



MAY 2023

# St. Bernard's RC Primary & Nursery School

A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

## A note from our Head of School

Our final half term break of the school year has arrived! As always, St Bernard's has been a hub of activity.

Year 6 have completed their SATs. A huge well done to each and every one of them for the maturity, confidence and perseverance they showed.. I was overwhelmed with their calm and conscientious manner. It is never an easy week for them but they kept on smiling throughout. They can now forget all about them and look forward to their final half term at St Bernard's.

Our children are loving play times. Thank you to OPAL for helping us on our outdoor play and learning journey. If you have not watched it already have a look at our video update:



[St B's Playground](#)

We have so much to look forward to during the next half term: it certainly promises to be busy! Please do refer to the 'Key Dates' information on our website.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Enjoy a week with your family and friends - hopefully the sun will shine!

Julie Le Feuvre





# What's been happening at St B's



## Coronation Lunch

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Coronation Lunch. The children enjoyed learning about this historical event. A huge thanks to Sue, Stacey and Dan for providing us with our Coronation Lunch-it was delicious!

## Attendance

This year to date our whole school attendance is 94.4%. As you know, we aim for over 96%. We have had lots of children with childhood illnesses but please remember that once they are feeling well enough we are happy to administer medicine in school (Once relevant forms have been completed).

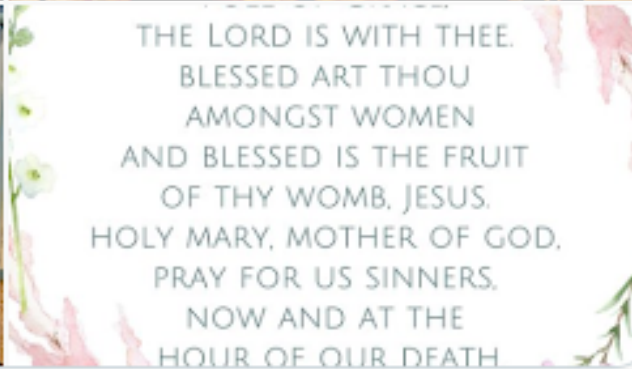
During this term, we do get an increase in requests for absences in order to take holidays. Whilst we do understand and sympathise that with the cost of living at the moment, taking holidays during term time can be a lot cheaper, we cannot authorise requests and these will be registered as 'Unauthorised absences'. This is in line with the advice of Chester and Cheshire West LA Attendance managers. Thank you for your understanding.

If a child's attendance falls below a certain level, our attendance team will invite parents into school for an attendance panel meeting. These are not intended to blame or judge but rather an opportunity to offer support, if needed, or give you the opportunity to talk about your child's absence with a view to working together. If you receive a letter, please don't worry, just come in and have a chat with us.

We also have had an increase in unauthorised attendance. All schools have to report unauthorised absence to the Local Authority and you may be issued with an Education Penalty Notice (EPN). Thank you for your cooperation with this.



# Team 1 Assembly

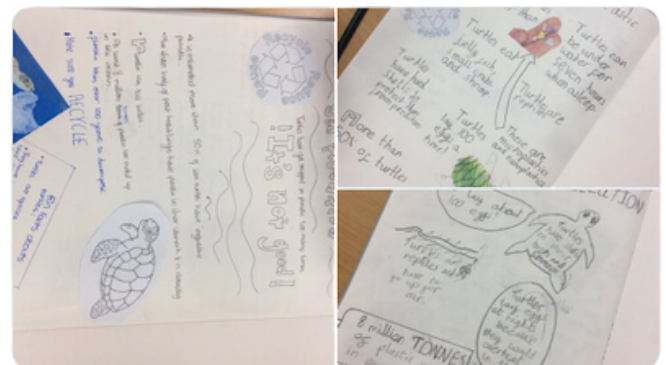


Thank you to Team One for a wonderful assembly dedicated to Mary. It was lovely to share the assembly with parents. They were proud to see their children confidently reading, singing and using props. They taught us so much about Mary and why we honour her in the month of May.

Well done Team One!



A lovely reflection in Team 2 thinking about Fratelli Tutti. The children set their own challenges so they can be a better global citizen.



Team 4 have been finding out about turtles and the impact on plastic pollution.



## What's been happening at St B's



Cathy Cross from Theatre Porto has worked with children, and staff, across the school to create small spaces linked to our curriculum. The children loved being inside the den, where their creative skills blossomed.



Jon Barton (Shrewsbury Diocesan Director of Music) continues to teach our children weekly. This is part of the National Schools Singing Programme (NSSP) and is aimed at improving children's confidence and academic attainment as well as helping them to better understand their religious faith.





# Nursery

Our Nursery children have enjoyed learning all about life on a farm. They had a visit from a farmer and asked lots of questions! They were also lucky enough to spend time with some chickens.

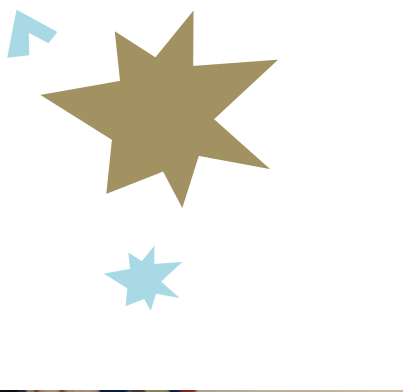




# Reception

## Share the Learning in Team Reception

Thank you to all our TR families who were able to come and share our Paddington themed share the learning session. It was a huge success and I know the children were very proud to share their activities and understanding around our current topic of 'Everyone's Welcome'.







# What's been happening at St B's

## Summer Term Whole School Project



This summer term our whole school project is all about 'Our Common Home'. We will be learning about Pope Francis' letter 'Laudato Si' and his call to action to take care of our planet. Being stewards of creation is our mission. All of our classes from Nursery to Team 6 will be learning about ways in which we can change our actions to ensure our planet has a brighter future.



To celebrate Earth Day each child planted a sunflower seed and took it home. We are looking forward to finding out whose sunflower grows the tallest.





## Recycle and raise money for our school

Just a reminder that we have a collection box in school for any old clothes-just hand them in to the office staff.

**We would love you to be involved in your child's learning.  
Here is how you can join in with the conservation fun.**

<b>Nursery</b>	Stay and play session focused on how we can help the environment <b>Monday 26th June at 2pm</b>
<b>Team R</b>	Creating undersea art/DT products for our gallery sale <b>Wednesday 28th June at 2pm</b>
<b>Team 1</b>	Making jewellery out of used plastic bags <b>Tuesday 27th June 2pm</b>
<b>Team 2</b>	Making bird feeders and wildflower bombs <b>Thursday 29th June 2pm</b>
<b>Team 3</b>	Making Mini Greenhouses to grow seeds or keep small plants. <b>Thursday 22nd June at 2:00pm</b>
<b>Team 4</b>	Planting seeds and bulbs in our playground to encourage bees and more wildlife to visit. <b>Tuesday 20th June at 2:00pm.</b>
<b>Team 5</b>	Recycling - making bird feeders and plant pots out of plastic items. <b>Monday 26 June from 2:00pm</b>
<b>Team 6</b>	Plastic sensory pyramids <b>Thursday 15 June 2:00-3.15pm</b>





# Parish Social Projects

Father Edmund is very keen for you to be aware of three 'flagship' social projects that have been launched in the parish. The three projects over Saturday, Sunday, and Monday are now permanent fixtures of the parish schedule and you are all welcome:

## HOT MEAL PROVISION

**What?** A free hot meal for anyone who wants one!

**Where?** Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre

**When?** Every Saturday, 12.30pm-2.30pm



## WEEKEND FOODBANK

**What?** Foodbank for those issued vouchers - emergency food packages

**Where?** Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish Centre

**When?** Every Sunday, 2pm-3pm



## SOCIAL SUPERMARKET

**What?** Bargain foods, pre-registering required but no means testing or being in receipt of benefits required. A week's shopping for around £8!

**Where?** St Saviour Church

**When?** Every Monday, 12pm-3pm

If you would like to be involved in providing these services, as part of a team of around 50 volunteers, then please contact the Parish Office: [parishoffice@rcchep.co.uk](mailto:parishoffice@rcchep.co.uk)

