



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Advent Term 2  
Virtue = Compassion

## Newsletter Christmas 2024

Dear Parents and Carers.

As we reach the end of Advent Term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and kindness during what has been a particularly challenging year for our school community. Thank you so much for your understanding and support with the partial closure on 17<sup>th</sup> December. The Memorial Service for Mrs Enright will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 5pm at school. All families past and present are welcome to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

I thank you also for your incredible generosity: together we have managed to fill an amazing **49** Bags of Kindness with lovely Christmas gifts for vulnerable individuals and families in Milton Keynes. Members of our choir visited a local Care Home and we have sent homemade cards and gifts to the residents of both Parklands and Kents Hill Care Homes. The Christmas spirit is most certainly alive and well at St Bernadette's!



It has been such a busy half term packed with lovely events. Most recently, there have been beautiful Nativity plays from Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils; a moving Carols and Readings presentation by our Y5/6 pupils; a Rock Steady rock band concert and awe-inspiring choir and musician performances at school and at the City Centre Christmas Lights Switch-on. My grateful thanks to the children and staff who have worked so hard preparing for all these events and to you as parents for your support and attendance.

Please remember that Friday is the **last day of term** and we have a MUFTI DAY in aid of the Humanitas School in Ghana and their local community. We hope to be able to pay for a Malaria Prevention Programme with the funds raised. We also have **an early end to the day** on Friday: KS1 and FS2 (Saplings, Y1 and Y2) close at 2:20 pm. Nursery and KS2 (Acorns, Y3, 4, 5 and 6 close 2:30 pm). **There is no After-school Care Club on Friday.**

On behalf of the staff team and myself, I wish you all a joyous, peaceful and healthy Christmas. May God bless you and your loved ones now and throughout the year ahead.



As always, please contact me directly, either on the playground at the end of the school day, or by email or telephone if you have any concerns, queries or questions.

Please do check the dates pages at the end of the newsletter.

Kindest regards, Mrs J Zamora (ZamoraJ@stbernadetteschool.com)



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## Fondest Farewell

On Friday, Mrs Romans leaves St Bernadette's. She joined the staff team as a Newly Qualified Teacher 16 years ago and leaves us a greatly valued, experienced member of our Leadership Team and a knowledgeable and highly skilled Inclusion Manager. She is more than ready to take on the role as Deputy Headteacher in her new school. She has certainly been 'St Bernadetted' over the years and will be greatly missed. We wish her every blessing in her new job.

Mrs Smith - our Deputy Headteacher - will cover the role of Inclusion Manager until our new Inclusion Manager - Mrs Lazzari - joins us in March. Mrs Lazzari has a wealth of experience to bring to the role. She is a previous teacher of St Bernadette's and has spent the last 6 years working for Buckinghamshire council as a Specialist Teacher on their SEND team. We very much look forward to her returning to St Bernadette's school family.

## Thank You to our Wonderful PTA

The PTA have worked so hard to provide a wide range of events including: Break the Rules Day, Christmas Shop and Christmas Discos. Thank you so much to all those parents who have given their time to run and support these events. Not only do they bring joy to the children, but also provide much-needed funding for the school. The PTA remains a very small group of parents who would be grateful for any new members. They can be contacted via email:

[PTA@stbernadettesschool.com](mailto:PTA@stbernadettesschool.com)

## Starting School September 2025?

A final reminder that if your child's birthday is between 01/09/2020 and 31/08/2021, you **must** apply for a school place for them for September 2025.

Those families who currently have children in our Nursery- **do not forget** to also apply for a school place. Just because your child is in the Nursery, this does not guarantee a place in FS2 (Reception) for September. You still **MUST** apply for a school place via the Local Authority using the on-line portal. Find out more from: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-or-juniormiddle-school-september> **This online application must be made before the closing date of 15th January 2025.** A Supplementary Form should be completed and returned to our school office to support the admissions process. The Supplementary Forms are available from the school office or the school website: <https://www.stbernadettesschool.com/school-admissions/>

The application process for 15hrs and 30hrs places at our nursery for September 2025 is also currently open.

Applications for nursery must be made directly to the school.

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## Events for Lent Term 2025 - half term 1

Thurs 19 Dec	Y6 Africa WOW day Y4 percussion performance - Main Hall - Y4 parents warmly welcomed
Fri 20 Dec	MUFTI DAY - in aid of Humanitas School, Ghana and their Malaria Prevention Programme Last Day of Term. Early end of day KS1 and FS2 (Saplings, Y1 and Y2) close at 2:20 pm Nursery and KS2 (Acorns, Y3, 4, 5 and 6 close 2:30 pm) THERE WILL BE NO CARE CLUB ON THIS DAY
Christmas Holidays	
<b>New Virtue: Courage</b>	
Fri 3 Jan	Staff INSET days
Mon 6 Jan	Pupils return to school
Tue 14 Jan	Year 5 Knife Crime sessions - delivered in school by Safety Centre staff
Thurs 16 Jan	2:50 Y6 Meteor Class Collective Worship with their parents in the chapel/small hall Y3/4 Boys' Football League - Glebe Farm
Mon 20 Jan	Mrs Enright's Memorial Service 5pm at school. All families past and present are welcome to attend. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be no After School Care Club on this day.
Thurs 23 Jan	2:50 Y6 Comet Class Collective Worship with their parents in the chapel/small hall Y3/4 Boys' Football League - Glebe Farm
Tues 28 Jan	2:50 Y3 Kangaroo Class Collective Worship with their parents in the chapel/small hall
Wed 29 Jan	Launch Assembly of the Jubilee Year - Pilgrims of Hope
30 - 31 Jan	Pilgrims of Hope focus activities in class Thurs 30 - Y3/4 Boys' Football League - Glebe Farm
w/c 3 Feb	Children's Mental Health Week, including a focus on online safety
Tues 4 Feb	2:50 Y3 Panda Class Collective Worship with their parents in the chapel/small hall
Thurs 6 Feb	3:30 PTA Book Day Costume Sale and Book Sale - Small Hall Y3/4 Boys' Football League - Glebe Farm
Tues 11 Feb	Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes 3:30 - 6:00 Parent Consultation Evening - Remote Meetings via Microsoft Teams
Thurs 13 Feb	3:30 - 6:00 Parent Consultation Evening - Face-to-face meetings in Main Hall
Fri 14 Feb	Last Day of Half Term - normal home times.
Half Term Holiday	
<b>New Virtue = Forgiveness</b>	
Mon 24 Feb	Start of new half term

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**12 Christmas PRAYERS**

**Joy**  
May the joy of Christ be felt through us. **Luke 1:44**

**FAITH**  
Increase our faith so we fully trust in Your promises. **Matthew 1:24**

**LOVE**  
Help us see ways to turn love into action this Christmas. **Matthew 25:40**

**PEACE**  
May the peace of Christ cover the busyness of this season. **Isaiah 9:6**

**GRATITUDE**  
Thank you for all of our blessings, not just the gifts under the tree. **Luke 1:49**

**OBEDIENCE**  
Help us to be obedient to You even when we don't fully understand. **Luke 1:38**

**HOPEFULNESS**  
Fill us with hope for the coming of our savior, Jesus Christ. **Daniel 2:44**

**TOGETHERNESS**  
Thank you that the gift of Jesus makes us one family together in Christ. **John 1:12**

**AMEN!**

**PROMISE**  
Thank you for the promise of eternal life through Jesus. **John 3:16**

**LIGHT**  
May the light of Christ shine from within us. **Isaiah 9:2**

**GENEROSITY**  
Show us what gifts we have to offer and help us give them generously. **Matthew 2:11**

**SIMPLICITY**  
You came as a baby in a manger, help us find value in the simple things. **Luke 2:7**

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