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ST. BERNADETTE'S

NEWSLETTER

Christmas Fayre!

A huge thank you to all our wonderful families who joined us for this year's Christmas Fayre.



Your support, warmth, and community spirit made the evening a truly joyful occasion.

We are delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity, we raised **£695** for our School Fund. This will make a meaningful difference to our pupils and school community.



We were delighted to welcome a very special visitor—Father Christmas himself—who brought plenty of festive cheer and big smiles to our younger pupils.

This event would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our amazing staff, who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to plan and

organise every detail. We are incredibly grateful for their commitment.

A big thank you also goes to everyone who purchased a table and ran their own stalls. Your creativity, enthusiasm, and contributions added so much to the atmosphere of the event. We are especially thankful to those stall holders who generously made an additional donation to the school at the end of the evening.

And finally, a very special thank you to our fantastic KS2 pupils who stayed behind after school to help run games and stalls. Your teamwork and enthusiasm played a big part in the success of the night, and we are very proud of you!



Dates for the Diary



Gospel & Praise Assembly

Every Monday 9:00

(All parents & carers are invited)



Mass Schedule



(All parents, carers & parishioners are invited)

Tuesday 9th December - 9:00

KS1

Tuesday 16th December - 9:00

Whole School

Monday 6th January

Whole School

Tuesday 13th January

Birch & Oak

Tuesday 20th January

Rowan & Ash

Tuesday 27th January

KS2 @ Church

Tuesday 3rd February

KS1

Tuesday 10th February

Whole School

Monday 8th December -

Purple for Advent

Christmas Charity Concert 7-9pm

Thursday 11th December

EYFS/KS1 Nativity - 9.15

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner

Friday 12th December - 9:00

Violin/ Brass concert

Tuesday 16th December

Pink for Advent

Thursday 18th December - 9:15

KS2 Christmas Carols



Our School Nursery is Coming!



We're delighted to share some fantastic news with our school community! We have received approval to open our very own school Nursery from September 2026.

Our Nursery will offer both 15-hour and 30-hour funded places, giving families flexibility and providing children with a wonderful start to their learning journey in a familiar, nurturing environment.

If you would like to add your child to our waiting list, please pop into the school office after half-term. And if you know someone with a child who will be 3 before September, please share this announcement with them — we would love to welcome even more families into our school community.

More information will follow as plans develop!

Home-Made Christmas Jumpers

A huge well done to everyone who took part in Sycamore's Decorate Your Own Christmas Jumper competition! The creativity, effort, and festive spirit in every entry were incredible — you certainly made judging a tough job!

After much deliberation, we are thrilled to announce the three winners of the competition!



1 Dominik

2 Maisie

3 Ava

We're also delighted to share that a fantastic £88 was raised for Sycamore Class's charity, Save the Children UK ❤️

Thank you to everyone who got involved and helped spread some Christmas cheer this festive season!

School Ties Available!

We are pleased to announce that a selection of school ties are now available to purchase via the **Arbor shop**.

A friendly reminder that our school uniform policy requires **all children** to wear a school tie, so please ensure your child has one ready for school.

Advent Colour Days

Advent, a special time of waiting and preparation in the Christian calendar. To help us reflect and celebrate together, we are inviting all children to wear one item of clothing or an accessory in the designated Advent colour on the dates below, alongside their usual school uniform.

17 Monday 8th December –
Purple for Advent

Children may wear one purple item, such as:

- A purple jumper instead of their school jumper
- A purple T-shirt instead of a white school shirt
- A purple tie
- Purple socks, hair bobbles, or hair clips

17 Tuesday 16th December –
Pink for Advent

Children may wear one pink item similar to the suggestions above, helping us celebrate Gaudete week, a joyful moment within the Advent season.

Please note: Items do not need to be fully purple or pink, but the colour should be clearly visible.

SAFEGUARDING - School's Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mr Turner.

Our safeguarding team can now be identified via a **YELLOW** lanyard. If you have any safeguarding concerns, these are the members of staff who are trained to deal with them.



St Chad's Sanctuary

Last week, Mr Turner had the privilege of visiting St Chad's Sanctuary, where he met some of the wonderful volunteers and the people they support. During his visit, he was shown their clothing section — a place where those in need can choose up to two sets of additional clothing.

At the time, they were accepting donations for all ages - adults and children. After speaking to St Chad's Sanctuary again this week, they have advised that they are now only in a position to accept **teenage and young adult, male clothing**.

Mr Turner was deeply moved by the important work taking place at the Sanctuary and would like our school community to help. We will therefore be opening our doors on **Wednesday 10th December** to collect good-quality, second-hand clothing donations, which will then be delivered to St Chad's Sanctuary on Thursday 11th December.

As we head into the festive season, many of us begin clearing out drawers and wardrobes — it's the perfect time to pass on items that are still in great condition but haven't been worn in a while.



The Beehive



Please note that The Beehive will close at **4:30pm** on Friday 19th December.

Families who use The Beehive on this day are kindly asked to ensure their child is collected on time.

Parent Supervision

A reminder to all parents and carers that children must be supervised before the school doors open at 8:40am.

Children should not be on the school grounds before 8:30am, unless attending The Beehive.

Children should not use the playground apparatus or play football before school.

There have recently been several issues arising from children playing football before school, which then carry over into the classroom and require staff intervention before lessons can begin.

As a result: Football is now banned before school and no children should enter the Smooga before school.

New Website

We are delighted to share that our new school website should be live by the end of next week. We were able to have a sneak peek this afternoon, and it's looking fantastic! We can't wait for you to see it.

As we finalise the content, we are still gathering parent voice for the following question:

✨ "Why should you choose St. Bernadette's?" ✨

If you are willing to share your thoughts, we would be extremely grateful. Please send your comments to:

✉ postbox@stbernadette.walsall.sch.uk



Christmas Dinner Day Thursday 11th December



Please note that on Christmas Dinner Day, only Christmas Dinners will be served.

If your child has not ordered a Christmas Dinner, they will need to bring a packed lunch from home. This applies to all children.

The deadline to order Christmas Dinner was **Monday 1st December**. Any orders received after this date cannot be accommodated.

Important Reminder - Hot Dinner Menus

It has been brought to the attention of the Principal that not all children who have hot dinners are completing and returning their menus. This has caused some issues where children who have ordered a meal are not receiving the option they requested.

To ensure fairness and smooth lunchtime service, from January:

- Any child who has hot dinners (including Free School Meal children) and has not returned a completed menu will have to wait until the end of the queue.
- This change will help ensure that families who follow the correct process can be confident that their child will receive their chosen meal.
- The current menu runs until 23rd March 2026. Copies are available from the Main Reception for anyone who would like one.

We thank all parents and carers for supporting us with this process and helping lunchtime run smoothly for everyone.

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