

Our Vision:
**EXCELLENCE
IN ALL WE DO**



Our Mission:
**TO GROW,
LOVE AND LEARN
FOLLOWING JESUS**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year. Many thanks to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support. Our children have settled into their new classes and Team Reception is well into the routine of full time school.

Thank you for your generous contributions to our Harvest food collection. They were collected this week by our local SVP and will be distributed to needy families in our parish.

Please do follow us on [X \(formerly Twitter\)](#) to see what we have been up to! The children at St Bernard's have so many opportunities and following us will ensure that you are kept up to date with what is happening across the whole school.

Ellesmere Port & Hooton Cup



Well done to all our children who represented St Bernard's at the first of our annual inter-school parish football competitions. It was a great event with all four of the Catholic primary schools taking part. It was lovely to come together as one parish. Our team won 2nd place and every child was awarded with a medal and refreshments. Thank you to everyone who came along to support and take part in this great event.

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Attendance

Attendance and punctuality are very important to us. Attendance and academic performance are strongly linked, so it is important that all children are in class on time every day at 8.45am. Even if they are a few minutes late it all adds up to hours of lost learning over time. Our whole school attendance is **94%** - this is below the national average. Congratulations to Team 5, who have won this half-terms attendance treat, with 98.8% attendance.

We know that sometimes our pupils cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other students. Medical advice is clear however that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

Under the national rules, all schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons. From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. If a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160. Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

Please be reminded that these rules are set by the government and any money raised by fines does not come into school funds. Money raised via fines is used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support.

At St Bernard's we want the amount of missed education to be reduced as much as possible. We believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our pupils in school, on time, every day. We are building life skills, life-long friendships and preparing your child for future success. Children in the main school have learnt how they can be an attendance HERO today.

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Let us continue to work together to ensure our children do not miss a moment of their learning. We know that you can have a significant effect on your child's/children's absences this academic year and we would really appreciate your help and support ensuring that they come to school every day so that they can get the best possible outcomes. We want to work with you to achieve this – **please call or come in if there is anything we can do to support you or your child. We appreciate that every family's situation is unique.**

Nursery

Please pass on our details to anyone you know who is looking for a Nursery place for their child. We have a qualified teacher working in the setting, supported by well-qualified, experienced staff. St Bernard's currently has places for 2 and 3 year olds. We do find that our Nursery children transition to the main school with ease as they are used to visiting and our way of working.

ST BERNARD'S RC PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

**Places available for 2
& 3 year olds**

A provision FOR 2 - 4 year olds

Funded places ★ ★ ★

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Please pass on our details to anyone else you may know who is looking for a nursery place for their child.

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Nut Allergy

Due to a member of our school community having a nut allergy, we must now make sure we have no nut products within our setting. Those who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

Please ensure that no nut products are brought into school or put in lunch boxes.

Thank you again for your continued support. Have a fabulous half-term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th November.

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