

# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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At St Bernadette's we are fully committed to safeguarding our children. We expect all staff, parents and visitors to share this commitment.

## Sunday's Gospel

### (4TH SUNDAY OF LENT) Luke 15:1-3,11-32

"The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."



## Reflection on Sunday's Gospel

When this gospel comes around every three years, there is the temptation to read and pray it too quickly because we are overly familiar with it; son leaves home, squanders his money, goes back home and is forgiven by loving parents. But there is so much more to it than this. This is a story about *relationships*. The young man does leave home, and although against his parents' wishes, they don't stop him, they allow him the freedom to make his own decision. However, due to poor choices he realises the mistake he has made. Finding the courage, he returns home and is welcomed back with open arms by his parents but not his older brother who is angry and jealous. This could be any modern family, where relationships can often be difficult, strained and painful. Lent invites and encourages us to think about how we treat others. Perhaps during these remaining Lenten days we might ask ourselves, *how am I like the young son who left home? How am I like the loving parent who welcomed him home? How am I like the older brother who refused to rejoice and join in the celebrations?* We don't journey through Lent or more importantly through life on our own. We experience God through each other and we experience each other through God.

## Diary Dates

Please note dates may be subject to change at short notice depending on the current COVID situation.

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#### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Egg Raffle £1 a strip

#### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Egg Raffle £1 a strip  
Year 1-6 – Decorate an egg competition

Nursery and Reception -  
Easter Bonnet Parade

#### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April

9:30am - Whole School Mass

#### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April

100% attenders own clothes

#### Break up for Easter

Holiday's – Return to school  
on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> is a Staff  
Training Day.

### Easter Egg Raffle

We will be holding an Easter Egg Raffle in school for all pupils. Tickets will be sold in school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April, costing £1 per strip.  
Good luck!

### School Meals Increase

From 1<sup>st</sup> April, the cost for a school meal will increase to £2.20 for nursery children and to £2.50 for children in KS2. This increase is a result of inflation in food, transport and national insurance costs. **Therefore, from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April, the weekly cost for a school lunch will be £12.50 for children in KS2 and £11.00 for children in nursery. If you wish your child to change from school meals to packed lunches, please notify the office as soon as possible via email on [enquiry@stberns.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stberns.bham.sch.uk)**



**RIP**

It is with great sadness that one of our past pupils, Terea, has very sadly passed away.

Terea left St Bernadette's in 2014 and soon after moving to secondary school, was diagnosed with cancer. She was treated at the children's hospital. After finishing her treatment, she was in remission for a time but tragically, the cancer returned. Terea sadly lost her battle last weekend. Please keep Terea and her family in your prayers.

We have also heard the news that Fr Tony Rohan, who was parish priest of our Holy Family parish for many years, has been diagnosed with cancer. He is currently parish priest at Mary of Mount Carmel in Redditch. We do not have any further details at present but please also keep him in your prayers.

### McNally Award

*Each year, the staff nominate one child from each year band to be awarded the prestigious McNally award named after former Headteacher Mr McNally. The 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 was the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his passing and our Deputy and Head girls and boys attended his anniversary mass with Miss Cowings at Our Lady of Lourdes on this day last week. The children receiving this award have been chosen for always doing their best, showing impeccable manners and behaviour. This year's McNally children are:*

*Nursery: Iaiyana  
Reception: Aiofe  
Year 1: Edith  
Year 2: Manasi  
Year 3: Anayah  
Year 4: Abrar  
Year 5: Thea  
Year 6: Hanna*

*Congratulations to them all. They have made the school and their families incredibly proud of them.*

## Year 1 Cake Sale

The Year 1 Cake Sale took place last month raising a fantastic **£581.15** - this donation has been sent to Save the Children. Thank you all for your incredible generosity and well done Year 1.



## Amazing Achievements

Mischa in Y4 has been nominated as **best solo dancer** in the under 14 years old category by the **National Entertainment Awards** (North, Midlands, Wales & Scotland) and will be invited to perform at the prestigious red carpet awards night. The family would appreciate everyone's support by voting for Mischa on the Facebook poll link below. What an amazing achievement Mischa and good luck!

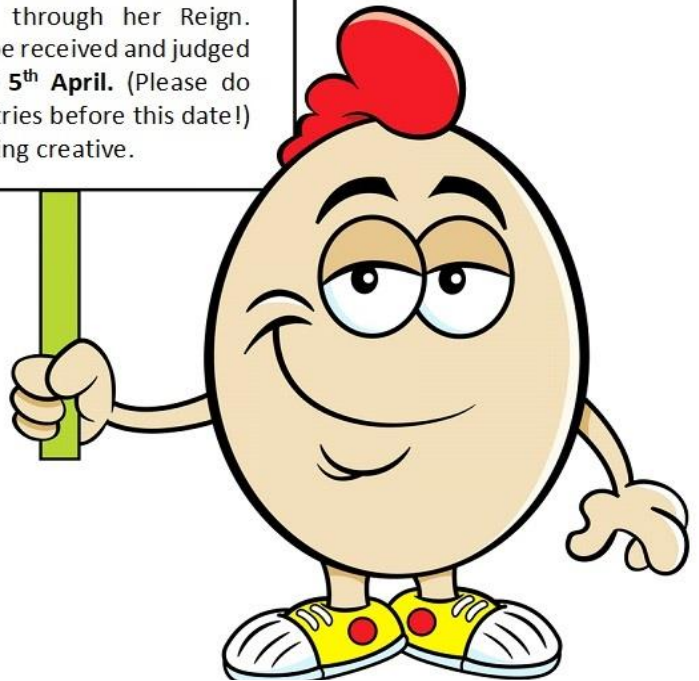
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Amy from Year 6 is representing Great Britain in the European Jiu-Jitsu Championships in Belgium in June this year. She said, *'I have been doing Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu for four years and during this time I have competed in several competitions. I am currently National, European and World Champion for my grade. The biggest BJJ competition is the Pan-American Championships held in America, which I hope to compete in in the future. The event in Belgium is the Pan-Am European event which is to be held in Belgium in June. I am so excited to be given the opportunity to compete at this event.'*

This is an amazing achievement for Amy and I know you will all be wishing her luck. We will let you know how she gets on. Good luck Amy.

## Decorate an Egg Competition

Children in **Year 1-6** are invited to decorate a hard-boiled egg on the theme of **The Queens Jubilee** – The Queen through her Reign. Entries will be received and judged on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**. (Please do not send entries before this date!) Have fun being creative.



## Easter Bonnet Parade – Nursery and Reception

As part of our Easter celebrations, we are holding an Easter Bonnet Parade on Tuesday 5th April for Reception and Nursery children. We ask you to make a bonnet with your child at home and send it into school on the morning of Tuesday 5th April in a named carrier bag. Please do not send it in before this date. We will be applauding all the children's efforts and awarding prizes for the most creative!



## Toiletries for Ukraine

As we see images of people fleeing their homes and becoming separated from their families to take refuge in neighbouring Countries, whilst those remaining taking cover in basements and bomb shelters, you may be thinking what we at St. Bernadette's can do to help. Next week, we as a School want to focus our efforts on collecting much needed toiletries for those people of Ukraine who are both fleeing the country and those still in the country. These include items such as: deodorant, nappies, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, shower gel, soap, hand sanitiser and wipes. There will be a box in the foyer of main school where you can make your donations. We thank you in advance for your kind donations, along with your thoughts and prayers for the people of Ukraine.



## Too Good to Go

The Too Good to Go app lets you buy and collect food at a great price so it gets eaten instead of wasted. Check it out!



### Online Safety Concerns – YUBO App

We have been made aware of concerns raised by West Midlands Police about an App called YUBO which is a social/ chat room/ live stream App that many children are using. There is evidence of inappropriate adults using this site to exploit children and young people.

**Poor Age Restrictions/Privacy Settings:** Although the terms and conditions state that YUBO is strictly for users above 13, there is no credible age-gate that can prevent a young child from joining the platform. Young people have been observed to connect with adults or mature teens on the app to chat with or even ask to be 'rated'. There is a growing concern that the app could be used for grooming. Adult predators have been known to create fake profiles displaying a teenager's persona to lure unsuspecting children into conversations. It is almost impossible to verify the true identity of a YUBO user.

**Livestream:** The livestream feature is the most worrying. Children can initiate live video streams of their day, in their bedrooms or any other location. Any number of strangers can view the stream and can send questions or interact via live text chat. These are not restricted to friends alone and are often open to strangers; users are then encouraged to add unknown attendees/viewers as friends during the stream. In addition, questions from strangers on livestream may result in teenagers giving away personal information and the most disturbing part of this feature is that anyone can record a livestream.

Please be aware of any Apps your child is using and monitor them closely. record a livestream.

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### Good Shepherd Appeal

**Help us reach more people in need by supporting our Good Shepherd Appeal**


Traditionally, each Lent school children all over the Archdiocese raise money for Father Hudson's Care. It is one of our oldest appeals dating back to when children would collect coins during the early days of the charity and is now one of our biggest and most vital fundraising campaigns.

Please return all Good Shepherd envelopes with whatever you can by the end of term. Thank you as always for your amazing generosity.

## Attendance

It is essential that children attend school regularly each day as poor attendance has a serious and long lasting impact on your child's development and education. If your child tests positive for COVID, the advice is for your child to isolate for 5 days. Please see the flowchart at the end of the newsletter for further guidance.

Attendance figures can be seen below. Well done RPD for the best attendance in Foundation Stage. Also a big well done 1OB & 2SF for the best attendance in KS1 and to 3TK to for the best attendance in KS2 and in the school.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
86%	RSD 94%	<b>1OB 95%</b>	<b>2SF 95%</b>	3EH 93%	4CB 95%	5EB 94%	6KL 93%
	RND 92%	1EG 93%	2SH 90%	<b>3TK 97%</b> 	4CM 94%	5KH 93%	6AMJ 94%
	RPD 95%		2COT 93%	3EL 94%	4RW 93%	5LC 96%	6ZB 93%

## Uniform Reminder

Please remember that trainers are not allowed to be worn and that all children should be wearing a St Bernadette's tie each day when they come to school.



Coins earned last 14 days

Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Martin	Jones	Reign	Ashin
Amalia	Jeremiel	Connor	Solianna
Igor	Joshua	Andrew	Romeo

## Sports News

On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, our Y5 and 6 football team restarted their league matches (after the winter break) against Brownmead Academy and Colebourne Primary. Firstly, they played an extremely competitive and challenging game against the previously undefeated Brownmead who took an early lead. However, the children persevered and thanks to a penalty and a wonderful top corner goal from Ashin, St Bernadette's were victorious 2-1.

In our next game, another fiercely competitive one against Colebourne, we were once again victorious 1-0.

Mr MJ would like to congratulate and thank all 9 children (Stephin, Spencer, Keigan, Amy, Connor, Eren, Ashin, Montini and Stanley) for their on-pitch efforts, impeccable behaviour and excellent sportsmanship throughout. He would also like to thank the parents who came to watch the children, the support was truly appreciated.

## Play Equipment

Please can I remind all parents that the play equipment is not to be used before or after school for health and safety reasons. Currently there are a number of children using this equipment and therefore not following the correct school procedures.

**Please ensure your child is NOT using the play equipment before or after school to ensure their safety. Thank you for your support in this matter.**

## Prayers for Ukraine

The children in Year 6 have been writing some prayers for the Ukrainian people.

Dear God, please help the teenagers of Ukraine that have to leave their homes. May they feel loved especially with their new families. I pray they will get back to their loving families soon. Amen (Raihan)

Dear God, please help the children who have travelled miles from their homes, find loving and caring families. Amen (Jack)

Loving Father, please help the children of Ukraine, help those who have lost loved ones find a family to look after them, like you have given to me. Shine a light in the darkness. Amen (Kyron)

Loving Father, please help the teenagers who have had to flee their homes. May their new guardians make them feel welcome and show them love, care and support. We hope war will cease and peace be grown and may they reunite with their friends and families soon. Lord hear our prayer. Amen. (Hermon)



## Medication

If your child requires prescribed medication throughout the day please ensure that it is sent in via the school office so that the necessary paperwork is completed. Please note – we will only issue prescribed medication and children should not be bringing this to school in their bags, it must come via the office. In the case of antibiotics, only those prescribed 4 times a day will be administered as those prescribed 3 times a day can be administered outside of school hours. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## Reminder School Fund

Thank you to those parents that have paid their £10 contribution to school fund for each child towards the cost of school trips. Your child/ren will take part in at least one trip each academic year and the cost of each trip exceeds the £10 contribution, when entrance fees and transport are taken into account. This, therefore, provides very good value for money. If you have yet to make payment of this, please could you login to <https://www.parentpay.com/> as soon as possible. Please note that this can be paid in instalments if required.

## Library

We are excited to be able to reopen our library for after school visits, commencing today. The timetable for this is below, with sessions ending at 3:20pm each day:

Monday: Year 6 and Nursery

Tuesday: Year 5 and Reception

Wednesday: Year 4 and Year 1

Thursday: Year 3 and Year 2

There may be occasions when we are not able to open due to staff availability: if the library is not available on your child's designated day, you can visit any other day that week. If the gate to the library is locked, it means the library is not open.

A reminder that books taken from the library must be taken care of; books lost or damaged will be subject to a charge in order to replace the book for others to enjoy. Pupils may only take one book out at a time and children in years 3-6 should have quizzed on their book before changing it. AR quizzes can be accessed at home, using this link: <https://ukhosted103.renlearn.co.uk/2232835/default.aspx>

## 10 Benefits of Reading

### 1. Children who read often and widely get better at it.

After all, practice makes perfect in almost everything humans do, and reading is no different.

### 2. Reading exercises our brain.

Reading is a much more complex task for the human brain rather than watching TV, for example. Reading strengthens brain connections and builds NEW connections.

### 3. Reading improves concentration.

Children have to sit still and quietly so that they can focus on the story when they are reading. If they read often, they will develop the skill to do this for longer.

### 4. Reading teaches children about the world around them.

Through reading a variety of books children learn about people, places, and events outside of their own experience.

### 5. Reading improves vocabulary and language skills.

Children learn new words as they read. Subconsciously, they absorb information on how to structure sentences and how to use words and other language features effectively in their writing and speaking.

### 6. Reading develops a child's imagination.

As we read our brains translate the descriptions we read of people, places and things into pictures. While we are engaged in a story we are also imagining how a character is feeling. Young children then bring this knowledge into their everyday play.

### 7. Reading helps children to develop empathy.

As children develop they begin to imagine how they would feel in that situation.

### 8. Reading is a fun.

A book or an e-reader doesn't take up much space and is light to carry, so you take it anywhere so you can never be bored if you have a book in your bag.

### 9. Reading is a great way to spend time together.

Reading together on the sofa, bedtimes stories and visiting the library are just some ways of spending time together.

### 10. Children who read achieve better in school.

Reading promotes achievement in all subjects, not just English. Children who are good readers tend to achieve better across the curriculum

We will always show respect and celebrate the efforts of others.



We will always solve our differences with love and kindness.



We will always remember that we are all part of the St Bernadette's family.



We will always respect our school environment, making sure it is clean and tidy.



We will always speak kindly and play considerately with others.



We are always quiet and calm when moving around our school.



We will always show good manners to everyone we meet in school.



#### Mission Statement

At St. Bernadette's Catholic school, you will find us caring, hardworking and co-operative. We follow the ways of Jesus using our talents and gifts to make our school special. We show respect to all and welcome you.

These are our revised class expectations that we have shared with all the children at the start of this half term. As we communicated to parents, these are at the heart of everything we do at St Bernadette's. Thank you for continuing to support us. At the heart of these expectations is our school mission statement in 'following the ways of Jesus' which we endeavour to do every day.

## Special Certificates

Each week a child from each class is nominated to receive a special certificate through the post. The pupils who are awarded these certificates have shown that they really understand what it means to live as Jesus taught us, perhaps by being particularly kind or helpful. Well done, to the following children:

CLASS	NAME	REASON	CLASS	NAME	REASON
<b>Nursery (Blue)</b>	Ava-Grace	For being a kind and caring friend.	<b>Nursery (Red)</b>	Briella	For always trying her very best and setting a great example to others.
<b>Nursery (Green)</b>	Ibrahim	For fantastic phonics.	<b>Nursery (Yellow)</b>	Thea	For always being kind to others.
<b>Nursery (Orange)</b>	Dua	For beautiful manners!	<b>3TK</b>	Logan	For his wonderful reading at the Sacrament of Reconciliation Service.
				Arianna	For her wonderful behaviour in class and being a fantastic role model.
<b>RND</b>	Imaan	For trying so hard in phonics!	<b>4CB</b>	Shylah	For giving super answers in class lessons.
	Jamila	For super phonics!		Qasim	For always making a positive contribution in lessons.
<b>RPD</b>	Grear	For great reading in her Phonics lessons.	<b>4CM</b>	Callie-Mai	For working hard on her times tables.
	Sophia	For always being a kind friend and having a positive attitude.		Haris	For always being a super role model to his peers.
<b>RSD</b>	Peniel	For great reading and writing.	<b>4RW</b>	Thea	For always being optimistic
	Amreen	For great reading and writing.		Lacey	For her fantastic work in English – Well done 😊
<b>1EG</b>	Lewis	For working hard to improve his handwriting/presentation.	<b>5EB</b>	Zunairah	For being helpful with jobs every morning.
	Konrad	For working hard to improve his handwriting/presentation.		Daisy	For being helpful with jobs every morning.
<b>1OB</b>	Brianna	For producing beautiful RE work!	<b>5KH</b>	Justin	For producing a great play script in English.
	Harper	For always using her manners and being kind to others.		Jack	For trying hard in our maths lessons.
<b>2COT</b>	Elias	Excellent answers in Maths.	<b>5LC</b>	Lillian	For great contributions to science lessons.
	Chloe	For excellent answers in class lessons.		Kaidey-Leigh	For trying really hard in maths.
<b>2SF</b>	Saad	For wonderful writing in English.	<b>6AMJ</b>	Sienna-Rose	For an excellent piece of written RE work.
	Iga	For always being polite and a wonderful role model.		Mason	For trying hard in his maths lessons.
<b>2SH</b>	Harley	For always putting his hand up in lessons.	<b>6KL</b>	Niall	For consistently displaying the most beautiful manners.
	Khaleesi	For being such a helpful and polite member of our class.		Ashin	For being the most helpful boy every single day!
<b>3EH</b>	Olivia	For her impeccable manners and for being such a wonderful role model to her peers.	<b>6ZB</b>	Ayona	For always being so helpful.
	Hijab	For her excellent work ethic and her superb effort with all her work.		Julia	For her fantastic effort in gymnastics.
<b>3EL</b>	Amaya	For being and excellent role model.			
	John-Patrick	For excellent manners and contributions in class discussion.			



# Summary of Parental Questionnaire

We received 147 responses to the parental questionnaire which went out in the Autumn Term.

## Home – School Relations.

When parents were asked about Home – school relations, the response was overwhelmingly positive. However, there were some specific questions where some parents felt we could improve. When asked whether parents felt comfortable approaching the school, 11% either disagreed or strongly disagreed. This was mirrored when asked about how well parents are kept informed, with 12% disagreeing/strongly disagreeing.

- ‘I have chosen to disagree to one of the questions as my child has shown bad behaviour and I haven’t been made aware of it.’

## The Learning Experience

When asked a range of questions about children’s learning experiences in school, over 90% of parents either agreed or strongly agreed that their experiences were positive.

- ‘I had concerns about my child’s language and I found it has vastly improved since starting. He loves reading and I know that when he approaches a teacher with a book, they will read it to him. I think that is brilliant and so lovely that my child’s individual needs are being met. Thank you.’

## Making a Contribution

The school provides opportunities to make positive contributions. Over 90% of parents agree that this is the case although some parents (5%) disagree.

- St Bernadette's supports a wide range of charities in the community. Parents donate to support the school effort superbly. As well as this, the children have the option to learn about other faiths and countries around the world. This positive contribution breaks down barriers and produces informed pupils.
- I think the more able children are the ones who become school council and contribute to Twitter feeds etc. and in plays etc. and the less able get left behind. This might not happen consciously but it does happen and children learn they are whatever their “set” says they are very early on which is sad

## Relationships with Staff and other Pupils

Over 90% of parents agree or strongly agree that relationships, including behaviour and respect for others, is developed and dealt with effectively by the school.

## School encourages a healthy lifestyle.

Almost all parents agree that the school encourages a healthy lifestyle although 5% of parents disagree that the school works hard to develop self-esteem and confidence.

- My children are very shy, however I do feel some staff are willing to try and make them feel comfortable to open up a little more
- Generally, he feels safe but there are times my child feels unsafe due to bullying incidents being overlooked usually at lunch time and the staff misunderstanding then blaming my child instead of the bully!

## **School Experience and Christian Character**

There was an overwhelmingly positive response regarding the school's distinctive Catholic character although 7% of parents were not familiar with the school's Mission Statement and Motto.

## **SEND Provision**

60 parents responded to the section regarding SEND provision in school.

91% agreed that the school provides them with the support they need and 88% believe that the school values the views and wishes of SEND children and their families.

## **Additional Parents' Comments**

- My children are both very happy at school, I can't fault the hard work and dedication that all staff give all of the time. Thank you very much
- I wouldn't have my children go to any other primary school in the area, by far the best primary school in Yardley area ... My children love it here and have made great relationships with staff and pupils I'll be sad to see my oldest leave this year.
- I find the current situation with the opening of school gates, both in the morning and afternoon, very strange. Parents are forced to queue in an un-orderly fashion waiting for the gates to be opened huddled together spreading germs. I am puzzled as to why this new regime has been adopted? The gates now open at 8.30am as opposed to 8.15am in previous years. And it's anyone's guess what time they open in the afternoon, sometimes 2.45pm and other times 3pm, no continuity.
- Having been a parent at this school for a number of years my view of the general leadership of the school remains overall positive and strong. My child is happy in school and likes his teachers which is the most important aspect overall. Would take this opportunity to praise the way in which the school community supported the family of Darcy when she very sadly passed, was truly humbled and grateful that the family and children had such close support from the staff at such a sad and distressing time. This support spoke volumes about the community at our school. I hope that Darcy can be remembered appropriately at school for the future.
- Only negative was the disappointment in the residential visit for Year 4 children being so limited which is completely understandable, but to draw the names in an assembly was insensitive and unnecessary to draw attention to those who did not win a place. This year's trip was always going to be over-subscribed due to the Yr3 trip being missed, therefore maybe this should have been considered and an additional trip to a residential facility could have been organised to avoid disappointment from the majority of children. Other than this and a few minor hiccups here and there I would describe this school as outstanding and the best in the area. God bless!
- Overall it is a good school which needs to deal with bullying more quickly.
- I'm very happy with the way my child has settled into Year 5. I love the library being open after school. I love the fact that the school has a real love for reading. I love following the activities on Twitter. One thing I'd like to change is breakfast club, it's really hard to get my child to go (I have to use breakfast club so I can get to work).



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**#HAF2022**

Looking for things to do with the children over the spring holidays?

Bring it on Brum! is running **FREE** activity clubs in Birmingham for children aged **5-16**, on **FREE** school meals.

Activities include, sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music.

Every child will be given a nutritious meal too.

If you're in need of a little extra help this spring then check out your nearest Bring it on Brum! location and register your child today!

**[www.bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk)**

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# EAST BIRMINGHAM FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE



## AT: ARCHBISHOP ILSLEY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

VICTORIA ROAD, ACOCKS GREEN, BIRMINGHAM, B27 7XY (Use Shirley Road entrance B27 7XU)

## STARTING: TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022

Tuesdays:	Group 1: School Years Reception & Year 1 .....5.00pm-6.00pm
	Group 2: School Years 2 & 3.....6.00pm-7.00pm
	Group 3: School Years 4, 5, 6 & 7.....7.00pm-8.00pm

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last **21 years**, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in April 2022. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

### About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by **F.A qualified coaches**, who are **DBS** checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children should wear trainers. We may go outdoors in good weather.
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Leicester City player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

### Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including '**premier league**' and '**penalty shoot out**' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £7 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks with the first payment of £28 due on week 1. **Please Note:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

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