ST BARNABAS CE PRIMARY ACADEMY

Message from Miss Nelson:

What an amazing half term we have had!

This half term has been packed full of exciting opportunities, including educational visits, residential adventures, sporting events, clubs and our Togetherness Workshops. It has been wonderful to see so many of our children and families getting involved and making these experiences so special.

We have also welcomed a variety of visitors into school, and we have been overwhelmed by the many complimentary comments we have received about our children. Visitors have consistently praised their positive attitudes to learning, politeness, kindness and the care they show towards one another. We are incredibly proud of the way our children represent St Barnabas, both in school and out in the wider community. They truly demonstrate what it means to shine like the stars in the universe!

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff, families and wider school community for your continued support and for helping to make this such a successful and memorable half term. Together, we provide our children with opportunities to learn, grow, build confidence and create lasting memories.

We are already looking forward to all the exciting opportunities that next half term will bring!

For now, we hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved, restful half-term break, with plenty of time to relax, recharge and enjoy time together.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 2nd November.

Headteacher Award Winners

Reception:

Year 1: Damien

Year 2: Mayar

Year 3: Egbal

Year 4: Suliman

Year 5: Skhylah

Year 6: Gabrieal A



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

2nd Nov—School Re-opens 8:45am

4th Nov—Year 2 Trip to Fire Ground

5th Nov—Free non-uniform/Bonfire Disco

6th Nov—Crucial Crew Event Year 6

9th Nov—Supercells Workshop 3:15pm-4pm

10th Nov—Year 4 Trip to Manchester Museum

11th Nov—Team GB/Aldi filming in school



News



October Half Term

Next week school will be closed for half term from Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October. School will re-open on Monday 2nd November.

Next Terms Toast

Toast for next term (November to December) will cost **£7.00**. If you would like your child to have toast for snack next term, please ensure the funds are added to snacks on Arbor before they return to school on **Monday 2nd November by 9am**.

Bonfire Disco

On **Thursday 5th November** we will be having in the school day for each year group, a Bonfire Disco with lots of music and bonfire related activities. The children can also come to school dressed in non uniform.

Year 2 Fireground Trip

Year 2 will be going on a trip on **Wednesday 4th November** to the Fireground. The cost of the trip is **£5.00**. If you haven't already done so please can you sign up & pay on Arbor. Any queries please speak to Miss Britt or Miss James.



News



Breakfast Club

A reminder that our Breakfast Club is open to children from Reception to Year 6 every morning from **7.45am**, to help working parents. This is a great way to start the school day! For just **£1.20 per day**, children can enjoy a range of healthy breakfast options alongside fun activities with their friends in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

We also offer a **FREE** Morning Club from **8:15am until 8:45am**. For children in Reception to Year 6. Children attending this club can also enjoy a range of healthy breakfast options and activities. Children must be dropped off between **8:15am and 8:20am (any children dropped off after this time will be turned away)** to allow them to settle and be ready for the start of the school day. We look forward to welcoming children for a happy and positive start to their day!



Guess the Disney Movie Dingbats

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Answers will be on next weeks newsletter.

Answers to last weeks riddles: Riddle 1— A River Riddle 2—A phone

Years 4 & 5 Lakeland Adventure Trip





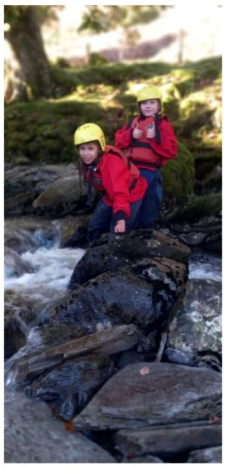


















The Royal Institution
Science in Schools

Community Workshop

Super cells!



What makes you sick? Why do you, I, and every other human on the planet get ill?

Join our Ri presenter as they dive deep into your very own cells to see how bacteria and viruses invade our bodies and try to take over, and more importantly: what can we do to fight back?



From ancient remedies...



...to modern medicines...



...and a future where we could train our bodies to potentially cure themselves of some diseases!

We'll see how science supports and improves our bodies' natural defences, from antibiotics to vaccines, and explore the amazing ways our immune system works.

Monday 9th November
3:15 – 4pm

Royal Institution: Science in Schools
Community Workshop

Book for free on Arbor



A fascinating and interactive workshop for our school community!



Pudsey's suitcase is packed, and his passport is ready to begin his adventure!

Where in the world will Pudsey go first? He is slowly making his way around the world, but where will he end up?

Have a guess for 50p & help Children In Need to find out which country he will end up in. Please see Miss Swindells in year 4 classroom with your **50p** & your guess. The lucky winner will win a giant Pudsey bear. #whereispudsey #childreninneed2026

Ancoats & Beswick Community Soup Event

Tuesday 27 October 2026, 6.30pm to 9.00pm, please arrive by 6.00 pm

Venue: Co-op Live, 1 Sportcity Way, Manchester M11 3DU Entrance A & B

Join us at the Ancoats & Beswick Community Soup event on 27 October and help decide which local projects receive funding in your neighbourhood.

This is your chance to support great community ideas, meet local people, and have your say on projects that could make a real difference where you live.

The attending groups

- One Manchester Ltd
- 4CT Limited
- Wataalam Ltd
- Yogazi Health and Wellbeing CIC
- Ramage Walk Litter Pick Group
- Walking Mums Club
- Proud Mums CIC
- All Sisters Here
- Beswick Chatty Craft
- Rehab Fitness CIC



How it works

Shortlisted groups will be delivering a five minute pitch about their idea.

Then you decide! The Community will then vote for the projects they like the best.

If you need further information, please email: matthew.brown@manchester.gov.uk

Together, we can support great ideas that make Ancoats & Beswick an even better place to live

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After School Clubs Timetable

Tuesday	Zumba—Years 1 to 6 (Full) Singing—Years 1 to 6 (Full) Tag Rugby—Years 3 & 4 (Full) Reading for Pleasure—Years 1 to 6 (Full)
Wednesday	Eco Club (Monthly) - See Miss Drury Together Workshops—See Miss Swindells Football—Years 4 to 6 (Full) Construction—Years 1 to 3 (Full)
Thursday	Girls Football— Years 3 to 6 (Full) Arts & Crafts—Years 1 & 2 (Full) Arts & Crafts—Years 3 to 6 (Full) Cross Country— Years 4 to 6 (Available)

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School Meals Menu

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN DISH	Pepperoni or ham Pizza With seasoned wedges	Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Mash or Roast potatoes. 5 A DAY	Chicken Drumstick with Jollof Rice 5 A DAY	Meatballs and Pasta	Fish fingers with salt and pepper chunky Chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH	Quorn Hotdog with wedges	Quorn Chicken, Yorkshire pudding, mash or roast potatoes	Quorn Chicken Drumstick with Jollof Rice	Quorn Hotdog with Wedges	Crispy vegetable fingers with salt and pepper chunky chips
ACCOMPANIMENTS 5 A DAY	Green beans	Baked beans	Salad Bar & Carrots	Beans & broccoli	Peas & baked beans Salad Bar
DESSERTS	Lemon Cake	Chocolate and Pear sponge with Custard	Ginger biscuit	Jelly and Fruit	Fresh Fruit Friday 5 A DAY
FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT 5 A DAY	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
JACKET POTATO/PASTA	Jacket Potato or Pasta	Cheese and Bean Wrap or Pasta	Pasta, Jacket potato or Quorn Meatball Sub	Tuna and Cheese Wrap	Jacket Potato or Pasta

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

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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

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

