



CHRISTMAS 2023

St. Bernard's RC Primary & Nursery School

A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

A note from our Head of School

Here we are at the end of Autumn term. During this time of Advent, the children have thought about the positive changes that they can make in preparation for the birth of Jesus. The services and nativities have absolutely warmed my heart. We have lit the candles of hope, love, joy and peace and the children have enjoyed participating in an Advent Prayer Trail. Every child will be given a Christmas prayer card so that they can remember the true meaning of Christmas over the holiday period.

What a busy term this has been! So much high quality learning has taken place - not just in the classroom but in after school clubs, sporting events, and other visits outside school. The children love sharing their work and talking about their learning. 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.

Julie Le Feuvre





Christmas Mass Times



CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday 23 December

St Saviour 5pm

CHRISTMAS EVE Sunday 24 December

St Mary of the Angels 9am

Our Lady Star of the Sea 11am

Our Lady Star of the Sea 6pm

St Saviour (Syro-Malabar Mass) 8.30pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea 12 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY Monday 25 December

Our Lady Star of the Sea 10am



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 Advent Service 'From Darkness to Light' which took place at the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. It was lovely to see all the children from the trust together.





First Forgiveness

Thank you to all the children and families who attended the First Forgiveness service. We are very proud of all our children. Thank you to Miss Lloyd for all her work in preparing the children for this event.



Festive Run

Thank you to everybody who sponsored their child to take part in this run. The children loved running with Santa and even got to keep their hats. The event raised money for 'The Hospice of the Good Shepherd' - we will let you know how much we raised in the new year. The hospice has helped thousands of people, and their families, living with life limiting illness.






Pop Choir Concert

Our Pop Choir performed brilliantly this week-such talent. They finished with a Christmas boogie with their families! They also entertained the elderly at The Coronation Centre.

Christmas Fair

Thank you to everybody who supported our Christmas Fair. Everybody had a wonderful time and we raised £541! A huge thank you to all the PTA, teachers and children who helped run the stalls.

Goodbye



I am letting you know that Miss Sherlock will be leaving St Bernard's today. She has completed her training and has secured a job in another local school. She will be missed by pupils and staff and I am sure that you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future.



*Goodbye
& Good Luck!*





Attendance

Huge congratulations to our children and families who have enjoyed excellent attendance and we hope this continues into 2023. Every day in school counts!

Our school attendance is currently 92.5% - unfortunately we are not reaching attendance target of 96%+. As you are aware, improving attendance is a key priority for the school. Missing school has 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.

Half termly attendance winners

Team 4 are this half termly winners! They will be treated to a surprise in the new year.

Team	% Attendance- Autumn 2 Half Term
R	86%
1	93.9%
2	90%
3	93.6%
4	95.5%
5	90.8%
6	92.9%





Water/Ice Safety

Please remind your child about these guidelines:

Always tell an adult where you are going

Always stay together

Never venture out onto any frozen water as it may not be very strong

If a friend gets into difficulty throw something to them, don't try and rescue them

Call 999 and ask for the fire service – phones need to be charged and the call is free

If you fall into water, lie on your back and try and float by making a star shape



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CHRISTMAS



SPRING TERM STARTS MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2024

