

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

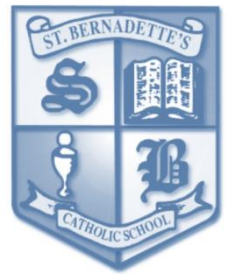
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Newsletter 14

19 April 2024

At St Bernadette's Catholic School, you will find us caring, hardworking and co-operative. We follow the ways of Jesus using our talents and gifts to make our school special. We show respect to all and welcome you.



Gospel: John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd, who is willing to die for the sheep. When the hired man, who is not a shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees a wolf coming, he leaves the sheep and runs away; so the wolf snatches the sheep and scatters them. The hired man runs away because he is only a hired man and does not care about the sheep. I am the good shepherd. As the Father knows me and I know the Father, in the same way I know my sheep and they know me. And I am willing to die for them. There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheepfold. I must bring them, too; they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd.

"The Father loves me because I am willing to give up my life, in order that I may receive it back again. No one takes my life away from me. I give it up of my own free will. I have the right to give it up, and I have the right to take it back. This is what my Father has commanded me to do."

Reminder

School closure

A reminder that school will be closed to pupils on

Friday 3 May for staff training and also on

Monday 6 May

due to the Bank Holiday.

Gospel Reflection



Jones in Year 6 has written this incredibly thoughtful reflection on Sunday's Gospel about the Good Shepherd.

Some people in our lives will say they will be always on our side but at risky or troubled times, they may flee, just like the hired man who ran away when he saw the wolf (the devil). He will leave us (the sheep) to be blamed. He did not care for the sheep. But Jesus (the shepherd) will always be on our side to protect us and lead us to the right path.

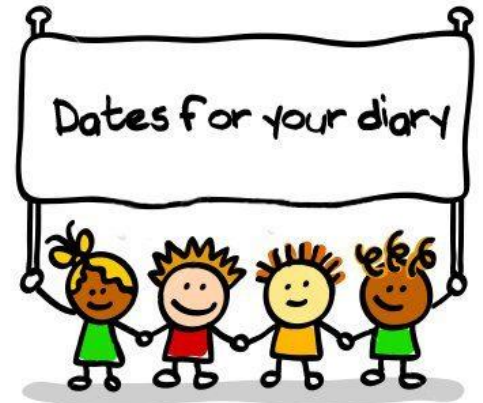
Light a candle to offer a prayer

Your Prayers are asked for:

The mother of Mason
The mother of Safana
The grandmother of Grace
The father of Grace
The mother of Chloe
Miss Corkery and her family
Mrs McCartan
Nancy and Evangel



Diary Dates



APRIL 2024

Sunday 21st April

Vocation Sunday

Tuesday 23rd April

St George's Day – Class saint for 2SH, children in own clothes.

Whole school can wear red & white – 50p donation.

Friday 26th April

Stay and Pray for Year 2 8.50am

Monday 29th April – Feast of St Catherine –

Class saint 2EO, children in own clothes

MAY 2024

Thursday 2nd May

Feast of St Margaret Clitheroe – Class saint RLC, children in own clothes

Friday 3rd May

School closed for In-service Training day

Monday 6th May

School closed for bank Holiday

Tuesday 7 May

2:00 pm – 3OB RE Inspire (Sharing a Meal)

Wednesday 8 May

2.00 pm - Ascension Mass for EYFS/KS1

Thursday 9 May

10:30am Ascension Mass KS2 with Holy Family

Monday 13 May

Year 6 SATs all week

Sunday 19 May

Pentecost

Wednesday 22 May

5:00pm - First Holy Communion Meeting (Eucharist)

Friday 24 May

Vocations/ Citizenship day

8:45-9:15 – Year 1 Stay and Pray

Finish for Half Term

EYFS/KS1 Ascension Mass

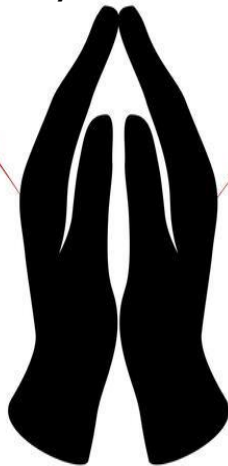
The children in EYFS and KS1 will be celebrating mass for the Feast of the Ascension in school on

Wednesday 8 May.

KS2 Ascension Mass

The children in KS2 will be joining with Holy Family School to celebrate the Feast of the Ascension with a mass at Holy Family Church on **Thursday 9**

May at 10.30am



Contact Details

Please ensure that the school office holds at least two up-to-date contacts for your child. If any of your details have changed: telephone number, e-mail address etc. Please inform the office as soon as possible.



St George

Tuesday 23rd April is the Feast day of the Patron saint of England and also Y2 Class saint. All children are to wear white or red to celebrate this special day. Please donate 50p.

Born : c. 275/280

Died : 23rd April, 303.

Patron Saint of England

Feast day: April 23rd

St. George was raised a Christian and always wanted to be a soldier. When he was old enough, he joined the army. The man in charge of the army, Diocletian, hated Christians and had many put to death. Diocletian decided that everyone in his army must worship him and the Roman gods instead. George refused even though the army officials begged him to deny the one, true God. Knowing that he would soon be arrested and executed, George gave all his money away to the poor and prepared himself for death. He was cruelly tortured and then beheaded on April 23, 303.

He is most famous for the legend of St George and the Dragon. In a city called Silene lived a dragon who breathed fire. The dragon poisoned all the countryside. To please the dragon, the people of Silene gave it a sheep every day, for food, and when there were no more sheep, they gave their children to the dragon. The children were chosen by a lottery.

One year the lottery chose the King's daughter. The King, sad and desperate, asked the people to take all his gold and silver, and half of his empire - but only if his daughter could be saved. The people refused. The daughter was sent out to the lake, dressed in white as a bride, to be a fine meal for the dragon.

Not knowing this, Saint George was riding past the lake on the same day. The princess, terrified and trembling, tried to send him away, but George said he would stay and protect her.

The dragon came suddenly out of the lake while they were speaking. Saint George made the Sign of the Cross, jumped on his horse and advanced toward the dragon. He used his long spear to hurt the dragon badly. Then he asked the princess to throw her long belt to him. He put the silk belt around the dragon's neck and the dragon followed the girl.

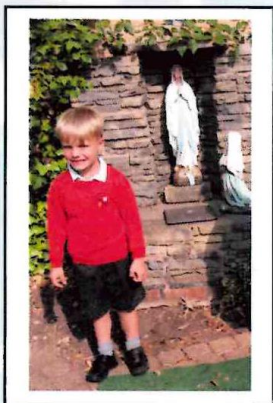
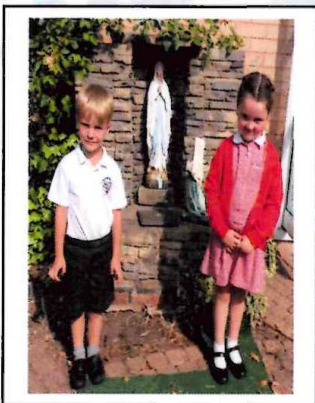
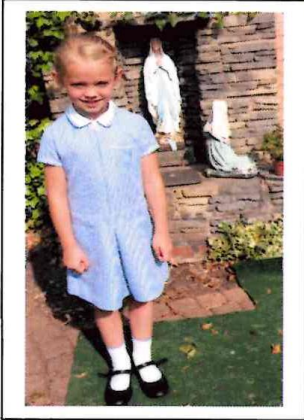
The Princess and Saint George took the dragon back to the city of Silene, where the people were terrified to see the dragon enter. But Saint George told them not to be scared. He said that if the people became Christians and went to Church to be baptized, he would kill the dragon immediately.

The king and the people of Silene converted to Christianity, George killed the dragon with his sword, 'Ascalon', and its body was taken out of the city on carts. Fifteen thousand men were baptized, not counting women and children. On the site where the dragon died, the king built a Church for the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint George.

On St George's day some people in England wear a red rose, or put an English flag in their window. The flag of England is white with a red cross. The design of the flag is often called 'The Saint George Cross'.

Summer Uniform

Children can wear their summer uniform or remain in winter uniform if they choose to do so. The summer uniform consists of a blue and white checked dress or striped dress or alternatively children can wear smart grey school shorts and a polo shirt. Those children who choose to wear their winter uniform, should continue to wear a school tie.



Irish Dancing



Thea in Year 6 took part in the Irish Dancing World Championships held in Scotland over the Easter Holidays. Thea says, 'I Irish dance at the Scanlon School of Irish Dancing and I have been dancing since I was 3 years old. I flew to Scotland in the first week of the Easter holidays to take part in the world's biggest competition. I was in a team dance called a 16-Hand Figure Team. We came third overall and I am so glad I got to dance in the World Champs in Scotland.'

What a fantastic achievement. Well done Thea.

Newsletter Maths Problem answer: Mum gave Max a 20p coin, two 2p coins and a 1p coin.

This Week's Maths Question

Eggs are sold in boxes of 10



A hotel needs 1,753 eggs for breakfast for the week.

What is the smallest number of boxes of eggs the hotel needs to buy for the week?



Medical Appointments

Please book medical appointments outside of school hours where possible. If this is not possible, please can you provide the office with evidence of the appointment so that the absence can be recorded as 'M' (medical) and can be taken into consideration when looking at attendance. We will accept evidence in the form of text message, letter, appointment card/slip, prescription, or email.

Lost For Words

Over the Easter holidays, pupils in year 5JD /JR were invited to enter a short story writing competition entitled, 'Lost'. Mrs Docker and Miss Ryan were delighted with so many high quality entries. Rumaisa, Lily and Zachary were the overall winners, with breath-taking entries that certainly hooked the reader! Thank you to each and every entrant for your enthusiasm.

Well done Year 5.

Louis in Year 5 produced this incredible shortburst description. I am sure that you will agree this totally independent piece of writing about, 'The Lost Thing' is so vivid and engaging and shows true flair.

The lost thing sits in silence.
Its piercing, ocean eyes like a cave of sapphires,
peer.
Its mouth like a luminous pit.
Slimy tentacles slither, grip and pull.
The mysterious figure lurks in the shadows.
Its metal, scarlet like a ruby, glimmers in the
sunlight. Louis

The beach was macabre and miserable but
the crimson castaway was no exception. It
sensed the pure ignorance of the other
residence. As it drew closer, the lost loner
could see the blatant carelessness on their
grey faces. Jaxon



Nursery Provision September 2024

Do you have a child who was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021? Your child would be ready for our Nursery and we still have spaces available. We offer full time provision and the children would begin in September. If you would like your child to be considered for a place, please complete an application form which can be collected from the school office.

School Meals Price Increase

From 1 April 2024, the cost for a school meal will increase as follows:-

Nursery £2.30 per day £11.50 per week

**Children in KS2 £2.60 per day
£13.00 per week**

This increase is due to the continued unprecedented inflationary rises on food. If you would like to change your child from a school meal to a packed lunch please notify us via email

enquiry@stberns.bham.sch.uk

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please log onto the Free Schools Meals Eligibility Checking Service

www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham

Lost For Words

Martin, Nuala, Tilleah, Jaxon and Maverick also produced some outstanding writing on 'The Lost Thing'.

Thursday 18th April 2024



Aim: To use the shared write to gather language.

The plain beach was as lonely as The Lost Thing. The scarlet-trodder started a short stroll... until proceeding to faceplant on the rough sand. As the mystical entity's heart tore in two, it glanced back at the ignorant residents below from its substantial body; the creature of metal could hear the young adventurer still urging him on. **Now convincing the parents. The tricky bit.** The parents stared indignantly at The Lost Thing, before continuing to watch TV. The generous traveller took one last glance before slamming the shed door shut.

Thursday 18th April 2024



Aim: To use the shared write to gather language.

The Lost Thing was alone. Slowly, the Lost Thing arose from the sand. What would it do? As his heart tore in two, he glanced at the ignorant residences below his powerful body; he could hear the young man - urging him on, asking everyone if they knew the Lost Thing. He looked at the man. Then it smiled. The parents took a quick glance at it. It could feel two pairs of eyes looking at it. Oh no!



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Thursday 18th April



Aim: To use the shared writing to gather language.



The boring beach was as empty as a biscuit jar no difference about the lost thing. The Crimson Coast slowly got nearer but could still hear distant screams and squeals, from normal human-beings, he believed he was one, or did he...? As his heart tore into 2, he glanced at the ignorant residents below his substantial body; he could hear the young traveller - urging him on. Now, convince the parents to let the Lost Thing stay, the tricky bit. The disgusted

Martin

Thursday 18th November April 2024



Eventually, the lost soul rose from the sawdust sand in distress. But, the meagre beach, friendship was the - lost thing. As his heart tore tore in two, he glanced at the ignorant ~~res~~ residents below his substantial body; he; he could hear ~~a~~ the young traveller still urging him on. In the house, the parents took a quick glance ^{with disgust} at the lost thing, then went back to eating chicken. Just a bit of all the things in the World, will he ever get a friend?

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Attendance

Every minute counts

Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life.






- 5 minutes late every day means around 3 ½ days of education are missed.
- A score of 90% in a test would be a good result but 90% attendance means that a child will have missed around 100 lessons over a school year.

Attendance figures can be seen below.

Congratulations to 2EO, 3EG, 5CB and 6LC for the best attendance in KS1 and KS2! Also a big well done RSJ for the best attendance in the Foundation Stage!

Attendance update

We continue to track attendance every week and work hard to ensure every child in school demonstrates good attendance and punctuality. If children are to reach their full potential they need to be in school every day, unless they are too unwell to attend. **We will make home visits from time to time, particularly if we have safeguarding concerns or if a child's attendance is causing a concern.** Even if a parent has called the school to give a reason for their child's absence, a home visit may still occur. We aim to offer both support and challenge where needed, but always have the child's best interest at heart.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89%	RSJ 94% 	ICOT 93%	2SH 95%	3OB 95%	4RW 94%	5CB 96% 	6KH 95%
	RCB 93%	IAS 94%	2EH 95%	3EG 96% 	4AMJ 95%	5CG 95%	6LC 96% 
	RLC 90%	IPD 94%	2EO 96% 	3CM 93%	4KL 95%	5FM 95%	6ZB 95%

Whole School Attendance	94%	Currently, the whole school attendance is 95% which is below the 96% that is expected.
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Behaviour Ambassador of the Week

Well done to the following children who have been a fantastic role models in demonstrating our behaviour expectations and values for the last two weeks:

Reception	Ahsan RCB	Sophia RCB	Jake RSJ	Sarah RSJ	Hinga RLC	Ella RLC
Year 1	Olivia 1AS	Aairah 1AS	Ali Hussain 1ML	Logan 1ML	Ynanna 1COT	Conal 1COT
Year 2	Debs 2SH	Kiera 2SH	Myra 2EO	Betty-Rae 2EO	Covenant 2EH	Jenson-James 2EH
Year 3	Namira 3EG	Ava 3EG	Tehya 3CM	Chenayah 3CM	Erin 3OB	Johan 3OB
Year 4	Ismaeel 4KL	Pixie-Mae 4KL	Inayah 4RW	Clay 4RW	Harris 4AMJ	Hansikka 4AMJ
Year 5	Anngelina 5CG	Denzel 5CG	Janelle 5FM	Harley 5FM	Jessica 5CB	Jiya 5CB
Year 6	Aayan 6ZB	Rylan 6ZB	Ruby 6LC	RJ 6LC	Cara 6KH	Qasim 6KH

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)	Zayn	For fantastic story recall of the Very Hungry Caterpillar.	Nursery (Red)	Tia-Ave	For learning to write her name.
Nursery (Green)	Nariyah	For being a good friend and a superstar at tidying up.	Nursery (Yellow)	Chester	For his superb work learning the lifecycle of the butterfly.
RCB	Lucas	For excellent handwriting in Phonics this week!	3OB	Beyon	For his excellent effort during Creaturama!
	Aleena-Louise	For excellent work during Literacy lessons!		George	For his contributions during Science lessons.
RLC	Evana-Susan	For being so well behaved on our trip to the farm! Well done!	4AMJ	Leo	Superb effort in gymnastics.
	Kingsley	For being so well behaved on our trip to the farm! Well done!		Millie-Rae	Fantastic demonstrations in gymnastics.
RSJ	Jake	For his super reading in Phonics.	4KL	Mollie	For being so helpful in the classroom.
	Sarah	For developing her independent writing.		Latoya	For a huge improvement in concentration and effort.
1AS	Nathan	For all his hard work in Maths!	4RW	Ezra	For his improved effort in English.
	Gianna	For having a fantastic first week at school!		Sara	For her superb effort in maths.
1COT	Gabriel	Excellent Maths work.	5CB	Nathan	For all his hard work in English!
	Kylo	Excellent Maths work.		Louis	For trying hard to put his hand up more in class!
1ML	Jaxon	For some super sketching of houses.	5CG	Rayon	For fantastic Egyptian artwork with our visiting artist.
	Phoebe-Grace	For some fantastic artwork in the style of Paul Klee		Khalil	For all the extra reading and enthusiasm displayed throughout our Ancient Egyptian topic.
2EH	Buster	Excellent effort in Maths this week.	5FM	Charlie	For trying so hard and not giving up!
	Oscar	Working hard to improve his handwriting in English.		Finley	For taking great pride in his work.
2EO	Zidane	For his lovely art work in RE.	6KH	Montaha	For being a great help to her teachers.
	Louie	For making better choices.		Kayden	For being a great help to his teachers.
2SH	Harvey	For being a lovely friend to all.	6LC	Nevaeh	Improved focus and effort in maths.
	Issa	For always being kind and respectful to all.		Carlos Louie	Producing a superb piece of writing on St. Bernadette.
3CM	Ayah	For producing a lovely piece of work on Saint Bernadette.	6ZB	Austin	For a phenomenal effort in English lessons.
	Jan Lavern	For a fantastic first week and impressing his teachers.		Lucas	For being so helpful in lessons.
3EG	Tayah	For being polite in class.			
	Amelia	For being a great monitor and help to the adults.			

Nursery Instagram



Please follow our brand-new Instagram page:

@stbernsnursery

You will see regular updates of activities and learning that takes place inside of our wonderful setting!



(The children's faces will not appear on our posts)



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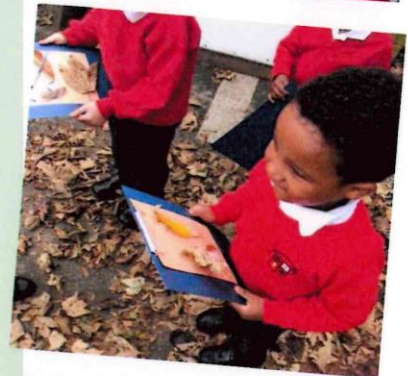
NURSERY

Come and join us!

Free **full-time** places available for 3 and 4 year olds (*Spaces limited-don't delay!*)

Are you looking for a Nursery place for your child for September 2024? We provide an encouraging and friendly setting, where children can develop their independence and love for learning.

Contact us to arrange a visit, or see 'X' 
[@StBernsPrimary](#)
and Instagram
[@StBernsNursery](#) 
to see more of our wonderful learning environment.



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Reception

Come and join us!

Free **full-time** places available for 4 and 5 year olds (*Spaces limited-don't delay!*)

Are you looking for a Reception place for your child for **September 2024**? Here at St Bernadette's, we provide a high-quality education within a caring and nurturing environment. In our Reception classes, children will develop their independence and love for learning through play, exploration and new experiences.

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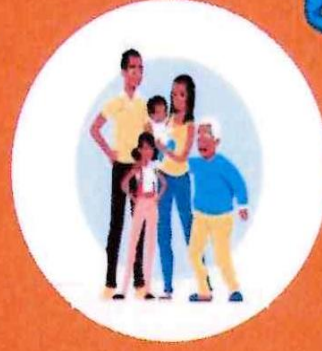
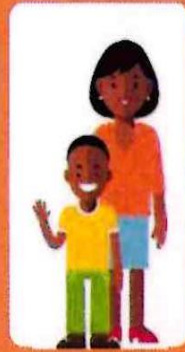
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Positive Parenting Classes

Embrace the joy of parenting!



About the classes:

The classes will be led by Miss Patel and will take place in Rohan House.

These classes will run every Wednesday morning 8:45am-11:00am for 4 weeks from the 10th April until 1st May.

The sessions will cover a range of topics such as:

- Boundaries and Routines
- Parental Wellbeing
- Listening Skills
- Understanding your child's feelings

Free resources will be provided for parents to take home.

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information:

If you are interested and would like to confirm your place, please email:

enquiry@stberns.bham.sch.uk

A Parent's Guide to Safety and Privacy Settings



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online

When you give a child access to the Internet, you give them access to the adult world.

The Internet treats everyone as adults and there are many things, they are not yet ready to know, which is why it is vital that some form of safety settings are in place. Doing something is better than doing nothing.

What happens online has an effect to what happens offline and what happens offline has an effect to what happens online.



Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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20 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

Measles (MMR) Vaccine Reminder

There remains an increasing number of people with measles in Birmingham. Most of these are young children who have not had their MMR (measles) vaccine, although the numbers of adults getting measles is also increasing now too.

Measles is a highly infectious disease, which can be very serious. Two doses of the MMR vaccine is the best protection against measles. Over 80% of Birmingham children and adults have had the MMR vaccine. We need everyone protected.

The MMR vaccine is safe for every faith. There is a type of MMR vaccine that does not contain pork gelatine, so it can be used for people who do not touch any pork products. This vaccine is available at every GP practice, and it is free.

Please contact your GP to book an appointment for Measles (MMR) vaccine.

Children and adults can catch up on any missed vaccines. Children should have the first dose at 1 year old and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months old. Two doses of the MMR can provide life-long immunity.

Up to a third to half of those with measles have been very ill and had to be admitted to hospital - this disrupts learning or work, and some people will suffer long-term effects from getting measles. Please ensure you and your loved ones are vaccinated this, Easter.

Yours sincerely,



Humera Sultan

Consultant in Public Health, Public Health Division, Birmingham City Council

For more information visit: [Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

Use this section to record the date and time of your child's vaccination appointment:

on: ____/____/____ (date) at _____ am/pm (time).