

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

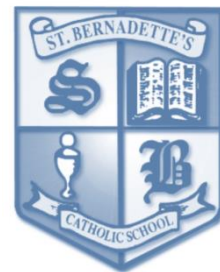
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At St Bernadette's we are fully committed to safeguarding our children. We expect all staff, parents and visitors to share this commitment.

Reminder

School finishes on **Friday 14th February** at 2.00pm for half-term and does not re-open to students until **Tuesday 25th February**.

First Holy Communion Meeting

The next meeting for pupils and parents in year 3, who have enrolled on the First Holy Communion programme, will be at 5.30pm on Wednesday 12th February, at school. Both pupils and parents are expected to attend this meeting.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

To celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes the children in Rec – Year 6 will attend Mass on Tuesday 11th February at 9.30am at Holy Family Church. It would be lovely if you could join us at the Mass which reminds us of how Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette, our school patron.

ParentPay <https://www.parentpay.com/>

YEAR 5 VISIT TO THE METRO BANK IN BIRMINGHAM DATES OF TRIP

5AB & 5EB - TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY

5JR/KS - WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY

THIS TRIP IS FREE OF CHARGE

PLEASE LOG ONTO PARENTPAY TO GIVE CONSENT FOR YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND.

Ash Wednesday Service



An Ash Wednesday Service for children in KS2 will take place at Holy Family Church at 10.30am on Wednesday 26th February with a further service for Rec/KS1 at 2.00pm at school. If your child is not Catholic and you do not wish your child to receive the ashes, then please inform their class teacher in advance.

Diary Dates

6th February

RSD – Out at the Eco Park

Year 4 – Birmingham Museum Trip

11th February

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (RPF own clothes)

Whole School Mass (feast of Our Lady of Lourdes) 9.30am at Holy Family Church

13th February

RPF – Out at the Eco Park

14th February

St Valentine's Day – (1SF own clothes)

Break up for Half-Term

24th February

Staff Inset Day – School closed to pupils.

25th February

Children return to school after Half-Term

26th February

Ash Wednesday Mass for KS2 at Church 10.30am

2.00pm – Ash Wednesday Service for REC/KS1 in school.

27th February

REF – out at Eco Park pm

28th February

Feast of St David (REF own Clothes)

2nd March

Feast of St David (Whole school to wear red 50p)

Year 3 Condoval Hall Residential 2nd March – 4th March

5th March

World Book Day – Children to come dressed as their favorite book character.

11th March

9am – Year 2 Mass (School)

12th March

Year 4 Confessions

RPF – out at Eco Park pm

17th March

Feast of St Patrick (children to wear green – 50p)

Parents Evening (English Focus)

18th March

9am – KS1 Mass (School)

Parents Evening (English Focus)

19th March

Feast of St Joseph (RSD own clothes)

Year 6 Confessions

REF – out at Eco Park pm

20th March

Nursery – 9am Mother's Day Breakfast

Reception – 1pm Mother's Day Picnic

Reflection

"Situations can change; people can change. Be the first to seek to bring good. Do not grow accustomed to evil, but defeat it with good"

Pope Francis

500 Words Writing Competition

Attention all Talented Writers!!

DO YOU WANT YOUR STORY TO BE READ ON THE RADIO TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE?

CAN YOU WRITE AN AMAZING STORY USING NO MORE THAN 500 WORDS?

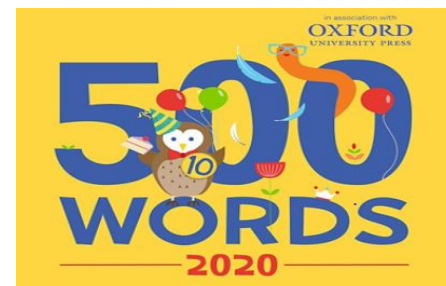
If yes, then this competition is for you.....

Radio 2, in association with Oxford University Press, are holding their tenth short story writing competition. Children can write a story on any topic, using no more than 500 words. The stories will be judged in 2 categories, ages 5-9 and ages 10-13. All entries must be submitted online. Stories must be received by Thursday 27th February at 8pm. The final will take place at Buckingham Palace and the winners will win an assortment of books as well as the Gold Winner winning books for their school.

For more information, go to:

bbc.co.uk/500words

GOOD LUCK!



Nursery Class of 2020

Is your child born between September 2016 – August 2017. If so, have you applied for our nursery? Application forms are available from the school office.

Topic Week

Children in Reception are invited to come to school on 7th February as a Paleontologist as part of their topic 'Are Dinosaurs Real'?



Children in Year 1 are invited to come dressed as Victorians. Please refer to the letters sent by the year band teachers for ideas.

Year 3 Condover Hall Residential

There will be a meeting on Friday 7th February at 1.15pm for the parents of Year 3 children attending the Condover Hall Residential. During this meeting parents will be given further information regarding clothing requirements and the itinerary.

School Closures Due To Snow/Bad Weather



If there is bad weather, and in the unlikely event that the school needs to close, please listen to the local radio station. The school texting service, school website and school Twitter feed will also be used to inform parents. If you do not receive a text by 8am then assume that the school will be open as normal. If there is a blanket closure by Birmingham City Council then we will close. Please note: school will do a risk assessment of the site when making the decision. It is up to you as parents to risk assess your journey to school to ensure the children arrive safely.

Attendance

Well done to the following classes for having the best attendance in their Keystage: FS/KS1 2RW KS2 5JR/KS & 6KL Remember to keep attending school to be in with a chance of winning the prize for best class attendance or to be entered into the prize draw for 98% + attendance.

At St Bernadette's Catholic School, you will find us caring, hardworking and co-operative. We follow the ways of Jesus using our talents and gifts to make our school special. We show respect to all and welcome you.

World Ocean Day – 9th March 2020

We will be having a celebration of World Ocean Day on Monday 9th March for Reception – Year 6. As part of the day we have Jo Earlam, the author of 'Tuamor the Turtle' reading and discussing ocean pollution with children in Reception up to year 4. This story book has lovely illustrations and shares a strong message about the dangers of pollution to the ocean environment. Jo will be bringing pre-signed copies of her book on the day, at the cost of 6.00 each. If you would like your child to receive a copy with their name in, you can order now through [ParentPay](#). Please be sure to order before Monday 2nd March 2020, any orders after this day cannot be processed. We hope that your child is inspired by these sessions and becomes more aware of things they do that are harmful to the environment. We all have a big part to play in helping to reduce human impact.



Ocean Ambassadors Competition

Miss Corkery is proud to announce the winners of the Ocean Ambassadors Competition. The new owners of some very cool Sea Monkeys are George 4CB and Kaiden 3TK. George submitted a 6-minute Twitter video all about the dangers of ocean pollution and the effects of climate change on our seas. Kaiden and his family, made an amazing model of a busy harbour with recycling points for materials.

The runners up were Krista Year 5 and Daisy 3EG, who both won some paper straws and a National Geographic magazine.

These 4 will be invited to the Ocean Ambassadors after school club that will run after Easter.

Well done and keep being motivated to help the Earth.



Maths Open Week

Thank you to all the parents who supported their children in a Mathematics lesson this week. I hope it gave you an insight as to how your child learns/behaves in the classroom environment and also explained some of the strategies we use in the teaching of Mathematics.

Visiting Author

Following on from the success of our visit by Jeremy Strong last year, we have been lucky enough to book another visiting author for this year, Jennifer Killick, on 25th February. Children from Years 2 – 6 will be able to purchase a signed copy from the books below at the cost of £6.99 each. Please log on to ParentPay if you would like to purchase.

ALEX SPARROW AND THE FURRY FURTY
ALEX SPARROW AND THE REALLY BIG STINK

ALEX SPARROW AND THE ZUMBIE APOCALYPSE

MO, LOTTIE AND THE JUNKERS - JENNIFER KILLICK

No sales after 12th February 2020

Reading

Please ensure your child is being heard read every night and that their diary is signed accordingly as evidence of this. It is clear that some children are not reading their books properly from some of the scores obtained in quizzes on Accelerated Reader.



Birmingham Museum – Year 4 Visit

Year 4 will visit Birmingham Museum on 6th February as part of their topic week on Invaders and Settlers this term.



World Book Day

World book day will take place this year on Thursday 5th March. The children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on this day. Some ideas for cheap and easy costumes can be found on

www.mumsnet.com/entertainment/world-book-day and other online websites.

Special Certificates

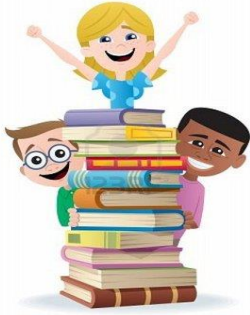
Each week a child from each class is nominated to receive a special certificate through the post. The pupils who are awarded these certificates have shown that they really understand what it means to live as Jesus taught us, perhaps by being particularly kind or helpful. Well done to the following children:

Nursery (Blue)	Francie-Joe	For handling his first full week like a real superstar!	Nursery (Red)	Brianna	For fantastic effort in Phonics.
Nursery (Green)	Jake	For always trying hard in Nursery.	Nursery (Yellow)	Chenayah	For excellent Phonics work.
REF	Zoya	For fantastic Phonics work.	3TK	Eva	For trying really hard in Maths.
	Jeswin	For great Phonics work.		Connor	For trying really hard in lessons.
RPF	Leonidas	For drawing a lovely picture in RE!	4AH	Mason	For being a super role model.
	Muhammad	For super number work.		Ava-May	For fantastic work in Maths.
RSD	Muhammad	For working hard in Phonics.	4CB	Noel	For being so helpful at all times.
	Zakarriya	For working really hard in Literacy.		Darcey	For beautiful manners at all times.
1SF	Sonny	For always being a superstar!	4CM	Ayona	For super effort in Maths!
	Keron	For trying hard in her spellings.		Cheldane	For always being polite and helpful.
1SJ	Zachary	For improved handwriting in English.	5AB	Kalese	For being more organised in school.
	Kahil	For great work in RE.		Jayden	For trying very hard to improve presentation.
1SMCG	Maverick	For always being so well mannered and kind.	5EB	Miley-Ava	For showing great listening in RE.
	Arianna	For always coming to school with a lovely smile.		Alexander	For enthusiastic efforts in all subjects.
2COT	Grace	For excellent speaking in assembly.	5JR KS	Khloie - Emily	For a huge effort in all lessons.
	Jones	For being a super role model.		Emmanuel	For amazing effort in reading.
2EL	Jacob	For being so helpful to everyone.	6AMJ	Olivia	For trying hard in Maths.
	Myla-Mae	For a fantastic RE lesson.		Aneeq	For making positive progress in lessons.
2RW	Charlie	For his amazing writing in English.	6KL	Abel	For being so caring and kind.
	Kaashif	For working on his confidence and trying hard.		Khyla	For always smiling.
3EG	Della	For trying hard with responses in lessons.	6ZB	Michee	For a fantastic effort in PE.
	Essie-Mae	For fantastic RE work.		Amy	For being such a good friend to others
3EH	Greta	For trying hard with Maths.			
	William	For being a good friend to others.			

Accelerated Readers

Reader of the Month: January

Bexanne – 415,242



Ready Reader:

Kian Hughie Lillie-Rose Kayden	Anthony Darnell Deven Rayn	Ruby China Niall Brodie	Jeremiel Lidia Miley-Ava Amy	Stephin Lola Alfie Carlos	Sean Cheldane Georgie Azlan	Riley Kalese Pareeshay Jefin	Tommy Callie-Mai Jones Thea
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Independent Reader:

Jayden Emme Logan Sinead	Ebony Montini Bailey Keiron	Scarlet Elisia Lily Felix	Caoimhe Solianna Ruby Aayan	Jor'El Noel Kyran Alexander	Romayah Evie Hermon	Ethan Spencer Ava
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Rising Reader:

Raaina Roy-Anthony Harley	Katees Daniel Eshan	Miley Vince Krisha	Abdulrahman Kian-Thomas Hermon	Bailey Renee Joyce	Emmanuel Amanda Joshua
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Super Reader:

Charlie Isla Harley	Sophie John Alexander	Khyla Vince Casey	Emmanuel Elisha Jerin	Mia Hermon Liam	Erin Oliver Freya	Ella Amanda
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Super Reader 1:

Kaiser

Super Reader 2:

Aleksander

Advanced Reader:

Maira Isla	Kabisajini Chelsea	Lexi Josh	Jay Chelsea	Ben Jose Jacob Gill	Hanna Benhur	Leah Benhur
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Star Reader:

George	Amy	Ashin	Erin	Kai
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Classic Reader:

Jamuel	Bexanne
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Millionaire Reader:

Abel	Tanya
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House word reading totals so far

Blyton 4,856,020	Horowitz 6,578,783	Morpurgo 4,502,054	Strong 4,695,614	Wilson 5,334,225	Zephaniah 4,655,734
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The Year of the Word: Reflection 4

"Listen to him!
If you don't listen, you won't hear."

We are transfigured by listening...
and our actions afterwards can change anything and everything.



"Teacher, which is the
greatest commandment in the
Law?"

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord
your God with all your heart
and with all your soul and
with all your mind.' This is
the first and greatest
commandment. And the
second is like it: 'Love your
neighbour as yourself.' All the
Law and the Prophets hang
on these two commandments."
Mt 22: 36 - 40

Surely, if everyone listened, remembered and followed these two commandments as Jesus taught, nothing bad would ever happen in our world ... and yet still it does. However, there are also people and stories of their lives that can inspire us and lead us back to following God's ways - just as Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan taught us how to behave to those who were different to us and in need.

So, this week perhaps it is pertinent to reflect on the events throughout World History that threatened whole races of people through hatred, discrimination, persecution, and extermination - just because of their differences and the rule of dictators. Yet, there were "Good Samaritans" who ensured the plans were ultimately unsuccessful, although great costs and sacrifices had already been paid.

Last Monday, the 27th January was Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD); it is the 27th of January each year. This is a time to remember the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust, under Nazi Persecution and in the genocides which have followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur.

It is a time when we can reflect and seek to learn the lessons of the past and recognise that genocide does not just take place on its own - it's a steady process which can begin if discrimination, racism and hatred are not checked and prevented. It breeds the consequences of exclusion, prejudice and intolerance. It erodes and devalues the fundamental human rights - equal rights - the freedom of thought, conscience, expression and religion and the right to asylum from persecution. It identifies certain practices, beliefs or customs as being in some way inferior to our own making the first step to normalising supremacy. It leads to conspiracy and an untruthful way of living: lies, rumours and gossip become normal - there is a growing fear or threat for our own security that plays on our minds and emotions leading to a lack of respect, trust or understanding - so treating others differently, is deserved! Yet, if we listen to the teachings of scripture we know this is not true.

We're fortunate here in the UK; we are not at immediate risk of genocide. But we should not ignore it or become immune to its subtlety or reach. The discrimination, denigration and dehumanisation of some sections of Societies throughout the World has not ended, nor has the use of the language of hatred or exclusion. There is still much to do to create a safer future for all throughout the World and HMD is an opportunity to start this process.

The theme for HMD 2020 was Stand Together. It explored how genocidal regimes throughout history have deliberately fractured societies by marginalising certain groups, and how these tactics can be challenged by individuals standing together with their neighbours, and speaking out against oppression.

An example of this can be found in the story of St Maximilian Kolbe offering us inspiration; showing what a true Good Samaritan might do. He was born in Poland and was a Franciscan Monk. He founded the Immaculata Movement devoted to Our Lady. He like the Jews was a thorn in the side of the Nazis. While imprisoned by the Nazis, in the German death camp of Auschwitz, ten men were chosen to die in reprisal for a supposed prisoner escape. He volunteered to die in place of a stranger - a young husband and father. He was the last of the ten to die after enduring two weeks of thirst, starvation and neglect, but unlike the others he had to be killed by lethal injection and he was still praying and trusting in God.

'Woe to mankind, if God's Holy Commandments are not only broken,
but if transgression is actually tolerated and permitted to go unpunished.'

Do you pray and trust in God?
Do you look to the scriptures to guide you?
Are you ready to be a Good Samaritan to those in need?
Are you ready to make the World a better place?

'Don't be content in your life just to do no wrong,
be prepared everyday to try and do some good.'
Sir Nicholas Winton,
who rescued 669 children from Nazi-occupied Europe

Readings for Reflection from the Gospels



Quotes in use in everyday life from the Gospel of St Matthew

If you have ears to hear (Mt 11:15),
Not fit to carry his boots (Matthew 3:11)
The salt of the earth (Mt 5:13)
Go the extra mile (Mt 5:41)
Don't let your left hand know what the right is doing (Mt 6:3)
You can't serve two masters (Mt 6:24)
Here today, gone tomorrow (Mt 6:30)
Don't cast pearls before swine (Mt 7:6)
The narrow gate (Mt 7:14)
Like wolves in sheep's clothing (Mt 7:15)
By their fruits you'll know them (Mt 7:20)
A house built on sand (Mt 7:26)
Like sheep among wolves (Mt 10:16)
He who has ears to hear (Mt 11:15)
He who's not with me is against me (Mt 12:30)
There'll be weeping and gnashing of teeth (Mt 13:42)
The blind leading the blind (Mt 15:14)
A millstone around his neck (Mt 18:6)
The eleventh hour (Mt 20:6)
The chosen few (Mt 20:16)
Practise what you preach (Mt 23:3)
Burning the midnight oil (Mt 25:6)
Separate the sheep from the goats (Mt 25:32)
He washed his hands of it (Mt 27:24)

The Dignity of Difference:
"The things that differentiate us are at times used
as the reasons to divide us."

"May the anniversary of the unspeakable cruelty that humanity learned of seventy-five years ago serve as a summons to pause, to be still and to remember. We need to do this, lest we become indifferent." (Pope Francis)

God of the past, present, and future,

We remember today, 75 years since the liberation of Auschwitz, the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust, the millions of other victims of Nazi persecution, and all those who have been targeted and killed in subsequent genocides.

We remember those who, having survived genocide, share their stories with us:

We give thanks to You for the lessons of human stories, both in their suffering and in their joy.

We remember those who stood up against injustice and saved lives:

We give thanks to You for their example.

Together we acknowledge the sacrifice of those that stood together with those who suffered during the Holocaust and other genocides.

And we affirm that every life is loved by You and sacred.

Yet, during the Holocaust too many failed to stand together with their neighbours. Oppression stains Your world and contradicts Your love.

So we pray that You will inspire us now as we stand together on this day in the love that we know of God in Christ Jesus.

Let us commit to remembering:

And glorify God in our words and actions.

We make these prayers in the name of Christ Jesus who through His life, death, and resurrection, journeys with us into the eternal hope of Your truth and light.

Amen

"First they came for the communists,
and I did not speak out -
because I was not a communist;

Then they came for the socialists,
and I did not speak out -
because I was not a socialist;

Then they came for the trade unionists,
and I did not speak out -
because I was not a trade unionist;

Then they came for the Jews,
and I did not speak out -
because I was not a Jew;

Then they came for me,
and there was no one left to speak out for me!

Pastor Martin Niemöller

**IS YOUR CHILD BORN
BETWEEN SEPTEMBER
2016 - AUGUST 2017?
IF SO, HAVE YOU
APPLIED FOR OUR
NURSERY**



**This is a lovely nursery
and everyone, both staff
and children, really care
for each other'**

**Ofsted: Children in the early
years achieve well, particularly
in early literacy and
mathematics. In both the Nursery
and Reception classes,
children thrive and develop into
enthusiastic and happy learners.**

**Please visit our school website
and Twitter page to learn more
about St Bernadette's Catholic
Primary School and Nursery and
see all the fantastic learning
opportunities that are available
to children that attend.**

www.siberns.co.uk

[www.twitter.com/SibernsPrimary](https://twitter.com/SibernsPrimary)

**Teachers are great and they're
always happy to help'**

Speaking and Listening

Playing and exploring

Learning Numbers and Letters

Social Skills and Making Friends

ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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