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ST. BERNADETTE'S

NEWSLETTER

Christmas Celebrations!

The past few weeks have been filled with Christmas joy as our children shared two wonderful festive performances.



Our EYFS and KS1 children delighted us with their Nativity performance, The Nativity. It was a truly magical reminder of the true meaning of Christmas, brought to life through beautiful singing, confident speaking, and fantastic actions. We are incredibly proud of every child for their enthusiasm and bravery on stage.



We were also treated to a lovely Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert, where pupils filled the hall with festive cheer through a range of traditional and modern carols, thoughtfully interwoven with scripture readings. Their singing and confidence created a warm and joyful atmosphere that was enjoyed by all.

Well done to all of our children and staff for making these performances so special and for helping us celebrate the Christmas season together.



Dates for the Diary



Gospel & Praise Assembly

Every Monday 9:00

(All parents & carers are invited)



Mass Schedule



(All parents, carers & parishioners are invited)

Monday 6th January 9:00

Whole School - staff led

Tuesday 13th January 9:00

Birch & Oak

Tuesday 20th January 9:00

Rowan & Ash

Tuesday 27th January 9:30

KS2 @ Church

Tuesday 3rd February 9:00

KS1 Mass

Tuesday 10th February 9:00

Whole School Mass

Monday 5th January

Training Day - School Closed to all pupils

Tuesday 6th January 3:30-4:00

EYFS Outdoor Area - open to parents

Thursday 8th January 9:15-10:45

Open Day for new EYFS Parents - Sept 26

Thursday 22nd January

Eye tests for Reception pupils

Wednesday 28th January

Nature Guardians - Oak



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!

School Uniform Expectations

We would like to remind parents and carers that it is school policy for all children to attend school each day in the correct school uniform, unless parents are notified otherwise (for example, on Mufti Days).

School staff regularly inform the office when children arrive in incorrect uniform, and orange slips are sent home to notify families. Unfortunately, these are not having the necessary impact, as some families are not responding to them.

From January, all instances of incorrect uniform will be logged on Arbor.

- Key Stage 2 pupils will receive a sanction for incorrect uniform.
- Persistent uniform concerns logged on Arbor will result in parent meetings with the Principal.

We ask for your support in ensuring that children arrive at school correctly dressed each day. Our uniform expectations can be found on the school website:

👉 <https://www.stbernadette.walsall.sch.uk/uniform>

Please also note that all PE kits must include a school jumper, which should be worn as part of the PE uniform. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in maintaining high standards across our school.

EYFS Outdoors Area Parent Invitation

We are delighted to invite parents and carers to come and take a look around our brand new EYFS outdoor area on **Tuesday 6th January, from 3:30–4:00pm.**

This exciting project began six weeks ago, and we are thrilled to share that the majority of the work was completed by 5th December. The new outdoor space has already made a wonderful addition to our EYFS provision, and we are so excited to share it with you.



We look forward to welcoming you on the day and can't wait for you to see this amazing new space.

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.



A message from the Principal ...

As we come to the end of a busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils, staff, and families for your continued support in all that we do here at St Bernadette's.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for the cards and gifts. We never expect them, but we are genuinely touched by your thoughtfulness.

Our staff have worked relentlessly behind the scenes to ensure that every child receives the very best care and education possible, and I am extremely grateful for their dedication and commitment. I would also like to thank our pupils, who as we approach the Christmas break, have once again reminded us of the true meaning of Christmas – the Birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Father Linh has kindly asked that we share the Mass times for the Christmas period, and we hope families are able to join in celebrating this special season together:

Christmas Eve – 24th December: 5.00pm – Family Mass (Burntwood) **or** 7.30pm – Family Mass (Brownhills) **or** 9.30pm – Carol Service & Mass (Burntwood)

Christmas Day – 25th December: 9.00am – Brownhills **or** 11.00am – Burntwood

St Stephen's Day – 26th December: 11.00am – Brownhills

New Year's Day: 9.00am – Brownhills **or** 11.00am – Burntwood

I would like to wish all of our families a holy, peaceful, and joyful Christmas, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in the New Year.

School Communication

To help ensure concerns are dealt with quickly and effectively, we would like to remind parents of our school communication process.

In the first instance, queries or concerns should be raised with your child's Class Teacher or at the School Office.

If further support is needed, concerns may then be escalated to the Assistant Principal or SENDCo, and finally to the Principal, if required.

Following this agreed process helps us respond efficiently and ensures the right staff member supports you at the right time. Full details can be found in our Communication Flowchart - visible in the main Reception area.

Parking - Update

Since our letter on 12th December, we have seen fewer concerns about parking and road safety on Narrow Lane.

Thank you to everyone for showing consideration for neighbours, using the designated car park, and driving safely.

Your efforts help keep our children and community safe and make our neighbourhood a more respectful, cooperative place for all.



Did you know the school has its own Facebook page?
It's regularly updated with news, events, and highlights from our community.
Help us reach more people by following and sharing our page:

St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, Brownhills.



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