair bobble for tying back long hair.

Outdoor Kit

- Indoor PE kit + Trainers
- For winter wear – a sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms may be worn. These must be plain (i.e. unbranded, no logos) and preferably black or navy.
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Admissions

Are you looking for a school that promotes honesty, kindness, co-operation, friendship and determination? If so you are in the right place!

Choosing the School or Nursery for your child is an important decision, we aim to provide an opportunity for yourself and your child to experience aspects of life at St. Barnabas. We encourage prospective parents/carers to visit before making their decision. Every year we run an open morning which we warmly welcome parents/carers to attend. The morning includes an introduction from the Executive Headteacher and a tour led by St. Barnabas children.

St. Barnabas is a voluntary aided school and therefore has an additional admissions application form. If you are making an application under criteria 2 or 4 please collection an additional application form from the School Office.

Admissions Policy 2020/21

Our admissions process is part of the Local Authority co-ordinated scheme. Application forms are available from the Local Authority in the autumn before admission and should be submitted online. The school’s admission number is 60. Where the number of applications is lower than the school’s admission number, all applicants will be admitted. If there are more applications than places available then all applications will be considered, together and at one time by a committee of the Governing Body.

Oversubscription criteria

If the number of applications for a particular year group exceeds the number of places available the following criteria will be used:

1. Looked after or previously looked after children.

2. Children who with their parent(s) or carer(s) attend worship regularly at St. Barnabas Church, Erdington. The written support of the vicar will be required.

3. Children who will have a sibling attending Saint Barnabas Primary School at the time they wish to start school.

4. Children who with their parent(s) or carer(s) attend worship regularly in any Christian Church and whose home address is within the parish of St. Barnabas. Please read the notes relating to this attached to this policy. The written support of the minister will be required.

5. Other children.

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