

Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to my email on 6 February 2025, updating you on the school's headteacher position, I write to inform you that the Governing Body and the Russell Education Trust have appointed Mr Chris Martin as St Andrew the Apostle School's permanent Headteacher.

As the school's substantive Headteacher, he is well placed to lead its staff and students into our new school building in September, and he will be ably supported by the wider senior leadership team. He has a long track record of success at the school having been appointed as an Assistant Headteacher in 2019 and progressing to Deputy Headship in 2022. Since he has been acting as headteacher, the school has flourished and we are delighted to make this appointment.

He will take up the role immediately and will be in contact with you in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Mary Karaolis, Chair of Governors

Colin Mackinlay, CEO of Russell Education Trust







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COUNTDOWN

NEW BUILD

28 February 2025

Dear Parents and Carer,

First, I wanted to thank staff, students and parents who have contacted me, to wish me and the school well, following my appointment as Headteacher. I will write to parents more fully in the coming weeks. It's an exciting time for the school and I am so pleased to lead the school into the new building and well beyond.

Secondly, as we start the new term, I want to note the dedication of our students and staff that they demonstrated over the half-term break.

The intervention sessions were a great success, and I would like to extend my gratitude to our teachers who dedicated their time to support our students. Your hard work does not go unnoticed, and we deeply appreciate your efforts.

To our students who participated, well done for committing to the process—your perseverance and determination will serve you well in the months ahead as you prepare for the upcoming mock exams.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the term ahead. There are a number of trips planned, enhancing learning beyond the classroom. Our Geography students will embark on fieldwork experiences, bringing their studies to life.

Those aspiring to Oxbridge will take part in visits and workshops to help them prepare for future applications. History students will deepen their understanding with visits to historical sites, while our students will see professional performances in the West End. These trips provide invaluable experiences, supporting school life in a meaningful and engaging way.

I would also like to remind parents to mark 3 April in their diaries, as this is the date for our Year 7 Parents' Evening. This evening is a crucial opportunity for parents to meet with teachers, discuss their child's progress, and gain insights into how they can further support learning at home. We look forward to welcoming you all.

Additionally, our Year 10 students will be undertaking their mid-course assessments this term. These assessments are an important milestone in their academic journey, and we expect students to be fully prepared. To achieve this, we strongly encourage all Year 10 students to dedicate at least an extra hour each day to revision. Consistent effort now will make a significant difference when it comes to their final results.

As always, I am incredibly proud of our school community and the dedication of both staff and students.

Ever to Excel!

Christopher Martin | Headteacher

Upcoming Key Dates and Information

- Wednesday 5 March Year 12 Biology Trip
- Thursday 6 March Father Gregory service in school for Lent
- Click here to access Term Dates

Faith

As we journey together in faith, it is always inspiring to reflect on the lives of those who have demonstrated deep commitment to Christ and to serving others. One such example is St Sebastian, a courageous Christian martyr who lived during the early centuries of the Church. St Sebastian is known for his unwavering faith, his dedication to protecting others, and his willingness to endure suffering for what he believed was right. His story is a powerful reminder of two of our school's core values: **responsibility** and **caring**.

Responsibility is about taking ownership of our actions, making choices that reflect our beliefs, and standing up for what is right. St Sebastian embodied this by using his position as a Roman soldier not for personal gain, but to care for persecuted Christians. He saw it as his duty to protect others, even at great personal risk. In the same way, we encourage our students to take responsibility for their words, actions, and learning, ensuring that they contribute positively to our school and wider community. Whether it is through their studies, friendships, or acts of kindness, they are reminded that responsibility is a key part of living a life of faith.

Closely linked to responsibility is **caring**, another fundamental value we uphold. St Sebastian's story is one of deep care for others, as he sought to support those in need despite the dangers he faced. Caring goes beyond kindness—it is about showing love, empathy, and a commitment to helping those around us. At school, we see this in the way our students look out for one another, support their friends, and engage in charity work. By fostering a spirit of caring, we help our young people develop into compassionate individuals who understand the importance of putting others before themselves.

As we continue this term, I encourage you to reflect with your children on how they can live out these values in their daily lives. How can they take responsibility for their actions? How can they show greater care for their family, friends, and those in need? By embracing these virtues, they not only grow academically but also spiritually, shaping them into young people of strong faith and character.

Thank you for your continued support in reinforcing these values at home. May St Sebastian's example inspire us all to live with faith, courage, responsibility, and care.













Recognition Points - Bronze, Silver, Gold and now Platinum Stars!

We report all behaviours home on MCAS which means that you can have conversations with your child about their day, and you can celebrate with them when they receive positive behaviour points. We issue recognition points for displaying the school values, outstanding work in class and a brilliant effort made.

This week in assembly our Y8 students were celebrated for reaching different milestones. Students receive stars which they wear



50 achievement points - Bronze Star

100 achievement points - Silver Star

150 achievement points - Gold Star

200 achievement points - Platinum Star



Please do celebrate this with your child and do congratulate them when they come home with a star on their blazer. It is an incredible achievement to have already received one, when we are approximately half way through the year.

A special well done and congratulations goes to Anu, who has been issued with our first platinum star this year for reaching 200 achievement points so far!

Miss Walt | Assistant Headteacher















Let's Power Up Our DrFrost Maths Efforts and Reach 2 MILLION POINTS!

Attention all Students!

We are on the brink of an incredible milestone! Our school currently stands at 1,926,902 points on DrFrostMaths, and we need just a final push to reach the 2-million-point mark. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our dedication, teamwork, and mathematical prowess on a global scale!

For those who may not know, **DrFrostMaths** is an invaluable platform used by over **7,500 schools in 133 countries**, including at least **three-quarters of all secondary schools in England**. With around **3 million daily page views**, it provides an exceptional space to enhance our mathematical skills through structured teaching

resources and online problem-solving.

Currently, our school holds the **146th place**, but we know we can climb even higher! Every question answered, every assignment completed, and every second spent sharpening your maths skills brings us closer to our goal. This is more than just a number—it is a testament to our collective effort and commitment to excellence.

Here's how YOU can help:

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	teachers.	

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	every point counts!

By working together, we can make this happen and proudly celebrate reaching **2 million points**. Let's show what our school is capable of and make our mark on the global stage!

Keep up the great work, and let's finish strong!

Go Team STA.

Mr Dogan | Head of Maths and Business Studies

Empowering learners and teachers in mathematics.

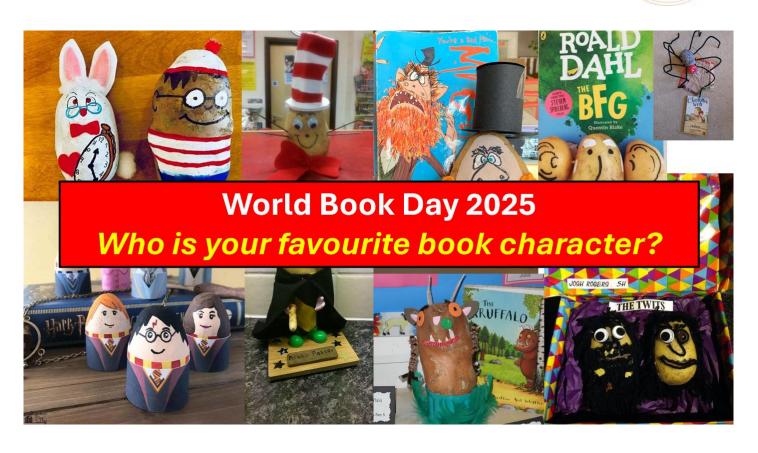












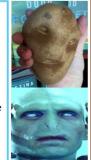
World Book Day 2025 Events Thursday & Friday 6th & 7th March

Best Student Potato Character Competition

Decorate a potato to resemble your favourite book character and bring it to En3 on Thursday 6th March or Friday 7th March up to lunchtime.

The room will be open both lunchtimes for all students to see the fabulous creations.

A winner and a runner up will receive a book voucher.



<u>Decorate Your Potato Workshop</u> (for both staff and students)

Come along to decorate your potato with us! There will be plenty of books, ideas and materials to help you make your favourite book potato character – please bring your own potato.

When: Tuesday 4th March 3-4pm

Where: B5 Art room



Treasure Hunt of Staff Favourite Characters

Take part by answering a number of questions about staff favourite characters to be found on their classroom door posters.

When: Thursday 6th and Friday 7th March

Where: B4 and B5 (questions will involve posters from both buildings) **How to take part:** collect a blank form and drop the completed one in a designated box at the receptions of both buildings by 3pm on Friday 7th March.

Winners for each year group will be chosen from all correct answers and will receive book vouchers.

Ask the teachers about their potato.

Vote for the best staff decorated character potato.

Cast your vote at the receptions of either building by Friday 7th March 3pm.











The Holy Month of Ramadan - A Message to Families

Ramadan is a holy month for Muslims and is scheduled to start on either 28 February or 1 March, depending on the sighting of the moon. It lasts for around one month and takes place this year at broadly the same time as Lent in the Greek Orthodox calendar.

In our school community we have both staff and students who will be observing Ramadan, and it is in line with our values of Respect, Responsibility, Caring and Fairness that we embrace and support them in their religious observance.

Ramadan marks the period of time when Muslims believe that the Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet Muhammed. It is a time when all are encouraged to show empathy and kindness to others through good works and be mindful of those in need through charity, as well as spending quality time with family.

Some of our school community – staff and students – will be fasting each day through this period. This may mean that they may become a little tired towards the end of each day. Staff are aware of this and will be planning learning activities to take this into account. We are also aware that some students may not feel well at some points during the day, due to fasting. Students will be able contact someone to take a child to the medical staff, should they feel unwell.

Some of our community will also wish to pray during the school day. We have allocated a space for prayer in each of the school buildings at lunch time throughout Ramadan. Form tutors will inform students where these spaces are.

We wish all of our staff and students observing Ramadan: Ramadan Mubarak!

Mrs Poole | Senior Leader



How do you know what your child is learning at school?

Here at STA, we care about your interest in what your children are learning, and we take seriously our responsibility to make you aware of what your child will be learning during the year. Therefore, all the relevant information about the Term 4 learning can be found on our website. Just follow the this link.

Here you can find an overview of what your child will learn, the title of the assessment, and a brief list of the most important keywords. You will also find relevant websites which can support your child's learning. We update this site when changes are needed to support learning. So please always consult the website for the most up-to-date version.

In this way, we hope that you will always feel well-informed about what your child is learning at school. Please do take a few minutes over half-term to look at the website with your children and get a sense of what is coming up in Term 4. It could make all the difference to the quality of conversations over the next six weeks!

You might even feel inspired to seek out TV programmes to watch or museums to visit, related to the upcoming learning, over the holiday. Whatever you do, we wish you a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming your children back ready for an exciting term of learning ahead.

Michelle Malakouna and Lucy Helan | Curriculum Deputy Headteacher.













Year 9 Football Victory

The Year 9 football team faced off against Saracens in the first round of the Plate Cup. Coming into the fixture, students had the daunting task of overturning a previous 6-3 defeat against Saracens. The match began on Saracens quickly taking the lead just five minutes into the game. As the first half wore on, the contest turned into a lively back-and-forth affair. STA found an equaliser thanks to a perfectly executed corner by Jayden that created enough pressure to force a Saracens own goal, bringing the score level at 1-1. It wasn't long before Alex capitalised on a powerful attack. Breaking free in a one-on-one situation, Alex scored just as the half-time whistle blew, allowing STA to lead 2-1. STA entered the second half with increased confidence. This confidence manifested quickly as Amir scored the third goal. The team maintained their intensity, and Alex, skilfully bypassed a defender to drive the ball into the net, securing his second goal and pushing the tally to 4-1. Near the end of the match, Armelo, a central defender, found an opening in the box during a corner kick. Taking full advantage, side-footed the ball home, sealing a triumph for STA. With the final whistle, STA celebrated a rewarding 5-1 victory. As the team now eagerly looks forward to the next round. Their upcoming opponent will be determined by the fixture between London Academy and Ashmole, promising another exciting chapter in their Plate Cup journey.

Mr Fowlie | Teacher of PE



Individual Sporting Success

A huge well done to our Year 8 gymnast, Alice who travelled to Greece in the half term to compete in the Kalamata competitions.

Alice placed 2nd and received her silver medal award. Alice competed with 37 other international athletes so this is an incredible achievement.

Miss Walt | Assistant Head Teacher and Teacher of PE











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Virtual Work Experience Opportunities on Unifrog

All students have access to Unifrog, our online careers platfrom in school. As part of their offer, Unifrog offer several opportunities for students to get involved in Virtual Work Experience.

On Thursday 6 March, the Institution of Mechanical Engineering is running a session, where they will be joined by experts from IMEchE members, Redbull and the Olympic GB Cycling team, the International Society for Snowsport Safety and IDA Sports. Students will get advised on how to approach some of the tasks on our VWEX course, first-hand knowledge of sports engineering, product research and development, and hear from a professional cyclist who leads an engineering unit at Red Bull.

Students in Key Stage 4 and 5 who are interested should follow the link below and sign up for free.

Series Virtual Work Experience - Webinars - Teacher - Unifrog

School Based Tuition

Give Music a Go! Instrumental Lessons – Summer Term 2025



Dear Parents, Ever thought about how learning an instrument could open doors for your child's future? Not only is it fun, but it can also give them an advantage if they decide to take GCSE Music later on and even boost their UCAS university applications in the future!

That's why we're thrilled to announce that bookings for Summer Term 2025 instrumental lessons are now open! Your child can try 10 lessons with no long-term commitment if they love it, they can continue. If not, they've gained a great experience!

Ø No deadline, but places are limited! Lessons will be offered where spaces are available, so don't miss out!

■ New to Music Lessons?

Getting started is easy! Just visit this link:

Here, you can register and apply for lessons.

School Based Tuition - Barnet Education Arts Trust

Lessons are available on a range of instruments including: violin, cello, flute, clarinet, bassoon, saxophone, drum kit, guitar (classical, folk, electric, and bass), piano, keyboard, brass, tabla and voice (the instruments offered by your school may vary). All BEAT teachers are fully DBS checked and their teaching is regularly monitored....beatrust.org.uk

Terms and Conditions - Barnet Education Arts Trust

Let's make Summer 2025 a musical one! 🗗 🧎











Meet the St Andrew the Apostle School staff!

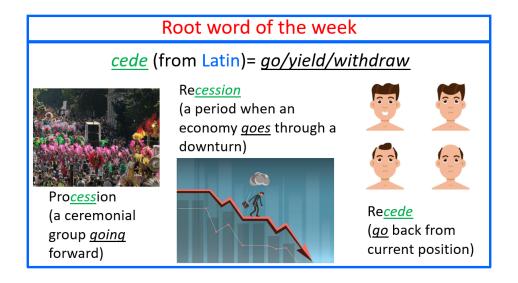


Hello! My name is Miss Ntaountaki, and I am a Greek, Latin, and Classics teacher here at St. Andrew the Apostle (STA). My passion in disseminating the Greek language and culture brought me some years ago in the UK. I absolutely love working at STA, where the inspiring students and passionate colleagues make it such a wonderful place to teach and grow. My top three favourite things about STA are the strong sense of community, the encouragement of academic curiosity, and the opportunity to teach subjects that connect us to the past in such meaningful ways. Outside of school, I enjoy following the current news and discoveries around the world and reporting them in the newspaper, learning Greek traditional dancing and Waltz and exploring new cultures through travel. If I could invite three celebrities to dinner (alive or dead), they would be the renowned philosopher Socrates, the brilliant scientist Marie Curie and David Attenborough with his iconic documentaries

Hello I'm Mr Ahmed, I am a Maths teacher and have been at STA since January 2020. My hobbies include watching lots of football in the TV and going to Bangladesh as often as I can. At STA I have taught mostly Maths but since last year I started teaching Computer Science at KS3. I'm enjoying teaching new a subject that I find facinating.

The top celebrities' that I would definitely invite for dinner are Neil Armstrong and Lionel Messi.











Maths and Reading Leaderboard



Rank	Student	Total Mastery
1	Kavin Y11	22194
2	Sofia Y11	18227
3	Zara Y11	17380
4	Katina Y11	15953
5	Yianni Y11	15753
6	Luca Y10	15388
7	Savan Y11	14874
8	Nicholas Y11	13927
9	Unays Y11	13587
10	Hana Y10	13197

Dr Frost Maths is an online learning platform designed to support students in mastering maths skills. It offers a range of interactive resources, including video tutorials, practice questions, and step-by-step solutions across all key stages. The platform is used for weekly homework, allowing students to practise and reinforce topics covered in lessons. It also provides personalised feedback to help track progress.

Rank	Student	Total Mastery
1	Teshan	12923
2	Dominic	6233
3	Ayaz	6125
Year 8		
1	Aurelia	9362
2	Tia	9105
3	Zoe	8765
Year 9		
1	Andreas	11836
2	Alaya	11114
3	Bowen	10417
Year 10)	
1	Luca	14791
2	Hana	12442
3	Anna Maria	11612
Year 11		
1	Kavin	22194
2	Sofia	18227
3	Zara	17380
Year 12	!	
1	Savan	14874
2	Christos	12227
3	Theo	11446
Year 13	3	
1	Gabriella	12450
2	Natalia	11803
3	Giorgio	8732

For revision, Dr Frost Maths is an excellent tool, with resources covering a wide variety of topics, past exam papers, and challenges to help students prepare effectively for assessments. Parents can also monitor their child's progress.

Mr Dogan | Head of Maths & Business studies

Sparx Reader

Rank	Student	Total SRP
1	Dominic	27581
2	Anu	22543
3	Wealth	20202
4	Moyosoreoluwa	17555
5	Teshan	15631
6	Olivia	6464
7	Paria	6338
8	Anaya	6212
9	Idrees	5662
10	Michelle	4095

Sparx Reader is an online reading platform allowing students to regularly read books for pleasure. Everyday reading is not only a relaxing activity, but also allows students to expand their ideas, vocabulary and improve understanding of any text they will face in exams or as adults.

Sparx Reader offers students a choice of books at their reading level, as well as ensuring they read books with understanding by completing check-in questions along the way. The platform is used for KS3 English weekly homework; students need to achieve minimum 300 points each week (this equates to approximately 30 min of careful reading).

We are very pleased that many of our students exceed this target every week, with some top scorers achieving well above a thousand points a week. Since the launch of Sparx Reader a month ago, our KS3 students have completed amazing 3394 hours of careful reading and read altogether 1 books so far. Truly well done!

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	Year 7		
1	Dominic	27581	
2	Wealth	20202	
3	Moyosoreoluwa	17555	
	Year 8		
1	Anu	22543	
2	Olivia	6464	
3	Anaya	6212	
Year 9			
1	Paria	6338	
2	Michelle	4095	
3	Prajeeth	4069	

Please ask your chid what they are currently reading, and perhaps you can enjoy listening to them reading tout loud a section of their current Sparx book.

Mrs Bassington | Head of English











National Careers Week 3 - 8 March 2025

Next week marks National Careers Week. In school, we will discuss with students post 16 and post 18 routes and explore the career fields in our subjects.

Students are encouraged to use our Online Careers Platform, Unifrog, which has several resources available to students, free of charge. Unifrog allows students to complete profiles based on their interests and skills. It then encourages students to look at different career paths in these areas. There is also the option to complete University Webinars and Seminars, as well as completing online work experience.

There is a virtual careers fair being held throughout the week, available on: <u>Countdown - NCW 2025 Virtual Careers Fair</u>. The virtual careers fair will allow students to interact with several employers from a range of sectors. Last year, there were 100 exhibitors for students to look at and investigate. Please do join the event with your child after 3 March 2025 to explore the page.

National Careers Week have published a parents guide which has information about qualification levels, work experience and career pathways. Please do have a look through this and begin the conversations with your child about how they may approach their Post 16 and Post 16 choices.

The link to the guide is: The Parent's Guide To NCW 2025 - National Careers Week

Unifrog Event: Forensic Science

Unifrog event signup

copy url





Our events are completely FREE! Just sign up below and we will email you a link.



Becoming a forensic scientist: what it's really like

For students

Forensic science has revolutionised the way we investigate and solve crimes, transforming the field of criminal justice. In this webinar, join Professor Ian Turner from the University of Derby to learn about the latest advancements in forensic science, including exciting cutting-edge techniques and technologies. Through practical case studies, you'll discover what it's really like to be a forensic scientist.

All students have a login to Unifrog. This login allows them to build a personality and careers profile, and also offers free online work experience and virtual seminars. In this seminar students will be taught by Professor Ian Turner from the University of Derby.

Wednesday 12 March 2025

① 5.30pm

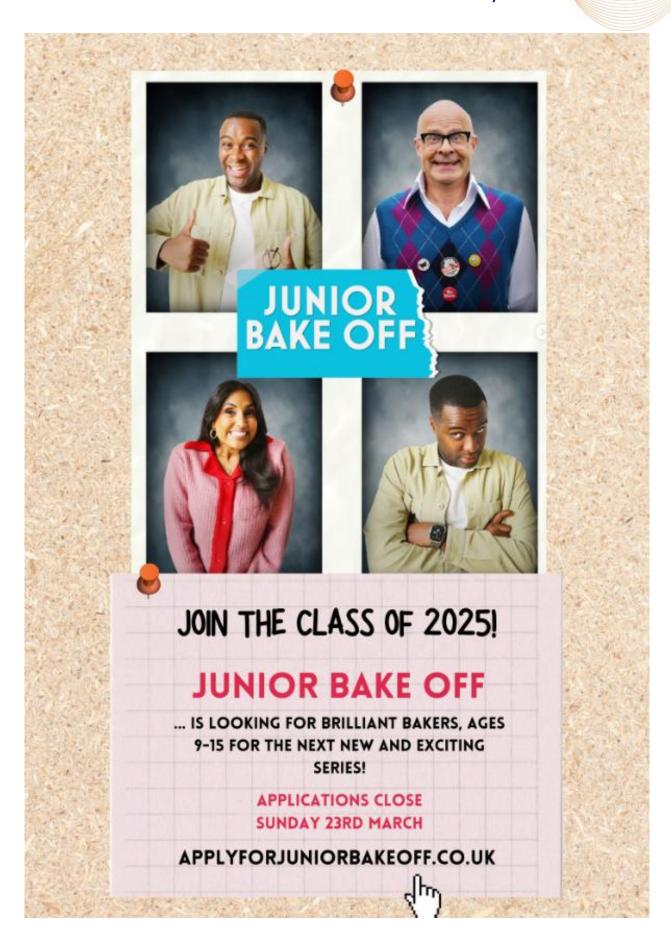
















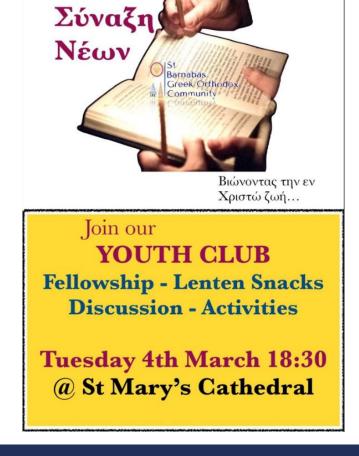




















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Flu Vaccinations

Has your child missed their vaccination at school? Go to a catch-up clinic in

The flu vaccine helps protect against flu, which can be a serious or lifethreatening illness. It is recommended for people at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu. Protect your child by getting their flu vaccination.

Catch-up clinics in Barnet are offering vaccinations for:

- Flu
- MMR
- Meningtis ACWY
- DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Polio)
- Catch-up clinics in March:

Ravenscroft Medical Practice, Golders Green Rd, London NW11 8BB - 2 March, 10am to 2pm

Chipping Barnet Library, Stapylton Road, High Barnet EN5 4QT – 9 March, 10am to 2pm

Ravenscroft Medical Practice, Golders Green Rd, London NW11 8BB - 23 March, 10am to 2pm

To book an appointment, or find catch-up clinics in April, visit https://www.schoolvaccination.uk/catch-up-barnet



BELS Advisory Team

BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents and Carers An Online Parent/Carer Training Course A comprehensive online training and support programme for parents and carers of children aged 6-19, with a diagnosis of Autism.

This course is available free of charge to families living in Barnet. A 6session online training course, covering topics including:

- An overview of what it means for your child to be Autistic.
- Communication.
- · Sensory needs.
- Understanding emotional regulation/'behaviour'.

This course also gives parents and carers an opportunity to meet each other and share experiences. Please do not sign up if you have already attended this course, or the Cygnets Course.

> BACPAC: Barnet Autism Course for Parents And Carers Spring Term 2025 (Two). A 6-session evening course

Dates and times:

Monday 24th Feb. 6.30-8.00pm Monday 3rd March 6.30-8.00pm

Monday 10th March 6.30-8.00pm Monday 17th March 6.30-8.00pm

Monday 24th March 6.30-8.00pm

Monday 31st March 6.30-8.00pm

Sign up here: https://forms.office.com/e/cuNZHsdSnF

For any enquires please email Autism.Team@barnet.gov.uk with 'BACPAC course' as the subject.

Is your child a young carer?

Or do you think they may be? Barnet has over 6,500 young carers and only a small percentage of these young people are receiving the support they deserve. Caring roles vary and can affect many aspects of daily life, some of which are not always obvious to parents/carers. At Barnet Young carers, we offer a variety of support;

A one to one 8 week mentoring programme with a trained mentor.

10 weeks on line tuition in a subject of their choice/s.

School groups to encourage peer support and a community focus.

School holiday activities including theatre trips, workshops, theme park trips, fun activities and much more.

A mental fitness programme (for age 15+).

Barnet Better Gyms leisure pass with free swimming and discounted activities.

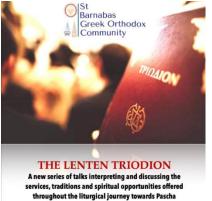
If you think your child would benefit from this support, please contact me on the email below. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or queries you may have. I am happy to help in any way I can.

Sandra.Langham@barnetcarers.org

https://barnetyoungcarers.org.uk

Sandra Langham Barnet young carers school's manager





throughout the liturgical journey towards Pascha Τὸ Τοιώδιο

Μια καινούργια σειρά πνευματικών ομιλιών, ερμηνεύοντας και συζητώντας τις ακολουθίες και την παράδοση της Εκκλησίας, πορευόμενοι προς την Ανάσταση

ery Monday evening at **18:30**, at the Cathedral of the Dormition of Theotokos, Wood Green N22 8LB. Commencing from *Monday 17th ruary*. All are welcome.







Parents: feeling too busy rushing around to find out what your son/daughter is learning at school? Check out the curriculum online on our website to find out more: Curriculum









Designated Safeguarding Leads

Click for more information





Mrs Poole

<u>Click here</u> to view all Extracurricular club's schedule





