



St. Bernard's RC Primary & Nursery School

A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

What a busy term this has been! As always, so much high quality learning has taken place. This last few weeks in school have been extremely busy with the sounds of children singing carols and nativity rehearsals filling the building. It really is a special time of the year in school. It has been delightful to watch the Nursery and KS1 Nativities and finally the KS2 Carol Service. The children are an absolute credit to you all.

Travelling Crib

During Advent, our children enjoyed taking a Travelling Crib home to share with their families. This is to help them to remember the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem and, as a family, to take time to stop and think about the true meaning of Christmas.



Cathedral

Some of our children represented St Bernard's at the HFCMAT Carol Service which was held in the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. It was a wonderful evening as children from all our trust schools came together to celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus. Our children sang beautifully and made me feel very proud.

Attendance

Huge congratulations to our children and families who have enjoyed excellent attendance and we hope this continues into 2025. The children are enjoying our weekly raffle for those who have been in all week. Every day in school counts!

Our school attendance is currently 94% - unfortunately we are not reaching our attendance target of 96%+. As you are aware, improving attendance is a key priority for the school. Missing school has a huge impact on children's education and well-being. We are continuing to work with families to improve this and support in any way we can.

Please remember that any family holidays planned for spring or summer term time will not be authorised and could result in fixed penalty notices being served by Cheshire West and Chester.

Team 2 are this half termly winners with 97.7% attendance! They will be treated to a class treat in the new year.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everybody who supported our Christmas Fair. Everybody had a wonderful time and we raised £527! A huge thank you to all the parents, teachers and children who helped run the stalls.



ELF Run

During the season of Advent we have been thinking of those people living through difficult times. We had a visitor from 'The Hospice of the Good Shepherd' who explained how much money is required to support their patients. The hospice has helped thousands of people, and their families, living with life limiting illness. All pupils were sponsored to run and exercise with Santa. I will let you know in January how much we raised.



COP29 Event

We are proud of our T3 & 4 students who confidently read aloud poems about sustainability at the first ever @HFCMAT COP29 event. Sean from Chester Zoo reminded them about the importance of the voice of young people.



Outdoor Play & Learning (OPAL)

We have continued to develop our outdoor play provision. Following on from some grounds work the children are now able to access the Prayer Garden and enjoy running around on the grass. We are delighted to be on track to achieve a Gold OPAL Award later in the year.

Please remember that children are able to bring in wellies and spare trousers/joggers to prevent their school shoes and clothes getting muddy.

Christmas Masses

CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday 24 December

Our Lady Star of the Sea, 5pm
Our Lady Star of the Sea, MIDNIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY - Wednesday 25 December

Our Lady Star of the Sea, 10am

Sunday Masses 28/29 December at the usual times of Saturday vigil 5pm, Sunday 9am and 11am

New Years Eve - Tuesday 31 December

Our Lady Star of the Sea, 12:15pm
Our Lady Star of the Sea, Benediction 4pm

THE BEGINNING OF THE HOLY YEAR

New Years Day - Wednesday 1 January 2025

Our Lady Star of the Sea, 12:15pm

I am sure that you will join me in thanking all the wonderful staff for their commitment, enthusiasm and devotion. We really are blessed with a fabulous team at St Bernard's. As always, thank you so much to all of you for your support this term. On behalf of staff and governors, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and hope you manage to enjoy the peace and blessings of spending time with loved ones during this very special season.

Kind regards,
Julie Le Feuvre
Head of School

SPRING TERM STARTS TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY 2024

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