

Headteacher's Message

It has been a busy time at Heaton St Barnabas, and with cooler mornings and changing leaves, autumn has certainly arrived.

Our children have continued to work hard, show kindness and embrace all the opportunities on offer.

Thank you to everyone who has supported school events and learning this term, so far.

We are now looking forward to our Harvest celebrations. Harvest is an important time to reflect on gratitude, generosity and helping others in our community. Please see the information later in this newsletter about our Harvest collection and how you can support it.

Have a wonderful week.

Can you support us with our Harvest collection challenge?

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we are asking for your support in collecting tins and non-perishable food items to help local families in our community.

Starting tomorrow, each year group will be taking part in a friendly challenge to see who can bring in the most donations! The year group with the highest number of items collected will be crowned our **Harvest Collection Champions**.

We would be grateful for donations such as:

- Tinned vegetables, fruit, soup or beans
 - Pasta, rice and noodles
 - Cereal and porridge
 - Long-life milk and juice
- Other non-perishable food items

Every donation, no matter how small, will make a real difference to those in need.

Thank you for your generosity and support as we work together to help our local community.

Let the Harvest Collection Challenge begin!



Attendance

Attendance Champions last week were RB with 100%. This is fabulous, well done!

The whole school attendance figure was 96.1%, which is above our target- a GREAT achievement!

Class	% Attendance
RB	100%
6S	99.3%
3C	98.7%
5K	98.7%
RM	98.4%
1J	98.3%
4G	97.9%
4EM	97.6%
2G	96.2%
5D	95.7%
3P	95.2%
6B	95.0%
2W	94.4%
1A	86.4%

A big thankyou to all our families for ensuring a successful start to the school year for our pupils. As you are all aware, the guidance from the government and local authority towards attendance is clear that all absences will be followed up and action taken for those pupils who are failing to attend school. Please ensure pupils are in school no later than 8.45am to ensure they receive their mark for the day.

Please contact the school office if your child has a medical appointment or is ill. Appointment letters will need to be shared to enable school staff to record the absence correctly. Many thanks for your continued co-operation and support.

School Parliament and Fairtrade Update

At Heaton St Barnabas, we are proud to have a **School Parliament** which gives pupils the opportunity to develop leadership skills and make a positive contribution to school life. Our pupil leadership groups include the **Worship Team, Fairtrade Team, School Council, Eco-Team, Peer Mediators and Play Leaders**. Elections for some of the play leader roles will be taking place soon, and we look forward to welcoming our new representatives.

Last week, our **Fairtrade Team** led a fantastic assembly to mark **Fairtrade Fortnight**, helping pupils learn about the importance of fair prices, decent working conditions and supporting farmers and producers around the world.

As part of Fairtrade Fortnight, the team will be leading some fundraising activities. **Tomorrow (Thursday)**, pupils will be able to purchase **Banana Splits and Kit Kats for 50p each**.

We are also launching a **Fairtrade Tote Bag Design Competition**. If your child would like to take part, please return the competition entry sheet with **50p securely sellotaped to the form**. We can't wait to see all of the creative designs!

Thank you for supporting our pupil leaders as they work to make a difference both locally and globally.



Weather Reminder

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in indoor pumps. If you have not yet done so, please send a pair for your child to keep in school.

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please also ensure that your child brings a **coat every day**. This helps us to keep children warm and comfortable during outdoor activities while keeping our classrooms clean and dry.

Thank you for your support. 😊

Tennis Opportunity



**GET 3 FREE
TENNIS
LESSONS**

Lesson dates:
2nd Nov - 22nd Nov 2026

**USE QR CODE TO CHOOSE YOUR
FREE LESSON BLOCK**

Location

Heaton Tennis and Squash Club, BD9 5PH

Register Now

Use QR code to register, no payment will be taken.
Please select one session from the timetable to
attend the three free tennis lessons.

www.strivetennis.co.uk



School meals

ASK YOURSELF
Why aren't you choosing a school meal?

Across the country, a significant number of pupils almost 1 in 4 are not choosing a school meal. Whether paid or free, this means many children in our area are missing out on healthy, balanced food that supports their learning, wellbeing, and development.

FM Catering are looking to work in partnership with schools and academy trusts to address these shortfalls and improve uptake levels. The initial step will be to do a joint survey of the school's parents to identify the reasons why they are not taking up a school meal, and then FM Catering will develop and agree a bespoke action plan with our schools designed to increase meal uptake.

BENEFITS OF A SCHOOL MEAL

- Improves overall health and learning outcomes
- Nutritious, freshly prepared food with hot and cold options
- Promotes healthy food choices and food education
- Provides hot choices on cold days and cold choices on hot days!
- Theme days to support curriculum activities and calendar events
- Families save approximately £37 per month in total on food spending (based on a household with two adults and two primary-aged children) *
- Religious, medical and food allergen diets are catered for
- Pupils wanting a packed lunch (FM can provide packed lunch choices with the 'select and fill your packed lunch' option)

FM SERVICES

Scan the QR code to let us know your thoughts on school meals





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