

St Bernadette's RCP Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023



Together we Learn. Together we Achieve. Together we grow in God's Love

Advent

This year, Advent begins on Sunday December 3rd. It is a very special time of the year when the Church waits and prepares for the coming of Jesus at Christmas. This time of preparation for Christmas is most important in our school community as it helps the children to focus on the real meaning of Christmas. Please come along and join us to celebrate our Advent assemblies if you can.

Dates are as follows:

Monday 4th December 9:00am in school hall

Tuesday 12th December 9:00am in school hall

Monday 18th December 9:00am in school hall



Advent Packs

During the season of Advent, your child will come home with an Advent pack; a tradition that has been taking place for many years here at our school. Please take some quiet time to set this up with your child, light the candle, write a prayer into the book etc and then return it to school the following day, ready for another child to take home.

Christmas Mass

Christmas Mass is on Thursday 21st December at 9:30 am at church. All welcome.

Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies team are helping those in need this Advent and would really appreciate any foodbank, toiletries and new warm clothing donations that you can spare. Please send in any day during Advent or with the Advent prayer pack when you receive it. We are working with Caritas and the Parish Food bank to ensure that all the items get to the people that need it this year. Caritas campaign advert has been shared with the children in school and we are encouraging each other to #BeeThere for someone. We talked about how a small change can make a big difference.



Attendance

A polite reminder that school starts at 8.55am. School gates/classroom doors open at 8.45am giving a 10-minute window for you to arrive in school on time. If your child is late, please report to the School Office and sign your child in.

Term Dates Academic year 2024 2025

Please find attached with this newsletter the term dates for next academic year. These dates are also available on our website under the tab 'What's on'.

Parents' Evening

Thank you for attending our Parents' Evening recently. We had nearly 100% attendance again which is fantastic. We will continue to keep in touch and we are always here to help in any way we can.

Punctuality and Attendance

There have been 19 occasions of late arrivals this week.

Our Attendance Target is 96%

Our Attendance so far:

W/b 30th Oct - 95.79%

W/b 6th Nov - 96.09%

W/b 13th Nov - 95.92%

W/b 20th Nov - 95.58%

Great attendance and thank you for your support!



PSHE Workshops

Next week we will be having two full days of PSHE workshops. The children will do lots of work around mental and physical health and well-being.

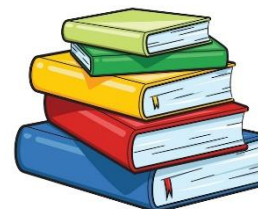
School places for September

Admissions to school are now open to apply for a place in September 2024. Please see Bury Admissions website to apply for a place.

Please remember to send in your child's Baptism certificate, a proof of address and a supplementary information form to the school office as soon as you can. The closing date for applying is 15th January 2024.

Reading Sheds

We hope the Reading Sheds are working well. It is great to see children and their families choosing books and returning the ones they have already read!



Home /School Journals

Please make sure your child brings their Home/School journal to school each day. It needs to be signed each day and should be used as the main form of communication between school and home.

Dates for Diary

Fri 24th Nov	Bottle Donation today – Non-uniform day
Fri 24th Nov	Christmas Fair
Wed 29th Nov	Christmas Panto day
Thurs 30th Nov	SCARF Life Workshops in school
Fri 1st Dec	SCARF Life Workshops in school
Mon 4th Dec	SCARF Life Workshops (EYFS) in school
Wed 6th Dec	Reception and Nursery class Nativity at 10am and 2pm in school hall
Thurs 7th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
Mon 11th Dec	Key Stage 1 Nativity – 10am and 2pm in school hall
Wed 13th Dec	Elfridges in school hall
Thurs 21st Dec	Christmas Mass in church – 9.30am
Fri 22nd Dec	School closes – EYFS – 1.20pm/KS1 – 1.25pm/KS2 – 1.30pm

Further information will follow for some of these events and activities. If any dates change, we will let you know. We will also let you know if any dates are added. Please check your email and text messaging for further updates.