ST BARNABAS CE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Message from Miss Nelson:

Wow, what a fantastic first full week we have had!

This week, our pupils have been busy showing us all they know as part of their baseline assessments. It has been wonderful to see just how much they have remembered and retained from last year, which sets us up beautifully for a successful and exciting year ahead. I have been particularly impressed by the positive attitudes, enthusiasm for learning and excellent behaviour shown across the school.

We have also enjoyed our first sporting event of the year, with a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils representing the school at the Team Manchester Cross Country event. Competing against around 150 children, several of our runners finished within the top 50, which is a fantastic achievement. Well done to everyone who took part and represented our school so proudly. We have our fingers crossed that some of our pupils will qualify for the next round!

Headteacher Award Winners

Reception: Whole Class
Year 1: Samuella
Year 2: Afia
Year 3: Mercy
Year 4: Artiman
Year 5: Isla
Year 6: Scarlett



Attendance Target: 97%

Reception: 94.8%
Year 1: 88.9%
Year 2: 93.3%
Year 3: 96.9%
Year 4: 97.3%
Year 5: 94.8%
Year 6: 97%

Upcoming Events: (Dates may vary and also subject to change.)

14th Sept—Meet the class teacher meeting **3:20pm in class**

17th Sept—EYFS Autumn Walk

22nd Sept—After School Clubs return back **4pm prompt finish**

25th Sept—Fire Service visit Yrs 5 & 6



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School Meals/Breakfast Club

We would like to kindly remind parents and carers whose children have school meals that are paid for, that sufficient funds must be available in your child's meal account at all times.

To help us manage our catering provision effectively, school meal accounts should be topped up regularly and must not fall into a debit balance. We ask that you check your child's account each week and ensure payment is made in advance to cover the cost of meals.

This is also the same for children that attend Breakfast Club each week that sufficient funds are in the account to pay for their attendance in the club and the breakfast eaten.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us keep accounts up to date. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the school office.

Meet the Class Teacher

On **Monday 14th September** there will be a chance to meet your child's new class teacher & teaching assistants. They will discuss what they will be learning the upcoming year, what help you can give at home to help them with their learning, and any questions you may have for the teacher. This will be in your child's classroom at **3:20pm till 3:50pm**.

Together Workshops

We're excited to launch our new **Together Workshops** – St Barnabas' first-ever parent and child after-school club! Our aim is to bring families together to learn, grow and spend precious time together. Unlike regular clubs, there's no term-long commitment – every two weeks, Miss Swindells and Miss Ostell will offer a different free workshop, and families can simply sign up for the ones that spark their interest!

We're kicking things off with Cook Together on **Wednesday 23rd September**, where families will make a healthy pizza to take home and pop in the oven. Coming soon are Rock Together and Craft Together – so watch this space and look out for our posters. Places are limited, so sign up soon by speaking to Miss Swindells, Miss Ostell, or Tyler and Diane in the school office.



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Free School Meals

From September 2026, all children in households receiving Universal Credit qualify for free school meals, regardless of household earnings. The Department for Education advised that all families must apply and have their eligibility checked annually, even if they were previously covered. You will need to make a new application for each child in your household. You will get an immediate response regarding eligibility after you've completed your application.

Please see free school meal link below:

https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/

Meals/Packed Lunches

Please can we remind parents that within the school week you can't keep swapping from a school meal one day to a packed lunch another day. It must either be a packed lunch only or a school meal only all week. This messes up the amount of meals being made in the kitchen with food waste . If you would like to permanently change from a meal to a packed lunch or vice versa to please let the office staff know so this can be changed on Arbor.



Can you & your family answer the below riddles??

Riddle 1:

What has to be broken before you can use it?

Riddle 2:

What has hands but can't clap?

Answers will be given on next weeks newsletter.

In The Community

Talk English Circles

Funded by Economic Activity Trailblazer

Manchester Adult Education

Learn English, build skills and step into ESOL

Get help with English at

Clayton Sure Start Centre
101 North Rd, Manchester
M11 4NE

on Fridays
9:30am to **11:30am**

Starting
25 September 2026





MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

GREATER MANCHESTER

Funded by UK Government

Talk English

ESOL Greater Manchester

After School Clubs Timetable

Tuesday	
Wednesday	New Clubs will return on the 22nd September. Watch out for future communications on how to sign up.
Thursday	

School Meals Menu

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Sausage Roll served with Herby Potatoes	Traditional Cottage Pie	Roast Gammon served with New Potatoes	Mediterranean Chicken Pasta	Fish Fingers with Chunky Chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Cheese Pinwheel served with Herbie Potatoes	Quorn Mince and Vegetable Pie topped with Mashed Potato	Roast Quorn Fillet served with Roast Potatoes	Macaroni Cheese	Crispy Quorn Goujons with Chunky Chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS	Salad Bar Coleslaw Baked Beans	Salad Bar Peas Baked Beans	Salad Bar Cauliflower Broccoli Gravy	Salad Bar Garlic Bread Baked Beans Sweetcorn	Salad Bar Baked Beans
DESSERTS	Ice Cream	Rice Krispie Squares	Ginger Biscuit	Chocolate Marble Cake	Fresh Fruit Friday
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
JACKET POTATO/PASTA	Sandwiches with assorted Fillings or Jacket Potato	Sandwiches with assorted Fillings or Jacket Potato	Sandwiches with assorted Fillings or Jacket Potato	Sandwiches with assorted Fillings or Jacket Potato	Sandwiches with assorted Fillings or Jacket Potato

PE Kits



Plain white t-shirt



Plain Black
School Sport Shorts



Plain Black
Sport Leggings



Plain Black
Joggers

For Reception to year 6, children can come to school on their PE days dressed in their PE kits. Please see below PE timetable.

This is being implemented to maximise our PE activity time and reduce lost time when children get changed or missed lessons when they forget their PE kits.

Reminder that PE kits should not be branded items & hoodies. PE kits should be plain white t-shirts with black shorts, black leggings or black jogging bottoms. Children during lessons should still be wearing their school jumper/cardigans over the top of their pe t-shirt to stay warm during the day.

PE Lesson Timetable

Monday	**Year 1, Year 5, Year 3**
Tuesday	**Year 1**
Wednesday	**Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6**
Thursday	**Year 3 & Year 2**
Friday	**Year 6, Year 5 & Year 4**

Get Set 4 P.E.

2026-2027 School Calendar

St Barnabas School Holidays 2026 - 2027

Green-Holiday Red-Staff Inset Day Orange-Bank Holiday

SEPTEMBER

M	T	W	TH	F	S	S
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
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NOVEMBER

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JULY

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AUGUST

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Child Absence

Reporting a child's absence

If your child is not going to be in school due to an illness you **must call or email us before 8:45am** to report an absence.

Tel Number: 0161 223 3593
Email: stboffice@vantageacademies.co.uk

You can leave a voicemail message before **8am (Please speak clearly with your child's name and class year and brief description of your child's illness).** You can speak to the office team from **8:15am**. If you do not call us this will go down as an unauthorised absence, and this could lead to a fine.



School Uniform

We will be no longer selling school uniform in school. We have very limited stock left of old sizes in school. Please enquire at the school office on what sizes we may have left in stock.

Our school uniform can be bought from 2 uniform shops within the local area:

KK SPORTS

Unit 1 Tesco, Hyde Rd, Gorton, M18 8LD



90 Market St, Droylsden, M43 6DE

Key School Information

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Safeguarding - Our Safeguarding Lead in school is Mrs Ostell/Miss Nelson

SENDCO Lead—Mr Martin

School Office opening times: 8:15am—4pm

School phone number: 0161 223 3593

School email: stboffice@vantageacademies.co.uk

Keep up-to-date with everything happening in school by visiting our:

- **Website** - www.stbarnabas.manchester.sch.uk
- **X (Twitter)** - StBarnabas_news
- **Instagram**—@StBarnabasCE

