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ST. BERNADETTE'S

NEWSLETTER

Express & STAR



We are thrilled to share some wonderful news! St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School, Brownhills, has been featured in the local newspapers not once, but twice in February!

On 12th February, the Express & Star highlighted our school's outstanding leadership. Inspectors praised the dedication of our staff and governors, as well as the warm, welcoming, and family-centred environment we strive to create every day. Our commitment to living out our Catholic ethos and supporting each child's growth was recognised and celebrated.

Just a few days later, on 16th February, the newspaper showcased the heart of our school: our pupil community and school values. The feature celebrated how we nurture confident, respectful, and compassionate children, encouraging them to live out our motto of following Jesus and being the "Bernadette's BEST".

These stories are a wonderful recognition of the hard work of our staff, pupils, and wider school community. We are incredibly proud of everything we achieve together, and it's exciting to see our ethos and achievements celebrated in the local press!



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 3rd March 9:00

Rowan and Ash Mass in school

Tuesday 10th March 9:00

Birch and Oak Mass in school

Tuesday 17th March

Whole school Mass at Church

Tuesday 24th March

KS2 Mass in school



Holy Week



(All parents, carers & parishioners are invited)

Monday 23rd March 9:00

Ash & Oak - Palm Sunday

Wednesday 25th March 9:00

Birch - The Last Supper

Thursday 26th March 9:00

Sycamore - The Agony in the Garden

Friday 27th March 9:00

Rowan - Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 18th March

Parents Evening - book via Arbor



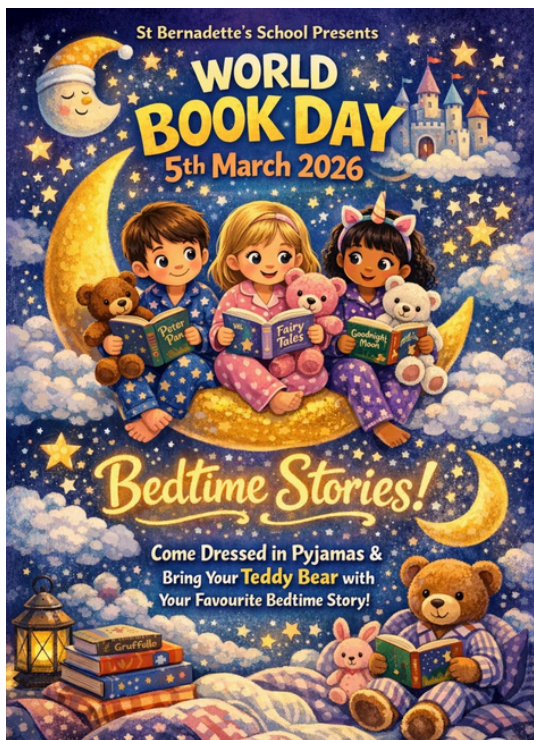
Narrow Lane - Car Park update



Sycamore Class have now sent their letters and petition (143 signatures) to raise awareness about the need for safer access for everyone to Wendy Morton, MP, and we eagerly await her response.

This is a fantastic example of our pupils learning how to make their voices heard and take action for the good of the community. We will keep you updated as soon as we receive a reply.

Well done to Sycamore Class and everyone who supported them.



Purple for Lent

During the season of Lent, all children are invited to take part in "Purple for Lent" by wearing one item of purple clothing every Tuesday.

This item can replace a piece of their usual school uniform or PE kit.

Some examples include:

- A purple jumper instead of the school jumper
- A purple tie instead of the school tie
- Purple hair bobbles or other small accessories



What is Lent?

Lent is the **liturgical season** marked by the Church in preparation for **Easter**. It emphasizes the practice of **prayer, almsgiving, and fasting**, along with meditation on the Word of God, **conversion**, and reconciliation.

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It begins **Ash Wednesday** and ends the afternoon of **Holy Thursday**.



On **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday**, **fasting** and **abstinence** are practiced.



The three **Lenten practices** are **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**.



The **liturgical color** for this season is **violet**, which symbolizes **penance**.

ewtrivatican.com

Supporting The Lamp Food Bank

Our local food bank is running short. This is a vital service within the community that supports many families within our locality.

On **FRIDAY 6th MARCH** to support The Lamp food bank, we will be holding a non-uniform day. All pupils are invited to wear their own clothes. In return we ask for a donation of any of the items listed below.

Canned meals (minced beef, bolognese, macaroni cheese, meatballs, chicken in sauce), canned vegetables, soup, tinned & packet potatoes, tuna, tins of fruit, rice pudding, custard, noodles, squash, fruit juice, tea & coffee, long-life milk, toilet roll, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste



Do you follow the school's Facebook page?

Parents Evening

Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 18th March, 3:30-5:30pm.

This is an important opportunity for staff to share key information about your child and their progress. We warmly encourage all parents and carers to attend.

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

Our safeguarding team also includes Miss Billingsley and Miss Dinsdale. If you have any safeguarding concerns, these are the members of staff who are trained to deal with them.