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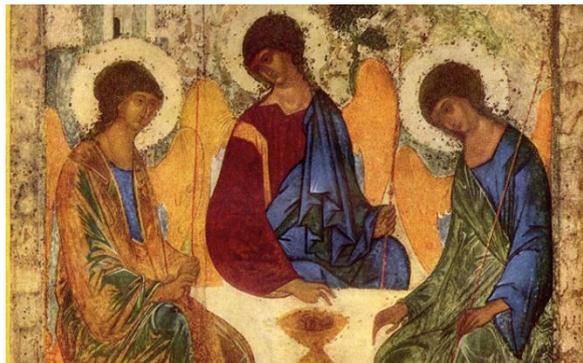
At St Bernadette's we are fully committed to safeguarding our children. We expect all staff, parents and visitors to share this commitment.

A warm welcome back to you all following the May half-term break. We hope you enjoyed the extended bank holiday and any Platinum Jubilee celebrations you may have taken part in! It was lovely to see some of the celebrations shared on our school Twitter page (@StBernsPrimary), thank you so much for sharing these with us. So many of our children have returned to school after the half-term break with such enthusiasm and a focused approach to their learning, looking so smart in their summer uniform too!

The Gospel of St. John will be shared with us at mass on Sunday this week.

John 16, 12-15

I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you to bear now. However, when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking of his own accord, but will say only what he has been told; and he will reveal to you the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he reveals to you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: all He reveals to you will be taken from what is mine.



A reflection on Sunday's Gospel for our children and parents

When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth.

In this Gospel story, Jesus speaks once more of the unique relationship that exists between the Father, the Son and the Spirit, the great mystery of the Trinity. This Gospel reading, John 16:12-15, is part of Jesus' farewell conversation to the disciples before He dies on the cross. He tells them that after He has gone, the Holy Spirit will guide them. The Holy Spirit will be their teacher and will speak to them just as Jesus did when He was alive and with them. The Holy Spirit will show the disciples what they must do and what they must say in Jesus' name. We believe that Jesus' promise to the disciples is still true for all of us today and all people after us. The Holy Spirit can guide us to do what is right and to use our talents in the best way to help others. Let us all do our best this week to listen to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and try to live as He asks us to.



Diary Dates

Please note dates may be subject to change.

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Monday 13th June

Feast of St Anthony of Padua
(6ZB own clothes)

Tuesday 14th June

New Reception Induction
2:00 - 3:00 pm
Year 3 - Ackers

Thursday 16th June

Year 2 Physical Health Day
Year 1 at the EcoPark

Friday 17th June

EYFS 'Den Day' and charity day.

Saturday 18th June

Holy communion - 9:15am
3LC & 1/2 3EH

Monday 20th June

Year 4 - Ackers
Year 6 Physical Health Day in school

Tuesday 21st June

Year 5 Physical Health Day in school

Wednesday 22nd June

Reception and 1SD at the EcoPark

Thursday 23rd June

Nursery Physical Health Day in School

Year 2 at the EcoPark

Monday 27th June

Year 1 Physical Health Day in School

Thursday 30th June

Reception Physical Health Day in school



Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

On Thursday 9th June, we had some very special Jubilee celebrations! Check out the next newsletter for more details.

A huge thank you to Mr Wayne for planning and organising the event for us.

Saturday 18th June – EcoPark Jubilee Celebrations

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, the EcoPark will be joined by Sampad Arts & Heritage for a free family friendly picnic at the EcoPark environmental centre! As well as enjoying food together, there will be plenty of family friendly fun, including making your own Royal Crowns from natural materials, pond dipping, site tours and a dance workshop! It's free to join and no booking is necessary, just bring your own picnic and come and enjoy some quality time in the great outdoors! There will be two picnic sessions on the day, from 1.00-3.30pm and 4.00-6.30pm, and everybody is welcome to join! Year 1 have created some fantastic bunting that will be used to decorate the EcoPark.

Reception Reading Event

Reception and 1SD are going to have a 'reading picnic with parents' on Friday 15th July. More details to follow, please look out for a letter.

Bedtime Story Day – Year 1



Year 1 will be having a Bedtime story day in school. Children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas on the 24th June.

Reception 2022/23

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2022, they will be joining their Reception classes on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th July 2022.

Please note if your child is not due to attend the St Bernadette's Reception, Nursery will be closed on these dates.

School Gates

Please don't congregate in front of the school gates before or after drop off and collection. You are causing and obstruction to other parents and carers who are trying to get to school on time. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Nursery and Reception's Den Day

On Friday 17th June, to celebrate Father's Day, we will be inviting one family member to take part in a charity 'Den Day' at school. It will be a morning of den building fun with pupils in Reception and Nursery getting sponsored to take part. We are asking parents and careers to donate £2. We will also be holding a cake sale later this month. All monies raised will be donated to Save the Children. Please see the invitation for more information.

Vocations/Citizenship Day

On Friday 27th May, we had a wonderful time celebrating Vocations Day. We took part in a special prayer service where we thought about our call to Holiness. We had the chance to think about how God is calling us in life and how He wants us to serve Him. We were also lucky enough to have special visitors into school to share their vocations with us. A very special thank you to Fr Fretch, Sr Maura, P.C Matt Kay, Mrs Roche (SIFA Fireside), Jenny Williams and Georgia Buchanan for helping to make our day extra special and a huge thank you to Mrs. Jones for organising and planning such a reflective and special day.



First Holy Communion Dates



The children in Year 3 will be receiving the very special sacrament of the Eucharist when they make their First Holy Communion.

The dates for Holy Communion which will take place at Holy Family Church are:

Saturday 11th June at 9:15am – 3TK and 1/2 3EH Surname A-J

Saturday 18th June at 9:15am – 3SJ/LC and 1/2 3EH surname K-Z

Wednesday 22nd June at 9:00am - Going Forth Mass in school – all of Year 3. The children will be invited to wear their Holy Communion dresses and sashes in school for this very special celebration

On the day of their First Holy Communion, each child will be allocated a bench to seat 6 guests (not including the child).



Year 6 would like to collect the following items for St. Chad's Sanctuary:

tinned tomatoes
cooking oil
nappies in large sizes
toothbrushes
men's t-shirts in small and medium sizes
razors

Please send any donations to Mrs Kerrigan in Year 6 by Friday 24th June. Thank you!

Too Good to Go

The Too Good to Go app lets you buy and collect food at a great price so it gets eaten instead of wasted. Check it out!



Catholic Social Teaching – Y6 Charity Work

As part of their RSE lessons, Year 6 have been studying Catholic Social Teaching. With Mr. Malone's help, Miss Corkery's Earth Ambassadors have recruited a few friends to help with their environmental work. They have pledged to help tidy the school grounds once a week, which started this Monday. Many more children have pledged to help with litter picking to make this a weekly event. Look out for other ways Year 6 will try and make a positive impact, just as Jesus taught us to, this half term!



Water bottles and sun safety



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As the weather warms up, it is really important that the children have water bottles in school that they can refill using the water stations so that they can remain hydrated throughout the day. It is a good idea for children to wear a sun hat to school to protect them when they are outside at playtimes. Please also ensure that you apply sun screen to your children before sending them to school each day.

Attendance

It is essential that children attend school regularly each day as poor attendance has a serious and long lasting impact on your child's development and education. Vital learning is missed when your children are absent from school so please ensure they are present each day.

Last week's attendance figures can be seen below. Well done RSD & RPD for the best attendance in Foundation Stage. Also a big well done 2SF for the best attendance in KS1 and to 3TK & 5LC to for the best attendance in KS2 and in the school.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
86%	RSD 95% ★	1OB 94%	2SF 95% ★	3EH 94%	4CB 96%	5EB 94%	6KL 94%
	RND 93%	1EG 94%	2SH 91%	3TK 97% ★	4CM 94%	5KH 93%	6AMJ 94%
	RPD 95% ★		2COT 93%	3EL 95%	4RW 93%	5LC 96% ★	6ZB 94%

Nursery and Reception's Den Day

Library Summer Reading Challenge with a Science twist!

Summer Reading Challenge 2022

GADGETEERS

Pop over to this website to find yourself being drawn into the wonderful world of reading...with a Science twist!

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/news/general/gadgeteers-intro>

Sue Hendra's Visits to School

On Thursday 26th May, the children in EYFS and KS1 had a special visit from the author and illustrator, Sue Hendra. We had a fun-filled day of assemblies, book readings, storytelling and making workshops. Sue was blown away by the entries for the Book in a Box competition and after a lot of deliberation she chose four worthy winners from each year band! Well done to all those who entered, the quality of entries was truly amazing and Sue took lots of photos of the entries to share with Paul Linnet. We hope you all had fun crafting and creating at home!



This autumn, a new laugh-out loud animation, Supertato is heading to CBeebies and BBC iPlayer. Based on the bestselling books by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet, the show will follow the adventures of Supertato, the world's first potato superhero as he tackles the mischievous Evil Pea, in the supermarket aisles.

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Values and Virtues

This half term, our new values and virtues are **Attentive** and **Discerning**

Let the wise listen and add to their learning and let the discerning get guidance. Proverbs 1:5

Pupils in our school are growing to be **attentive** to their experience and to their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

We need to be attentive to the big and the small things, to the responses of other people, to the stirrings in our hearts, and to the preoccupations that thread their way through our lives. Being attentive takes practice; it is much easier to rush from one thing to the next, taking little time to notice anything. Once we develop the habit of being **attentive**, we can begin to **discern** what is good for us and what is not; and what God calls us to be, and to do.

Attentive: We are attentive when we listen to our calling from God to love and serve one another in all that we do. We are attentive to our experiences and can see where they will take us in our future vocations.

Discerning: We are discerning when we decide to do the right thing in the interest of the needs of others because we know the positive impact that will have on their lives.

What does the Bible say about being attentive? Read the story of Samuel below and see where the Lord called Samuel to be attentive to him.

God Calls Samuel (1 Samuel 3:1-10.)

The boy Samuel was Eli's helper and served the Lord with him. At that time the Lord did not speak directly to people very often. There were very few visions. Eli's eyes were getting so weak that he was almost blind. One night he went to his room to go to bed. The special lamp in the Lord's temple was still burning, so Samuel lay down in the temple near where the Holy Box was. The Lord called Samuel, and Samuel answered, "Here I am." Samuel thought Eli was calling him, so he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." But Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed." So Samuel went back to bed. Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" Again Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed." Samuel did not yet know the Lord because the Lord had not spoken directly to him before. The Lord called Samuel the third time. Again Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." Finally, Eli understood that the Lord was calling the boy. Eli told Samuel, "Go to bed. If he calls you again, say, 'Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went back to bed. The Lord came and stood there. He called as he did before, saying, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel said, "Speak, Lord. Your servant is listening."

Last half term, the following pupils showed that they have demonstrated the values and virtues of being Grateful and Generous.

Nursery					
Red	Yellow	Blue	Green	Orange	
Gurnoor	Aseed	Phoebe-Grace	Lumiina	Amelia-Rae	
RND		RSD		RPD	
Taylor-Dee		Nancy		Gracie-Mae	
1EG		1OB			
Greis		Gracie-Mae			
2SF		2SH		2COT	
Iga		Khaleesi		Laicen	
3TK		3EH		3EL	
Tilleah		Keron		Amaya	
4RW		4CB		4CM	
Junior		Andrew		Kacie-Leigh	
5EB		5LC		5KH	
Kelvin		Tommy		Tilly-Bleu	
6AMJ		6KL		6ZB	
Kareena		Darcey		Exauce	



Reading with your child – BookTrust's Tips

Sharing a book with a child is fun! It's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together – and it can also give children a flying start in life and help them become lifelong readers.

If you're not feeling confident about reading aloud or sharing books, don't worry – there's no right or wrong way to enjoy a story together. But if you'd like some tips, here are a few pointers to help you out.

- Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read. They'll feel more interested in the story if they've picked it out themselves. (And don't worry if they keep returning to the same story, either!)
- If you can, turn off the TV, radio and computer. It's easier for both of you to enjoy the story without any other distractions.
- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions. Give them space to talk, and ask how they feel about the situations in the story.
- Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story – as long as you and your child are having fun. Don't be afraid to act out situations or use funny voices... your little ones will love it!

Encouraging a love of reading

As children get older, with lots of other activities competing for their time, how can you encourage them to make time for reading?

Here are some of our ideas:

- Read yourself! It doesn't matter what it is – pick up a newspaper or magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read a computer manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a romance or detective novel. And get your children to join in – if you're cooking, could they read the recipe? If you're watching TV, can they read out the listings?
- Give books as presents. And encourage your children and their friends to swap books with each other – it'll give them a chance to read new stories, and get them all talking about what they're reading.
- Visit the local library together. It's always fun choosing new books to read, and keep an eye out for special author events at the library or local bookshops – children love meeting their favourite authors.
- Encourage children to carry a book at all times. That way, they'll never be bored (this is something you can do, too!)
- Have a family bookshelf. If you can, have bookshelves in your children's bedrooms, too.
- Keep reading together. Just because your children are older, it doesn't mean you have to stop sharing stories – perhaps you could try the Harry Potter series or A Series of Unfortunate Events.
- Don't panic if your child reads the same book over and over again. Let's be honest - we've all done it!

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)	Jumana	For wonderful phonics work.	Nursery (Red)	Iyla	For always being a perfect role model, a kind friend and always trying her very best!
Nursery (Green)	Fahren-Betty	For always trying her best in Nursery and being so sensible.	Nursery (Yellow)	Muhammad Hussain	For exploring all areas of Nursery this week.
Nursery (Orange)	Harper-Willow	For being a wonderful friend to all of the children.	3TK	Rumaisa	For being a wonderful friend to her classmates.
				Charlie	For his wonderful and sensible behaviour at all times.
RND	Sebastian	For settling into Reception so well, you are a star!	4CB	Rebekah	For excellent effort during Y4's sessions with the football coach.
	Uche	For being so kind, helpful and making others smile.		Niamh	For being brilliant on the residential trip.
RPD	Harris	For trying his best in phonics.	4CM	Kian	For fantastic effort during his Italy project.
	Alfie	For making some outstanding pieces of work in the creative area.		Azlan	For effort and enthusiasm during the residential trip.
1SD	Namira	For trying her best in phonics every day.	4RW	Reo	For trying his best on the residential trip.
	Issa	For being a super mathematician.		Ruby	For trying new things on the residential trip.
1EG	Ayah	For always trying her best.	5EB	Della	For helping others during lessons.
	Neil	For his amazing science facts and knowledge.		Alfie	For settling down to read sensibly in the mornings.
1OB	Stanley	For his hard work in Maths!	5KH	Greta	For having such lovely manners.
	Paisley	For always using her manners.		Keevie	For her enthusiasm and contribution during mini first aid.
2COT	Namira	For trying her best in phonics every day.	5LC	Tyrese	For being interested in learning and asking well-considered questions.
	Issa	For being a super mathematician.		Mohammed Tawhidul	For having lovely manners and being very helpful.
2SF	Kacie	For being an excellent role model.	6AMJ	Georgie	For always doing the right thing and being a perfect role model.
	Gurnoor	best in Nursery and being so sensible.		Keigan	For his effort and enthusiasm with the Y6 production.
2SH	Saad	For always quietly working hard and listening well.	6KL	Anosh	For settling into Y6 so well and smiling every day!
	Millie-Rae	For always being a kind friend.		Trey	For his efforts with the Y6 production.
3EH	Archie	For his effort in Maths.	6ZB	Ayona	For a fantastic effort in our production.
	John-Junior	For his enthusiasm in all lessons.		Solianna	For a fantastic effort in our production.
3EL	Jiya Mariya	Always kind and caring.			
	Francis-Dwaine	Lovely, thoughtful work produced in RE.			

Britain's Got Talent

We are tremendously proud of Mischa and Gerline who have both recently performed on Britain's Got Talent!

Mischa appeared on this year's series of BGT and her audition aired in May. Mischa auditioned by performing a dance routine and Simon described her as 'the happiest contestant we've ever had', with Alesha adding, 'Clearly you were born to be on stage!'. She advanced onto the following round with four yes votes from the judges however did not go through to the live shows. After Mischa's audition aired on national TV she was put on social media by BGT and now has 1.8M views internationally on YouTube! Both Mischa and Gerline successfully auditioned and were offered a place as a D-Day Junior. This is an amazing opportunity to join the D-Day family and to work alongside and to be trained by a highly professional team. They both had the incredible opportunity to perform live on BGT semi-finals on Friday 3rd of June 2022 alongside the D-Day Darlings (BGT finalist) in a special Jubilee celebration. On Sunday 5th June 2022, Gerline, Mischa and their D-Day family performed at Penkridge Jubilee Open Air Concert to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. What remarkable and unforgettable experiences that they will forever cherish!

