

ST Barnabas

C of E Primary School

Prospectus



ASPIRE, BELIEVE - TOGETHER ACHIEVE







a warm welcome



Welcome from the Head Teacher

St Barnabas CE Primary School is committed to providing a high quality education for every child. We believe in learning without limits, giving all children the confidence and enriching opportunities to fulfil their potential.

Our shared aim is to nurture your child, in a safe and purposeful environment, to develop the tools they will need for a successful future. We foster an appreciation of people's uniqueness so that everyone is respected and valued.

We encourage and value strong partnerships with our parents and the wider community, as we believe it benefits all of us. We are a very happy school, in which a sense of fun and achievement shines through in all we do.

We would like to extend an open invitation to come and see us in action, just call the office and we will arrange a mutually convenient time to share our school with you.

Sarah Sheppard, Head Teacher

Why us?

- We have high aspirations for all learners
- We care about our young people
- We are positive and enthusiastic about our curriculum
- We are committed and confident about the service we provide
- We enjoy what we do we are happy and our young people are happy too

"Your pupils thrive on the positive, aspirational approach"

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CREATIVE CURRICULUM

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

At St Barnabas, we serve our community with great pride; Christian teachings provide guidance for our staff and pupils to make positive life choices, enable us to be a fully inclusive setting that celebrates our differences and models tolerance, acceptance and respect for one another.

We pride ourselves on building great working relationships with our pupils, parents and wider community, empowering personalisation. Our shared value and core belief that every child has many contributions to offer our world is underpinned by our vision
Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16



PEDAGOGICAL PRINCIPLES



At St Barnabas we will:

- Promote confidence, self-belief and nurture social and emotional growth enabling all children to be included and achieve their aspirations.
- Teach the skills of independence, creativity, problem solving and emotional regulation through an ambitious, knowledge-rich curriculum.
- Seek to overcome barriers, celebrate difference and purposefully engage with the community.
- Build strong, trusting and positive relationships while being role models for our values.
- Our principles will be underpinned by a celebration of six strong Christian values.











CURRICULUM intent

At the heart of our curriculum is the belief that every child can achieve their full potential. We value each and every subject within our curriculum and provide opportunities for children to flourish and develop their individual talents.

The team at St Barnabas are committed to delivering an engaging, knowledge-rich curriculum which meets the needs of the community whilst creating endless opportunities for our children. Underpinning our curriculum is our six Christian values: Responsibility, Respect, Perseverance, Wisdom, Compassion and Forgiveness.

By the end of KS2, St Barnabas pupils will be self-motivated, spiritual and aspirational individuals who have the knowledge and belief to become valued members of their local community as well as the ability to be agents of change on a global scale.













CURRICULUM ORIVERS

In order to deliver the most appropriate curriculum to our children at St Barnabas C of E Primary School, we have identified three curriculum drivers. We reflected, as a school, on what our curriculum needed to offer the children in our local community. The following three principles underpin the curriculum we provide for our children and they are woven through every subject across the wider curriculum.

Spirituality

At St Barnabas, we develop children's spirituality by providing opportunities to reflect and build upon their relationships with themselves, others, experiences beyond the everyday and with the wider global community. We encourage our children to be curious, inquisitive learners who are aware of world issues and are provided with opportunities to express their own views.

Possibilities

We are passionate about ensuring that St Barnabas children are provided with a wide range of experiences in order to raise their aspirations so that they can reach their full potential. We strongly believe that all children can make a positive contribution to our society no matter what their starting point. All children who attend St Barnabas will move to their next stage of education with the cultural capital needed to be successful learners.

Community

When designing our curriculum, we thought carefully about the uniqueness of our community to ensure that we respond to the needs of our families. We believe it is vital that children develop a secure sense of belonging to their local village and feel a responsibility for their national and global community. We teach the children to be proud of North Common and to play an active part. Our curriculum also teaches children to respect and value the diversity of the world we live in and we provide opportunities to celebrate this further.





Resilient Learners

Who:

- Have enquiring minds and are creative, resourceful and able to identify and solve problems
- Have high expectations of themselves, and of others
- Have mastered the essential knowledge and skills
- Communicate and collaborate well
- Are confident to learn from their mistakes and persevere to achieve their goals
- Have positive attitudes, healthy relationships and essential life and work skills

aspirational individuals

Who:

- Have a sense of self-worth and personal identity
- Are self-motivated and able to organise themselves independently
- Recognise their talents, have ambition and let their light shine
- Are willing to try new things and make the most of every opportunity
- Enjoy learning new things and are motivated to achieve their best now and in the future
- Aim to reach their full potential in everything they do

RESPECTFUI, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

Who:

- Recognise similarities and differences yet show respect for all
- Understand different cultures and beliefs and have a strong sense of their place within the wider World
- Challenge injustice and are committed to making the World a better place
- Sustain and improve the environment locally and globally
- Have the ability to make informed choices, gaining experiences and developing responsibilities for their future

Together the staff and pupils of St Barnabas Primary School will aspire, believe and together achieve.

nurturing and growing

At St Barnabas

Aspire, Believe - Together Achieve.

We are proud to be a Church of England school and while embracing a Christian ethos, we also respect and acknowledge other faiths and personal views of the world. Our diverse membership is reflected in our inclusive practices. The children experience a daily act of worship, where values are explored through stories and discussions. Christian festivals are celebrated and we enjoy termly visits to St Barnabas church. All faiths are welcome here.

Our values are at the very heart of all the decisions we make and all of our community have a good understanding of our core purpose – to provide **high quality** education in a caring, **Christian** environment.

We have high expectations for our learners, encouraging them to be **aspirational** and providing them with the skills they need to be successful in their future lives. We endeavour to deliver a positive and stimulating approach to learning that fosters a child's confidence and nurtures **self-belief**. By working together with our parents, we are confident our learners will **achieve** their goals.



"Let your light shine."







RICHNESS OF OPPORTUNITY

We believe that providing young people with enriching experiences will enable them to deepen their understanding of their world and provide them with the cultural capital needed for future success.

- Forest School Learn how to make dens and shelters, cook on a campfire and whittle wood!
- **Build it** Get outdoors and use the PlayPod to build dens, bridges, obstacle courses, tallest towers and more.
- MUGA Join in for some exciting games during break times, lunch times and PE lessons.
- **School trips** We bring our curriculum to life with a range of school trips.
- Local walks We are proud of our local area and enjoy exploring our locality.
- Community events Bringing the St Barnabas community is one of our top priorities. There are various events throughout the year.
- Charity committee Raise money for various local, national and international charities.

- Worship committee Promote our Christian values and ethos.
- **School council** Support the SLT with whole school decisions and promote democracy.
- House captains Promoting pupil leadership by supporting in collective worships, on the playground and demonstrating school values.



We offer an excellent service to our community by providing wrap around care. Our school has a very popular Breakfast Club which opens at 7.45 and after school, The Zone – out of school club – provide high quality child care from 3.15 until 6pm.







WHAT OUR PARENTS SAY

"St Barnabas is a warm, friendly and happy school community." - parent

"Forest School is a fantastically safe and creative way of exploring the great outdoors." - parent

"The reading spine gives children something to strive towards." - parent

"We are particularly impressed with the nursery provision. The SLT are friendly, approachable and enthusiastic to communicate frequently and openly with the parent community. Our children are very happy and learning well at St Barnabas. Thank you" - parent

"They focus on children as individuals and always have an open door policy to give feedback." - parent

"The staff provide an extremely creative curriculum with lots of fabulous opportunities including the outdoor classroom, enrichment activities and enterprise week. The Christian values are taught well whilst children are also encouraged to take their own path asking questions to find their way whilst reflecting on the school values. It is certainly a busy and exciting place to be!" - parent

"Amazing head teacher and team of staff. The school really understand children's needs and go the extra mile to provide support, they work hard to find solutions and have a can do attitude rather than a one size fits all approach. Wish there were more schools with this approach. I can't fault the school. My son is like a different child since he started at StB" - parent





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