



St. Bernard's RC Primary & Nursery School

A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

As always, it has been a packed 6 weeks at St Bernard's! All children have enjoyed extra curricular activities and Team 6 especially enjoyed their residential trip to Robin Wood.

This week, all the children have participated in our Easter Prayer Trail. On Monday, Team 3 presented their class assembly: re-telling the events of Palm Sunday. Team 5 continued the story this morning from the Last Supper and the betrayal in the Garden of Gethsemane, to the trial and crucifixion. All the pupils spoke with emotion and passion.

Attendance

Huge congratulations to our children and families who have enjoyed excellent attendance and we hope this continues. Every day in school counts!

Our school attendance is currently 93%; 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 will continue to work with families to improve this and offer support in any way we can.

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

Half termly attendance winners-Team 6 are this half termly winners! They achieved an attendance of 96%. They will be treated to a surprise after the holidays.

Helping Others

All pupils have taken part in a series of fundraising activities to raise money for CAFOD. Our School Parliament chose the CAFOD World Gift 'Healthy Mum & Baby'. This helps vulnerable mothers and their babies access life-saving healthcare through medical camps, postnatal care, nutritious food, and expert advice from local health workers.

Thank you so much to all the families that came to our Easter Bingo - we raised £357. Our Easter raffle raised £174. The main prizes were won by Lyandra (T3) and Amanda (T4). The money will be used to further enhance our OPAL play provision at lunchtimes.

Support for families

The Government's Household Support Fund will end on 31 March 2026 and will be replaced by a new Crisis and Resilience Fund from 1 April 2026. Support for residents experiencing financial hardship will continue. You do not need to take any action at this stage. More information will be shared soon. If you need help now, you can find support, advice, and support at:

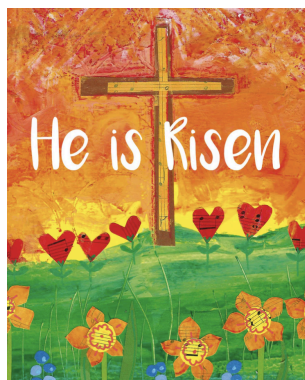
<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/benefits-and-welfare-help/cost-of-living/crisis-and-resilience-fund>

E-Safety

Please check what your child is accessing on their devices. The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they are suitable for your child. We have so many issues brought into school from WhatsApp groups- even though the minimum age for this app is 16. Always encourage them to use their tech devices in a shared space like the lounge or kitchen so you can keep an eye on how they are using the internet.

Easter is a time of reflection, renewal, and hope - a time to celebrate new beginnings and the promise of brighter days ahead. On behalf of the team at St. Bernard's I wish you, and your families, a very happy and holy Easter.

Julie Le Feuvre
Headteacher



Holy Week in Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church:

Thursday 2nd April Holy Thursday	5.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	<i>Confessions available until 6.00pm</i> <i>Rehearsal with Altar Servers</i> Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by <i>Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>Church Closed at 10pm</i>
Friday 3rd April Good Friday <i>Day of Fasting & Abstinence</i>	10.00am 3.00pm	<i>Stations of the Cross led by the Children of the Parish and Altar Servers - Confessions available until 12.00pm</i> The Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Saturday 4th April Holy Saturday	5.15pm 7.00pm 8.00pm	<i>Confessions available until 6.30pm</i> <i>Rehearsal with Altar Servers, Readers, Musicians, etc</i> Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter
Sunday 5th April Easter Sunday	9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	The People of the Parish <i>Confessions available until 10.45am</i> The People of the Parish + Children's Liturgy

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20th April