



St Barnabas' School Newsletter



A message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a good week. In school it has been a busy one for us, with not only the implementation of the Magic Breakfast Scheme (which Mrs Colburn, Mrs Faith and Mr Milne have executed seamlessly), but also governor learning walks to monitor that the school development plan is being carried out properly.

Alongside this newsletter you will also receive a survey about school dinners. I must stress that we are in the very early stages of a consultation process, with multiple providers, but we wanted to get as much information as possible from parents about what kind of overarching school dinner our parents wanted for their children. Please return the form to us as soon as possible, as everyone's opinion on this really matters and we want to be as well informed as possible, so that we can make the right choice for our whole school community moving forward.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Shanahan

Diary Dates

Wednesday 23rd January—Year 4 Swimming

Friday 25th January—2:45—Celebration Assembly

Monday 28th January—1:30—2:30—Year 6 Financial Planning Talk

Wednesday 30th January—Year 4 Swimming

Friday 1st February— 2:45—Celebration Assembly

Wednesday 6th February—Year 4 Swimming

Thursday 7th February—LMM Year 3 Composition Workshop

Friday 15th February— 2:45pm—Celebration Assembly

Friday 15th February—Break up for half term

Monday 25th February—Return to school after half term.

Attendance & Punctuality

Attendance:

Congratulations to **Chelsea**, who topped the table with **100%**.

Year 1 - Chelsea	— 100%
Reception - Pimlico	— 97.5%
Year 3 - Eccleston	— 95.6%
Year 6 - Belgravia	— 95.2%
Year 2 - Ebury	— 92.1%
Nursery - Ranelagh	— 83.1%
Year 5 - Sloane	— 81.3%

Punctuality:

Nursery - Ranelagh	— 100%
Year 1 - Chelsea	— 100%
Reception - Pimlico	— 100%
Year 4 - Knightsbridge	— 99.2%
Year 3 —Eccleston	— 98.1%
Year 6 - Belgravia	— 97.9%
Year 5 - Sloane	— 96.5%
Year 2 - Ebury	— 94.8%



Attendance Matters
...every school day counts!

Please make sure that your child is on time for school every day, as being late seriously affects their learning. Thank you.



Star of the Week



This week's stars of the week are as follows:

Nursery - Liana	Reception - Samaa	Year 1 - Charlotte	Year 2 - Maryam
Year 3 - Lewi	Year 4 - Ahmed	Year 5 - Jeraicei	Year 6 - Leo



Magic Breakfast

As you may be aware we have started offering bagels to children (and adults) as they enter the playground in the morning. We applied for funding because:

'Independent research, funded by the Education Endowment Foundation and carried out by the Institute for Fiscal Studies, found that Y2 pupils in schools providing a free, nutritious 'magic' breakfast boosted their reading, writing and maths by an average of 2 months' progress per year, compared to pupils in schools with no such breakfast provision.'

We provide the breakfast bagels from 8:45-8:55 in the playground and they are also available at break times. The bagels are specially made for The Magic Breakfast containing 25% whole wheat and fortified with Vitamin D.

magic breakfast
fuel for learning

Church Hall Update

The Church Hall is currently undergoing a refurbishment so that our Nursery Class can move across and be based there. That not only creates more space for our expanding nursery, it also creates more space in school for our other classes.

The building work is on schedule and we are currently looking at moving across in the February half term but we will keep the school community updated as with any building project, things are subject to change at any stage. The photos below give you an idea of what it is



going to look like upstairs (left) and downstairs (right).

