



St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

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Bernadette's Blog



Mrs Fallon writes...

Dear children,

As we reach the end of another very busy term, I would like to congratulate you all on your achievements so far this year. Once again, your hard work and commitment to learning has been reflected in your end of term reports, your gifts and talents shared on our weekly blog and demonstrated beautifully in our recent nativity performances.

This term, we have welcomed our Nursery children into school who have amazed us with the way in which they have confidently settled into school life.

We could not have been prouder watching them take the stage in front of a packed hall to perform their recent nativity—we can see great things ahead for this bunch! Our reception children too, have transitioned into 'big school' superbly well and are at complete ease around school and with staff. A huge thanks must go to their Y6 special friends who have supported them beautifully during their first term in school.

Spiritually, we have been preparing for Christmas through our whole school liturgies, singing, nativities and our Advent mission—to share the power of prayer. It has been an absolute privilege, again, for all of the staff to watch how you have risen brilliantly to the challenge - both in school, in our community, nationally AND internationally! Your thoughtfulness, generosity and big hearts have touched many people and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you. We have loved reading messages from those who have found the prayer pods or have been given them. We know those people have been touched by your thoughts but we also know that they have only had a small insight into what we have the joy of seeing every day in school—the pupils of St. Bernadette's putting their faith into action and really trying to live our school's vision statement. Well done to you all!

To all parents, carers and our wonderful PTA,

'Thank you' doesn't seem enough to express how much we appreciate everything you do for our school community. It has been a very busy term in school for staff and pupils but we do recognise how busy it has been for families too with parents evenings, fairs, key stage liturgies, nativities and many other events held in school. Your support makes everything so much more special for the children and the staff really appreciate your support. Your on-going contributions, comments and generosity of time and donations have been overwhelming - thank you!

So, on behalf of the Governors and all of the staff, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Mrs Fallon and all the staff at St. Bernadette's!

The Magical Christmas Jigsaw



Our Key Stage 2 children came together on Wednesday evening to fill the church with the wonderful story of the Nativity.

The children acted, danced and sang their hearts out!

They were absolutely amazing!!

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children and for patience shown with the ticketing situation.

It was lovely to see the church so full!

Special thanks must go to Evie's family for letting us borrow their most precious procession, baby Arlah.

She was the perfect baby for our final piece of the jigsaw.



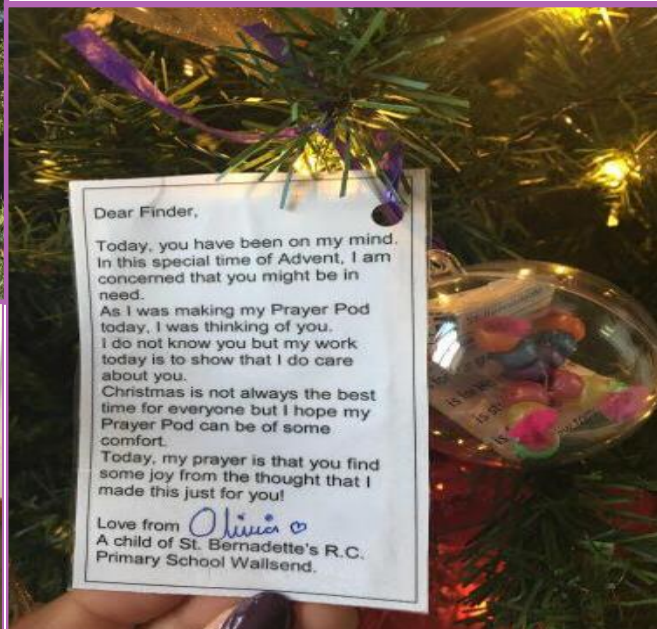
#Prayitforward

Our Advent Project, **#Pray it forward**

Don't forget to visit our Face Book page to read all about the latest happenings.



During a visit to Beamish on Sunday, Joseph chose to leave his prayer pod on one of the Christmas trees near the fairground. When he went past later in it had been collected by somebody!



Another Prayer Pod has been found! 'My family found this prayer pod at Center Parcs in Whinfell forest at the weekend and made us smile. Thank you Olivia x' Thank you Joanne for letting us know

Dear Isabel,
Thank you so much for my wonderful prayer bauble. It was a nice surprise to find it waiting for me when I got home. I enjoyed reading the prayers and especially liked the jelly bean one. Your drawing of the many coloured hearts was amazing. It was very neat and you had kept in the lines wonderfully well.
I hope you and your sisters have a fantastic Christmas and that Santa is kind to you and leaves you all lots of presents.
Thank you again.
Liz.



A beautiful gesture!!
'Hi this is a photo of Scarlett giving a Prayer Pod to her brother in his new home in Sunderland.'

'Isabel wanted to leave her prayer pod outside of our church this morning. She wants to pray for our community in and around North Shields'
What a fantastic way to begin the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Well done Isabel





Travelling Cribs



Sienna was very grateful and excited to have the privilege of bringing home the travelling crib. She and her brother Zach worked together to put up the crib and they enjoyed reading the book and saying the prayer together.



Harry did a great job with all the activities in the travelling crib, when he had it at home.



Matthew enjoyed exploring the travelling crib and reading the Christmas story.



Freya and Cameron enjoyed sharing the travelling crib.



Lily-Grace enjoyed following the travelling crib activities.

Jake had the travelling crib home for the first time this year.



Layton put the crib beside his beautiful Christmas tree.

Faye, Ewan and Sean reflected and prayed together.



Our Choir

Mrs Milner, Mrs Rudd and the Choir have been really busy over this Christmas season!

They sang at the Walkergate Hospital, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, St Bernadette's Parish Bingo and Beacon Hill's Christingle Service. Well done to all!



Key Stage One Christingle Service

On Wednesday morning our Key Stage One children came together to celebrate their own Christingle Service. The hall was filled with the beautiful twinkling lights of the Christingle oranges that the children had made.

Travelling Crib



Ollie and Sebby enjoyed setting up the travelling crib. Sebby told Ollie the story of the nativity he'd learnt in nursery!



Sports and Achievements

Jake S, Jake B, Harry and Finley all enjoyed their 2 night camp at Powburn with their cub and beaver group last weekend. Well done, lads!



Congratulations to Phoebe who was named "Most Improved Gymnast" by her Gymnastic Academy. The first to receive this award. Magic!



We love to hear all about your achievements! If you want to be on this page, take a photo and please send it to: stbernadettes.primary@northtyneside.gov.uk



Ollie has passed stage 6 swimming award.

We are so pleased for you, Ollie-well done!



Here is Josephine with her beautiful medal and certificate for Passing her Cheer Dancing exams. Congratulations, Josie!



Gracie was delighted to gain her Stage 7 Swimming Award. She is all ready now for Stage 8!



Charlie has received another award for Judo. He was named "Most Dedicated Student" What an honour. Congratulations!



Olivia and Layla did a fabulous performance for their Christmas Ice Show. Love the costumes! Olivia then went on to achieve her Level 12 award in ice skating. Well done!!



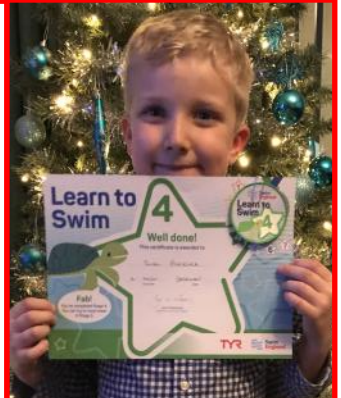
More Sports and Achievements

No wonder, Lily is smiling. She has gained so many awards in Pop Steps and Cheer dance this week, that she didn't have enough hands!

A great effort!



Jake has now gained his Stage 4 award in swimming. Well done, Jake!



Congratulations to Amber!

She has gained her Amber received her purple belt in kickboxing .. super proud of her!



Hannah had terrific success in swimming this week. She achieved all sorts of awards in all sorts of strokes That's brilliant!



Congratulations to Kacper, seen here with his medal for completing first stage skills at the football class



Freya received her trophies for passing her ballet, tap and modern exams. She also passed her stage 4 in swimming.

Halle received her trophies for passing her first ballet, tap and modern exams.



Here's Isla with her 10 metre swimming badge. Well done, Isla!

What smashing achievements!!



Ava has just passed her Stage 1 swimming badge. Brilliant!!



We loved what Kacper and Maya did with their travelling crib at home! All their toys came to visit.



Even More Sports and Achievements Happy Birthday!



Jessica received this lovely certificate for taking part in athletics.



Evan received this medal for performing his football skills well.





Our Christmas Time



Birthday



Messages from the School Office

Breakfast Club

Parents and Carers MUST BOOK A PLACE ONLINE FOR BREAKFAST CLUB.

The booking page does not close until 8pm on Friday evenings for the next week.

Numbers are growing and places are limited. Don't miss out!

You may now book on all the way to Easter. Miss Coates has been busy again!!!!

Please remember children requiring breakfast must be in by 8.15am please.



Pupil Absence

If you do not inform us via ParentMail or the telephone absence line that your child will not be in school, you will receive a text message asking you to call the school office.

Many thanks!



Year 5 News

In the New Year, we are very much looking forward to welcoming Mr Gillie as our new Year 5 teacher to cover Mrs Hall's maternity leave. Mr Gillie has spent some time in school this term getting to meet the children and work with staff. He is very much looking forward to starting the New Year with us. Mrs Hall will be with us for a short time in the New Year.

After School Clubs

All payments should be complete if your child is booked on an After School Club.

Go to Parentpay.

Look in "Shop" and put the item into your basket.

Please phone the office if you have any difficulties. 200 7363.

Message from Father John

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve Mass 7pm at St. Aidan's Church

(Carols from 6.30pm)

Christmas Day Mass at 10am at St. Bernadette's Church



Mass: Sunday 11.30am
Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820
www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk



Star of the Week

Dates for your Diary

7th January Crossing Training for all Y3 children

8th January Olympic Sponsorship Launch Assembly

For more dates check out our website at

www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk



Thank you to everyone

who has supported

Holy Toast this term!

We have raised

over £300 towards sending

a child to Lourdes.

Nursery	Everyone! For a great start to
Reception (AW)	Luca D
Reception (SK)	Livia
Year 1	Amelia
Year 1/2	Finley
Year 2	Joe B
Year 3	Jessica C
Year 3/4	Sophie S
Year 4	Eve B
Year 5	Lily P
Year 5/6	Leland
Year 6	Hannah



Mission Value

Our value for this term is
"Belonging"

Attendance of the week

Congratulations!
to the 99 children
who have achieved
100% this term!