

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

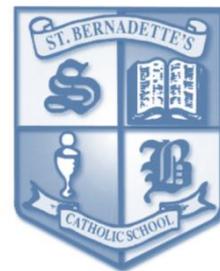
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At St Bernadette's we are fully committed to safeguarding our children. We expect all staff, parents and visitors to share this commitment.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back and a happy new year to our whole school community. After a disappointing end to the autumn term, we were very pleased to see our pupils returning happy, healthy and well-rested following their Christmas holidays. Thank you for your support with online learning for the final week of term and for your thoughts and well-wishes. We look forward to a busy and successful spring term.

Uniform Reminder

A reminder that pupils should be wearing their winter uniforms and therefore should be wearing a shirt and tie every day. Polo shirts should not be worn. If your child is wearing trousers, they should be grey. Please remember that coloured, shaven or a patterned hairstyles and the wearing of large colourful bows is not permitted.

Children should also be wearing appropriate footwear – trainers are not acceptable. We would also like to remind parents to ensure their child has a warm and weatherproof coat. Thank you to those families that do adhere to the uniform policy.

COVID Update

As the number of positive cases of Coronavirus still remains high, we would ask that parents continue to wear face coverings when entering the school site and whilst on the playground, remembering to observe the one-way system when dropping off or collecting their child.

Due to the high numbers of positive cases nationally, we are unfortunately unable to welcome parents into school at this time. As such, events such as Maths Open Week and Bedtime Story sessions will not go ahead. We look forward to welcoming parents again once it is safe to do so.

Diary Dates

Please note dates may be subject to change at short notice depending on the current COVID situation.

Tuesday 1st February

Class photos

Friday 4th February

NSPCC Number Day

Wednesday 9th February

Safer Internet Day

5:00pm First Holy Communion Meeting
(Making Peace)

Friday 11th February

9:30am - Whole School Mass (Church) -
Our Lady of Lourdes

Monday 14th Februaryⁿ

St Valentine's Day (4CM own clothes)

Wednesday 16th February

9.00am Year 1 Mass (School)

Monday 21st-Friday 25th February

HALF TERM

Monday 28th February

INSET DAY

Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to Mrs Lennon, who gave birth to a healthy baby girl over the Christmas holidays. Both Mrs Lennon and baby Minnie are doing well and we wish them health and happiness during this special time.



School Fund

Thank you to those parents that have paid their £10 contribution to school fund towards the cost of school trips. Your child will take part in at least one trip each academic year and the cost of each trip exceeds the £10 contribution, when entrance fees and transport are taken into account. This, therefore, provides very good value for money. If you have yet to make payment of this, please could you login to <https://www.parentpay.com/> as soon as possible. Please note that this can be paid in instalments if required.

Swimming

A reminder that swimming sessions began this week for 3EH and 5EB. Attending swimming lessons is a compulsory element of the national curriculum and a vital life skill; as such, all children are required to participate. If there is a genuine medical reason for why your child cannot participate, please ensure medical evidence from the doctor is shared with your child's class teacher or with the school office.

P.E. Kits

Please ensure all pupils have a full P.E. kit in school. This should include a tracksuit to wear during outdoor games lessons.

NSPCC Number Day

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on Friday 4th February 2022.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in Dress up for Digits. Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we would love everyone in school to take part in this special event.



Read-a-thon

A massive thank you to all pupils who took part in our Readathon during the autumn term! We were delighted to raise £1570, which will be spent buying new books for our classrooms and library. Thank you once again for your generosity in sponsoring your children and helping us to continue to develop a love of reading in our pupils. If you haven't yet returned your sponsorship, please ensure it is sent to the school office as soon as possible – every penny helps!

Values and Virtues

This half term we are focusing on the virtues 'curious and active'.

Catholic schools help their pupils grow by leading pupils to be curious about the universe and all human activity. We want pupils to take increasing responsibility for their own learning, and to be active in the life of the school, the Church and the wider community.

At home: Talk to your child about ways they can make the world a better place, both today and in the future. Could they follow the example of St. Therese of Lisieux's 'Little Way' and commit to doing small acts with great love?

Mobile Phones

A reminder that only children in Year 5 and 6 who walk home alone are permitted to bring mobile phones into school. These phones should be then given to their class teacher during the day. Smart watches or other devices should not be worn or brought into school. Please do not allow your child to bring a phone into school under any other circumstance.

Attendance

It is essential that children regularly attend school, poor attendance has a serious and long lasting impact on your child. To promote and encourage good attendance we have published this week's attendance figures on the newsletter. Well done to the following classes that had the best attendance in their key stage.

EYFS/ KS1 – **1OB**

KS2 – **4CB**

Nursery	RND	RSD
82.9%	98.5%	98.5%
RPD	1EG	1OB
95.1%	88.8%	97.2%
2SF	2SH	2COT
94.0%	90.3%	86.8%
3TK	3EH	3EL
89.9%	93.1%	94.0%
4RW	4CB	4CM
96.8%	97.3%	94.8%
5EB	5LC	5KH
95.8%	94.2%	97.1%
6AMJ	6KL	6ZB
94.0%	94.4%	96.0



School Closures Due to Snow/Bad Weather

If there is bad weather, and in the unlikely event that the school needs to close, please listen to the local radio station. The school texting service, school website and school Twitter feed will also be used to inform parents. If you do not receive a text by 8am then assume that the school will be open as normal. If there is a blanket closure by Birmingham City Council, then we will close. Please note: school will do a risk assessment of the site when making the decision. It is up to you as parents to risk access your journey to school to ensure the children arrive safely.

Topic

We are excited to begin our new topics this term. Within our topic lessons, we will be covering the curriculum areas of history, geography, art and DT. Please see below to see which topic your child will be learning about. You can support this at home by encouraging them to read both fiction and non-fiction books linked to this area; to create their own models or artwork; to undertake a research project; to learn about important historical figures linked to this area; or to watch educational programmes related to their topic.

Year 1 - Buildings

Year 2 - Florence Nightingale

Year 3 - Sustainability WW2

Year 4 - Anglo-Saxons

Year 5 - Egyptians

Year 6 - The Titanic

Happy New Green Year!

I hope you and your family have had a lovely holiday. I have been busy being green - reducing, recycling and reusing. This week, we will see how the teachers are doing with their green choices. When I surveyed, 27 teachers replied with the following:

85% think about the environment when they are shopping for food. This means they consider if produce wrapped in plastic, and perhaps choose to buy loose fruit and vegetables when they can. This is tricky in most big supermarkets but local green grocers are better at allowing this.

31% said they consider the environment when they are buying clothes. Whilst wearing clothes that are made from sustainable materials is the goal for all of us, they can be more expensive. It is possible to find fleeces made from recycled plastic bottles, cotton clothing from cotton that is grown in a sustainable way and there is even a company using recycled cashmere wool to produce clothing.

I hope this inspires you to think a little about the impact of your shopping list. I will be back next newsletter to share more.

Miss Corkery

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. The position is 6.5 Hours per week. Please contact the school office to collect an application form. The closing date for completed applications is 10.00 am on Friday 28th January 2022.

Parent Governor Role

The Governing Body of St Bernadette's School consists of 12 Governors, two of which are elected Parent Governors. Mrs Wrench is one of our Parent Governors and has made an exceptional contribution to our meetings in recent years. Her term of office is due to expire next month and, whilst she is willing to stand again for a further four years, any parent can be nominated for this role.

The Governing Body meet formally five times each year and are responsible for the strategic direction of the school. Governors are required to attend regular training, in their own time, and must avail themselves to meet in school whenever the need arises. A substantial commitment is required from each and every individual as they are required to hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils. They also have responsibility for overseeing the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent.

If you do have an interest in this role, a nomination form can be collected from the school office. This must be completed and returned to school by Monday 24th January. If a ballot is required, this will take place between 26th January and 4th February.

Year 6 Residential - Parents

A reminder that the next payment for pupils attending the residential trip to Paris is due on 31st January, with the final two payments due on 25th February and 21st March. Thank you to parents who have made the first two payments promptly.

Year 4 Residential – Newcastle

The residential trip to Newcastle, which was due to take place in the summer term, has been sadly had to be cancelled as the centre was damaged in the recent storms. All parents will be given a full refund through Parent Pay and this will be processed in the next couple of weeks. If you have not received a refund by the end of this month, please contact the school office.



Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Overall
Ahmed 431	Jones 6,662	Imran 1724	Jithin 5,485	Jones 6,662
Khalil 365	Delna 3,787	Anniyah 1,274	Octavia 1,274	Jithin 5,485
Louis 334	Adrija 3,770	Lillie-Rose 1,144	Megan 1,144	Delna 3,787

Reflection



If you want to
change the world
go home and love
your

family

Mother Teresa



Special Certificates

Each week a child from each class is nominated to receive a special certificate through the post. The pupils who are awarded these certificates have shown that they really understand what it means to live as Jesus taught us, perhaps by being particularly kind or helpful. Well done, to the following children:

CLASS	NAME	REASON	CLASS	NAME	REASON
Nursery (Blue)	Isla	For fantastic phonics work!	Nursery (Red)	Aodhan	For splendid Squiggle Whilst you Wiggle work, drawing impressive circles!
Nursery (Green)	Ibrahim	For a great start to our phonics lessons.	Nursery (Yellow)	Benjamin	For trying hard to do your own coat up and helping others do theirs.
Nursery (Orange)	Salahuddin	For super phonics!	3TK	Victoria	For her amazing positive attitude to all areas of her school work.
				Niamh-Amelia	For an improved attitude and great work in maths!
RND	Jamila	For working so hard in phonics and moving up a group!	4CB	Evelyn	For amazing maths work!
	Amelia	For working so hard in phonics and moving up a group!		Romayah	For always being a super role model to her peers.
RPD	Sophie	For saying 'good morning' to her teachers.	4CM	Kane	For fantastic effort in RE and a brilliant first week back!
	Ryan	For sitting nicely on his carpet space.		Junior	For always trying his best
RSD	Buster	For working so hard in phonics	4RW	Ibrahim	For a great start to our phonics lessons.
	Freya	For doing her homework every week and working hard in school.		Afrin	For always being extra helpful
1EG	Erin	For her lovely Advent prayer written during our RE lesson.	5EB	Mohammed Imran	Making a super start to his new school.
	Louis	For his thoughtful Advent work during RE.		Zachary	For being very helpful and hardworking after Christmas.
1OB	Mariamawit	For her participation during lessons.	5KH	Scarlett	For always being so hard working, helpful and polite.
	Shaydon	For always trying hard during phonics.		Riley	For being such a good role model to his peers.
2COT	Tiara	For always using her manners and trying her best.	5LC	Tyreiss	For returning to school with a great attitude, particularly evident in Maths.
	Daisie-Blu	For making more class contributions in lessons especially Maths.		Oliver	For working so hard in his lessons and really impressing his teachers.
2SH	Shaydon	For working hard in RE.	6AMJ	Ezrah	For showing such a positive attitude to learning in Maths.
	Alan	For always being so kind to others!		Ava-May	For moving up a set in Maths.
2SF	Kacie	For being an excellent role model.	6KL	Evie	For presenting her work consistently to an excellent standard.
	Ezra	For being enthusiastic in all lessons.		George	For always displaying excellent manners.
3EH	Hassam	For working hard in Science and RE.	6ZB	Julia	For being a fantastic role model to her peers.
	Arielle	For a fantastic start to life at St Bernadette's!		Arham	For always displaying excellent manners.
3EL	Noah	For having an excellent attitude to learning in all his lessons.			
	O'Laiyah	For always listening carefully and trying her hardest in all lessons.			

Changes to Isolation Periods

The isolation period is still 10 days but can be reduced to **5 full days** (as long as your child is well enough and without a temperature) and receives **2 consecutive negative** LFD results which were **taken 24 hours apart**.

The earliest they should take the first LFD test is on day 5.

Any **positive test** after a first **negative test** would mean that the first negative is **null and void**. This would **reset** the isolation period and your child would still require 2 consecutive negative tests from this point forward. You must register results with the NHS Website [here](#) and you must **e-mail** both those results to school. You can order a pack of LFD tests [here](#).

TO RETURN ON THE DAY OF A SECOND NEGATIVE TEST, BOTH TESTS WOULD NEED TO BE TAKEN BEFORE 9AM.

Anyone who tests positive must isolate for a full 5 days.

Scenario 1 A negative test on Day 5 and then Day 6. Isolation ends on Day 6 once the 2nd LFD test is negative.

Day Zero	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
					Negative LFD	Negative LFD				

Day Zero is the day symptoms started *or* the day the test was taken if asymptomatic. Day 1 of isolation is the day after Day Zero.

Anyone who tests positive must isolate for a full 5 days.

Scenario 2 A negative test on Day 6 and then Day 7. Isolation ends on Day 7 once the 2nd LFD test is negative.

Day Zero	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
					Positive LFD	Negative LFD	Negative LFD			

Day Zero is the day symptoms started *or* the day the test was taken if asymptomatic. Day 1 of isolation is the day after Day Zero.

Anyone who tests positive must isolate for a full 5 days.

Scenario 3 A negative test on Day 7 and then Day 8. Isolation ends on Day 8 once the 2nd LFD test is negative.

Day Zero	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
					Positive LFD	Positive LFD	Negative LFD	Negative LFD		

Day Zero is the day symptoms started *or* the day the test was taken if asymptomatic. Day 1 of isolation is the day after Day Zero.

Anyone who tests positive must isolate for a full 5 days.

Scenario 4 A negative test on Day 8 and then Day 9. Isolation ends on Day 9 once the 2nd LFD test is negative.

Day Zero	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
					Positive LFD	Positive LFD	Positive LFD	Negative LFD	Negative LFD	

Day Zero is the day symptoms started *or* the day the test was taken if asymptomatic. Day 1 of isolation is the day after Day Zero.

Anyone who tests positive must isolate for a full 5 days.

Scenario 5 A negative test on Day 9 and then Day 10. Isolation ends on Day 10 once the 2nd LFD test is negative.

Day Zero	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
					Positive LFD	Positive LFD	Positive LFD	Positive LFD	Negative LFD	Negative LFD

Day Zero is the day symptoms started *or* the day the test was taken if asymptomatic. Day 1 of isolation is the day after Day Zero.

Anyone who tests positive must isolate for a full 5 days.

Scenario 6 Isolation will end at 11:59pm on day 10 so no need to test as child can return on Day 11.

Day Zero	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10
					Positive LFD					

Day Zero is the day symptoms started *or* the day the test was taken if asymptomatic. Day 1 of isolation is the day after Day Zero.

In any scenario, the isolation period can only end if your child no longer has a high temperature. This applies even if they have tested negative twice. If children still have a high temperature after Day 10, they should stay off school and seek medical advice such as contacting your GP or phoning 111.

Make Yourself Heard

In danger, need the police, but can't speak?

- 1** Dial 999
- 2** Listen to the questions from the 999 operator
- 3** Respond by coughing or tapping the handset if you can
- 4** If prompted, press **55**
This lets the 999 call operator know it's a genuine emergency and you'll be put through to the police.

See our guide for more information.



#MakeYourselfHeard
#SilentSolution



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SEND BRIEFING PARENT WEBINAR

February 2022



Parent/Carer Webinars take place regularly throughout the year and cover a number of different topics. Please see the local offer website for further details. Each webinar should last approximately one hour and take the format of a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

Speech & Language Therapy

Build your child's Vocabulary for Early Years

Speakers:

Javairia Mahmood & Suzi Blakemore
SEND Speech & language Therapists

A good vocabulary is important for learning to read and write and do well in school. This webinar will give you ideas on games and strategies to develop your child's vocabulary at home.

Tuesday 1st February 2022 - 1.00pm – 2.00pm

Build your child's Vocabulary for Early Years

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/build-your-childs-vocabulary-for-early-years-1st-february-2022-1pm/>

Wednesday 2nd February 2022 - 10.00am – 11.00am

Build your child's Vocabulary for School age

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/build-your-childs-vocabulary-for-school-age-2nd-february-2022-10am/>

All people who book a ticket will be sent a copy of the presentation and a copy of the recording of the webinar.

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Birmingham Early Help Offer Awareness

Speaker:

Amina Mushtaq - From Barnardo's

Join the session to learn what Early Help Offer is and how it can help children and families in Birmingham. The session will provide insight into the kind of help available for parents and children and quick self-referral process.

Wednesday 26th January 10:00 - 11:00am

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/product/birmingham-early-help-offer-awareness-26th-january-2022-1000am/>

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