



Bapchild and Tonge CE (Aided) Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Week beginning: 21/09/2026

Rooted in God as our vine; we bear fruits.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to share that attendance at Bapchild School is currently 96.4%, which is an improvement on this time last year. Currently, 9.9% of our children are identified as Persistently Absent, and we are continuing to work hard to support families in improving attendance wherever possible. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Clark, as our new Attendance Champion, will work closely and supportively with families to help overcome any barriers to regular attendance and ensure that every child has the opportunity to make the most of their learning and school experience. A huge thank you to all our families who are working hard to ensure their children attend school regularly and have the best possible attendance. Your support makes a real difference!

Have a peaceful weekend.

Best wishes, Christian Kelly



We are excited to share that OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) has started at Bapchild! You may have already spotted some of the exciting changes made over the holidays, including our new pond, huge sandpit and tunnels. Our aim is to improve the quality and enjoyment of play at lunchtime, giving children more opportunities to explore, create, imagine and have fun. We are really looking forward to working with our parents and wider school community as we continue to develop and enhance lunchtime play. To help guide us, please take a few minutes to complete our parent questionnaire and share your views and experiences of play – your feedback will be really valuable as we move forward. Please use link:

<https://forms.gle/T1G7htuij72iVu6L8>

Dates for the Diary

28th Sept – 2nd Oct – Year 6
PGL Residential
5th Oct – 1.45pm New Year
R Welcome Service at St
Laurence Church – 2.30pm
Year R/1 Phonics Parent
Meeting
7th Oct – Year R, 2, 4 and 6
Parents Afternoon – 2.00pm
14th Oct – Harvest Festival
9.30am – Year R, 2, 4 and 6;
11.00 - Year 1,3, 5; 2.45 –
Nursery
16th Oct – FOBS Disco
19th Oct – NO CLUBS THIS
WEEK
20th Oct – 5.00 – 7.30pm
Parent Consultation Evening
21st Oct – 3.30 – 6.00pm
Parent Consultation Evening
22nd Oct – End of term 1 –
Half term. Non-school
uniform day.
23rd Oct – Staff
Development Day
Academic Year 2026/27
Term 1 - 01/09/26 - 23/10/26
Term 2 - 02/11/26 - 18/12/26
Term 3 - 04/01/27 - 12/02/27
Term 4 - 22/02/27 - 25/03/27
Term 5 - 12/04/27 - 18/05/27
Term 6 - 07/06/27 - 21/07/27

Lateness

Arriving on time helps children feel settled, confident and ready to learn. We understand mornings can be challenging, so by working together, we can help every child start the day calmly, positively and ready to succeed.

On time every day	0 days of learning lost
5 minutes late daily	3 days of learning lost
10 minutes late daily	6 ½ days of learning lost
15 minutes late daily	10 days of learning lost
20 minutes late daily	13 days of learning lost
25 minutes late daily	19 days of learning lost



Macmillan Coffee Mornings

A huge thank you to everyone who enjoyed the lovely treats at our Macmillan Coffee Morning—we hope to beat the fantastic £300 we raised last time for a charity that touches so many lives!