



Barnwood C of E Primary School

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This term's Christian value is: Friendship



Issue 4

We hope you will find the attached information helpful.

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Friendship



Attached to this newsletter you will find our latest Christian values home-school information sheet on **friendship**.

In worship this term we will think about what friendship is and what we can do to be a good friend to others.

The children have been set the challenge to write a friendship acrostic poem – please encourage your child to have a go and send in their poems so we can share them in worship.

Key Dates

May	5 th		Bank Holiday – school closed
	12 th – 15 th		Y6 National Test Period (Y6 SATs)
	23 rd	3.15pm	End of term 5
	School Holiday 26 th May – 30 th May		
June	<i>Christian Value - Respect</i>		
	2 nd	8.45am	Pupils in school, Term 6 begins
	w/c 2 nd		Y4 National Multiplication Check
	3 rd	9am	Class, YR & Y6 photographs
	w/c 9 th		Y1 & Y2 National Phonics Screening Check

Please note this school term ends at 3.15pm on Friday 23rd May.

Children should return to school after the half term break on Monday 2nd June 2025 at 8.45am.

National Testing

Y6 SATs will take place during the week beginning 12th May

Y4 Multiplication Test will take place during the week beginning 2nd June

Y1 (&Y2) Phonics Screening Check will take place during the week beginning 9th June

To ensure continued progress and to give children the best opportunity to achieve well it is vital that all children have good attendance at school and it is essential that pupils are present for their national tests.

From a school's point of view, we aim to keep to as normal a routine as possible during the testing windows in order to maintain a calm, hard-working atmosphere. Please encourage your child/ren to go to bed in good time and stop any screen time an hour before bed to ensure a good night's sleep.

Barnwood C of E Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A copy of our Safeguarding Policy is available to view on our website and via the School Office.

Additional School Information

Forest School

I am sure you will have noticed the lovely new climbing frame that has appeared over the Easter break in our Forest School area. We would like to pass on a massive thank you for this very generous donation from one of our school families. It will definitely be loved and well used during our outdoor learning sessions. To ensure everyone stays safe, please ensure children do not enter the Forest School area at the start and end of the school day.



Active Travel

As part of our climate action planning and carbon net zero response we want to reduce the amount of cars accessing our site and local roads by encouraging our school community, pupils, parents and staff to choose eco-friendly travel to and from school.



We are delighted to share with you that following our successful application to the Build Back Better - Councillor Scheme, our new covered bicycle shelter and scooter racks went up in the carpark and are now ready for use. This initiative which was fully supported by David Brown, County Councillor for Barnwood & Hucclecote has been fully funded through the grant scheme.

We would love as many families as possible to adopt active travel to school. We advise bicycles are secured to the bicycle stand with a bicycle lock and we recommend a padlock is used to secure scooters.

Scooter stand:
secure with a
padlock



Coats needed in school

As we are enjoying the warmer weather, we will be using the field again at break times. We are so lucky to have such a great space in our grounds and we want to use it as much as possible. Please send your child to school with a sunhat and apply sunscreen as needed. Please also still send your child to school with a coat (with hood) every day as our wonderful weather can be very unpredictable and there are bound to be plenty more showers ahead!

Toys for Lunchtime Play

We would be grateful for any outdoor toy donations to enhance our stock of toys for the children to play with at lunchtime on the school field. If you have any surplus skipping ropes, hoola hoops, space hoppers etc, that are in good condition and that you no longer require please send them to the school office. Thank you.