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ST. BERNADETTE'S

NEWSLETTER

Attendance Matters!

Starting Monday 13th October, we're launching an exciting whole-school attendance competition to encourage all our wonderful pupils to come to school every day and on time for the last 10 days of this half term!



✓ From Monday 13th October to Friday 24th October, we're challenging ALL our children to aim for 100% attendance!

🎁 The reward?
Every child who comes to school on time, every day during the challenge will win an exciting reward, with 10 lucky children (chosen at random) receiving an additional prize! 🎁

Each half term will have an attendance focus, so keep your eyes peeled for the next challenge! 👁️

Everyone has a chance to take part and win! ✨

100% Attendance

A big well done to the following classes who achieved 100% attendance - each class has earned a spin on the prize wheel.

- Week 1** - Ash (Milk Shake) & Sycamore (Trim Trail)
- Week 2** - Sycamore (Biscuits)
- Week 3** - Oak (Cakes)

Individual 100% Attendance Awards for this half-term will be given out on Monday 10th November.

- Week 4** - Rowan (97.1%)
- Week 5** - Birch (95.8%)



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 7th October 9:00

Ash & Oak Mass

Tuesday 14th October 9:30

KS2 Mass @Church

Tuesday 21st October 9:00

Whole School Mass - Harvest

Tuesday 4th November 9:00

Whoel School Mass - Vocations

Friday 17th October

Mufti Day - Harvest donations

W/c 20th October

Stay & Pray sessions

Thursday 23rd October 9:15-11:15

School Open Day for New Parents
(Forest School session included)

Monday 3rd November

INSET DAY

Thursday 4th December 3:30-5:00

Christmas Fete

Bernadette's BEST

As we come to the end of our first month back at school, I want to thank and congratulate all our pupils for their commitment, effort, and enthusiasm for learning.

During classroom visits and school tours, it has been a joy to see children working with focus and determination, creating a calm, positive environment where every lesson truly counts. This term, we relaunched Bernadette's BEST, built on our four key values: Be Respectful, Engage in Learning, Stay Safe, and Take Responsibility. I am delighted to say these values are not only being remembered, but lived out daily by our pupils — shaping behaviour, attitudes, and the way our community learns together.

In partnership with staff and pupils, we have set the following targets for achieving a Bernadette's BEST certificate:



Be Respectful – 100 dojos across the year
Engage in Learning – 100 dojos across the year
Stay Safe – 50 dojos across the year
Take Responsibility – 50 dojos across the year



Alongside these, staff will continue to award dojos for a wide range of other achievements that celebrate the many ways our children shine.

Celebration Mass - SGtACMAT

On Monday 29th September, we celebrated Mass to mark the launch of St Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Multi-Academy Trust. Canon Jonathan Veasey, Vicar General, led this special occasion which brought together schools, clergy, and partners in faith to give thanks for the mission of Catholic education and to seek God's blessing for the Trust's future. Each school received a lantern as a symbol of Christ's light, guiding our mission and reminding us to shine in faith, hope, and love.



Children across all schools joined the celebration through a live stream, uniting the whole Trust in prayer and thanksgiving. The Mass was a powerful reminder of our shared mission: to form Christ-centred pilgrims of hope, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge, and a hunger for justice — living out the example and spirit of St Gabriel the Archangel.

Year 6 - Walking Home

If your child is in Year 6 and will be walking home alone or with a friend, please ensure the school is informed in advance. This helps us ensure the safety and well-being of all students.

Fan the Flames Pilgrimage

On Tuesday 30th September, Rowan class joined the Fan the Flames of Hope Pilgrimage at St Mary's on the Hill, with our former SJBCA family!

We were led in beautiful prayer and song by Dan and Emily, spent time playing games.



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.



Uniform Reminders

The school uniform, particularly the PE kit, was simplified last year in line with government guidelines, with information shared in June and reminders sent via Class Dojo. We would like to thank the many families who are fully supporting these new expectations. However, some children are still regularly attending school in the wrong uniform or PE kit, and when this occurs, reminder letters are sent home.

As we are now over four weeks into the new school year, we kindly ask all families to ensure that children come to school in the correct uniform and PE kit moving forward. Consistency helps maintain high standards and ensures fairness for all.

Harvest - MUFTI

Children are invited to come to school in their own clothes on **Friday 17th October**. We kindly ask each child to bring a tinned or packet food donation for our Harvest Festival Mass on **Tuesday 21st October**.

After the Mass, all donations will be gratefully passed on to The Lamp Food Bank to support families in our local community. Thank you for helping us share the spirit of giving!

HARVEST 2025 SHOPPING LIST

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK HELPS VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN EMERGENCY FOOD AND TOILETRY PARCEL, WHILE A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION IS DEVELOPED

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST

- CARTONS OF UHT MILK
- TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- CORDIAL/SQUASH
- TINNED POTATOES/MASH
- TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/MACARONI CHEESE/CHILLI)
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
- BREAKFAST CEREAL
- PASTA SAUCE
- SAVOURY RICE
- INSTANT NOODLES
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING
- BARS OF SOAP
- SHOWER GEL
- TOILET ROLL
- ROLL ON DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO

ST BERNADETTE'S Catholic Primary School

RECEPTION 2026 AND MID-YEAR TRANSFER PLACES

OPEN MORNING

THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER
9:15 - 11:15 AM

Come along for a tour, an opportunity to talk to staff and to see what St Bernadette's has to offer you and your child.

FOREST SCHOOL SESSION INCLUDED!

We welcome children from all beliefs, cultures and backgrounds.

[REGISTER NOW](#) 01543 452 921

We'd love your help spreading the word!
Our Open Morning is on Wednesday 23rd October.

KS2 Choir

Don't forget to sign your child up for our KS2 Choir! There are already lots of exciting performances planned, both in school and around the local community — and we need your child's voice to make them shine. Come and be part of the music!

COMING SOON: Stay & Play

We are excited to launch Little Chicks Stay & Play sessions for children aged 0-4 at St Bernadette's School, Brownhills. Sessions run every Thursday from **10:00-10:45am**, starting **6th November**.



LITTLE CHICKS

Each week includes sensory exploration, themed activities, songs, rhymes & crafts. For more information, contact Katherine on: 07793 273880.

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