



St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Advent Term 2

Virtue: Trust

CST: Community & Participation

Newsletter Christmas 2025

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, kindness and generosity.

Our recent Christmas Fayre was a resounding success and a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community. My grateful thanks goes to the PTA for all their hard work and commitment, all of the staff who worked so hard before, during and after the fayre, Father Christmas himself and of course Mr Smith who worked tirelessly to put his vision for the fayre into reality. The fayre and Christmas Shop, along with the termly discos raises much-needed funds for the school. Our long-term aim is to replace the MUGA on the field but money raised by the PTA also supports a wide range of other costs such as sports kits, books, playground furniture etc. A reminder that the PTA have organised afterschool discos for today (FS2 - Y3) and this Thursday (Y4-6). The PTA remains a very small group of parents who would be grateful for any new members to share the load and bring fresh ideas. They can be contacted via email: PTA@stbernadettesschool.com

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; an incredibly moving and uplifting Carols and Readings presentation by our Y5/6 pupils; a Rock Steady rock band concert and awe-inspiring choir and musician performances at school, at the Woburn Sands Lights Switch-on and at Our Lady of Lourdes church. I am very excited for their concert for their parents taking place tomorrow. 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 CAFOD gifts. This is our first fundraiser of many in the hope to fund a community water supply, medical treatment for a mother and baby and a flock of chickens! Please do give generously either via the School Gateway or cash on the day. I will keep you updated on our progress.

On Friday we also have **an early end to the 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 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

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Starting School or Nursery in September 2026?

A final reminder that if your child's birthday is between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022, you **must** apply for a school place for them for September 2026.

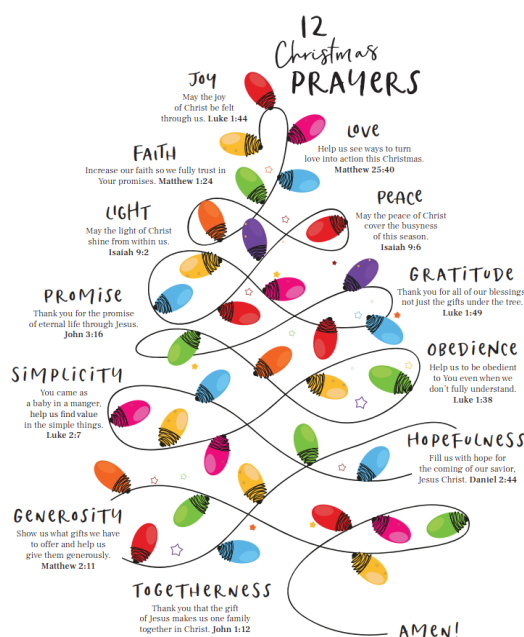
Those families who currently have children in our Nursery- **do not forget** to also apply for a school place. Just because your child is in the Nursery, this does not guarantee a place in FS2 (Reception) for September. You still **MUST** apply for a school place via the Local Authority using the on-line 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 2026.** 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 2026 is also currently open. Applications for nursery must be made directly to the school.

St Bernadette's Governing Board

We are delighted to welcome two new members to the school's Governing Board. Dr Angela Cristina Marqui and Mrs Roxana Gabriela Mendez Parraga both bring considerable expertise to the role of Parent Governor. It was not necessary to go to the voting process for election as there were two applicants by the deadline date for the two vacancies available.

Mrs Pughe has also been successful in her application to renew her term as staff governor on the board. I am very grateful to all members of the Governing Board who work so hard in their voluntary capacity to hold school leaders to account and ensuring clarity of vision, ethos, and the strategic direction of the school.



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Events for Lent Term 2025 - half term 1

Mon 15 Dec	Y6 Africa WOW day
Tues 16 Dec	PTA Disco (FS2 – Y3) 3:15 – 4:15
Wed 17 Dec	School choir concert for their parents 4:00 pm
Thurs 18 Dec	PTA Disco (Y4 – Y6) 3:20 – 4:20
Fri 19 Dec	MUFTI day in aid of CAFOD Gifts End of term. Early Close: FS2 (Saplings) & KS1: 2:15pm. Nursery & KS2 2:30pm
Christmas Holidays	
New Virtue: Justice	
New Catholic Social Teaching Principle: Dignity of Workers	
Mon Jan	Staff INSET days
Tue 6 Jan	Pupils return to school (Feast of the Epiphany)
Thurs 15 Jan	Year 3/4 Boys Football League- Tattenhoe Pavillion
Fri 16 Jan	Y6 Meteor Class Collective Worship - Parents and welcomed to join them in the Small Hall - 2:45pm
Mon 19 Jan	From 1:30pm Drop-in sessions with Mrs Lazzari - book a session in advance
21 - 22 Jan	Y6 and FS2 health screening with school nurses
Thurs 22 Jan	Y5 Comet Class Collective Worship - Parents and welcomed to join them in the Small Hall - 2:45pm Year 3/4 Boys Football League- Tattenhoe Pavillion
Fri 23 Jan	Bridgebuilder Trust Assembly
27 - 28 Jan	Virtues Mission Retreat in Small Hall. Theme: Justice - come and join us after school in Small Hall
Fri 30 Jan	Y3 Kangaroo Class Collective Worship - Parents and welcomed to join them in the Small Hall - 2:45pm Mufti in aid of Humanitas School Ghana Y4 Wow Day with 'Mr Egypt'!
Thurs 5 Feb	Year 5 Knife Crime session with the Safety Centre Y3 Panda Class Collective Worship - Parents and welcomed to join them in the Small Hall - 2:45pm Year 3/4 Boys Football League- Finals Night
Tues 10 Feb	Parent Consultation Evening - remote sessions via Microsoft Teams
Wed 11 Feb	Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
Thurs 12 Feb	Parent Consultation Evening - face-to-face sessions in school hall
Fri 13 Feb	PTA pancake day after school in small hall End of half term - normal home time hours
Half Term Holiday	
New Virtue:	
New Catholic Social Teaching Principle:	
Mon 23 Feb	Back to school

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