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Newsletter 5
7 November 2025

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.

Headteacher's Message

Welcome back! We hope you all had a wonderful half term and that the children enjoyed a well-earned rest. It has been lovely to see how quickly they have settled back into school life, ready for a busy and exciting half term ahead.

This November is packed with opportunities for our children and families, including Anti-Bullying Week and Odd Socks Day, World Diabetes Day, when children are invited to wear blue, class photographs, and a Book Fair for you to visit together. Our Nursery children can look forward to Stay and Play sessions, as well as special visits from the Fire Service and an Owl Sanctuary.

We will also be marking our Jubilee Celebration Days, holding Parents' Evening, and celebrating St Andrew's Day, when children are welcome to wear blue and white and bring a chocolate bar donation for the Holy Family Christmas Bazaar.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are very much looking forward to sharing this half term with you and your children.

Miss Finnegan

The Gospel of St. John will be shared with us at mass on Sunday this week.

John 2:13-22

International Children's Bible

¹³But it was almost time for the Jewish Passover Feast. So Jesus went to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the Temple he found men selling cattle, sheep, and doves. He saw others sitting at tables, exchanging money. ¹⁵Jesus made a whip out of cords. Then he forced all these men, with the sheep and cattle, to leave the Temple. He turned over the tables and scattered the money of the men who were exchanging it. ¹⁶Then he said to those who were selling pigeons, "Take these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place for buying and selling!"

¹⁷When this happened the followers remembered what was written in the Scriptures: "My strong love for your Temple completely controls me."^[a]

¹⁸The Jews said to Jesus, "Show us a miracle for a sign. Prove that you have the right to do these things."

¹⁹Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple, and I will build it again in three days."

²⁰The Jews answered, "Men worked 46 years to build this Temple! Do you really believe you can build it again in three days?"

²¹(But the temple Jesus meant was his own body. ²²After Jesus was raised from death, his followers remembered that Jesus had said this. Then they believed the Scripture and the words Jesus said.)



Our Young Disciple from Year 6 has written this week's reflection.

The Temple was filled with people selling things. Jesus' actions show us that we need to keep our hearts and church calm and holy.

Light a candle to offer a prayer

We light a candle and offer our prayers for members of our school community and their loved ones:

Mrs. Lone and family
Mrs. Docker and family



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
This Sunday, 23rd November is the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is also the final Sunday of the liturgical calendar – the last Sunday of **Ordinary Time**. The season of **Advent** begins the following Sunday on 1st December.

Jesus is a King of love, mercy, peace, and forgiveness who comes to lead us to the truth and to eternal life. Jesus is a King who teaches us to serve with humility and gentleness – “*For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many*” (Mark 10:42-45).

The purpose of this feast is to draw our minds and hearts closer to acknowledging this.

Dear Jesus,
I believe in you.
You are my King.
I praise Your holy name.
I want to follow You.
Help me to be like You.
Guide me in all I say and do.
Help me to live in Your way.
Amen

Safeguarding Reminder

Please remember that if you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of a child, members of the public are able to make an anonymous referral to the safeguarding team within Birmingham City Council. Parents should call 0121 303 1888 and share their concerns with a duty social worker.

Diary Dates

Sunday 9th November

Remembrance Sunday

Monday 10th November

SEN multisports year 5 and 6

Prospective Parents Meeting 9am

Bikeability all week

Odd Sock Day

Tuesday 11th November

Class photos

Remembrance Day Service

Wednesday 12th November

SALT coffee morning 2-3pm (invitation only)

Owl Sanctuary-Nursery

Thursday 13th November

Reception Journey to Writing Workshop RLC and RCB

Gym Festival SEN

KS2 Mass at Holy Family Church 1:30 pm parents welcome

Friday 14th November

Reception Journey to Writing Workshop REL

Wear blue to school for World Diabetes Day

Monday 17th November

Bikeability all week (except Friday)

Sibling photos 8.30

Nursery Stay and Play (Red Group) 9am

Tuesday 18th November

History workshop (year 3)

Nursery Stay and Play (Blue Group) 9am

Wednesday 19th November

Girls football

Nursery Stay and Play (Green Group) 9am

Year 4 Mass in school-parents welcome.

First Holy Communion Meeting 5pm

Thursday 20th November

Coffee afternoon with Occupational Therapist 2:30-3:15

Nursery Stay and Play (Yellow Group) 9am

Friday 21st November

Year 6 Stay and Play

Jubilee Celebration Day – Pilgrims Passport event

The feast day of St Cecilia (Saturday 22nd November) 5ET can wear own clothes

Monday 24th November

Bikeability in all week

Tuesday 25th November

Book Fair

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 26th November

Parents' Evening

Flu Immunisation Rec-Year 6

Book Fair

Thursday 27th November

Year 6 at Cadbury World

Book Fair

Friday 28th November

Children to wear blue/white and donate a chocolate bar for St.

Andrew's Day (30th)

Book Fair



Christmas Craftmas

Get ready to *jingle all the way* with our Reception and KS1 Christmas Craftmas on Friday 12th December. Join us for an hour filled with festive cheer and creativity as we celebrate the most wonderful time of the year! Immerse yourself in the spirit of the season with a variety of Christmas themed activities. All money raised will be donated to Holy Family Church. Please buy a ticket via Parent Pay later this month. Open to all parents and pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Next week you will be able to book Parents' Evening appointments via the link sent from Teachers2Parents. The focus of this parents' evening for Years 1 to 6 is English. Parents of children in Reception and Nursery will see their class teacher.

Friday 28th November – St. Andrew's Day

To celebrate St. Andrew's feast day which falls on Saturday 30th November, children are asked to wear blue or white to school and to donate a bar of chocolate for the Holy Family Christmas Bazaar.



Holy Family Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday 6th December in Holy Family School Hall from 12pm to 2pm. Come along to get into the festive spirit and enjoy a wonderful day filled with games, stalls and Christmas fun for the whole family.

Job Opportunity



We are currently looking to appoint Lunchtime Supervisors.

If you enjoy working with children, are friendly, reliable and able to help promote a safe and happy lunchtime, we would love to hear from you.

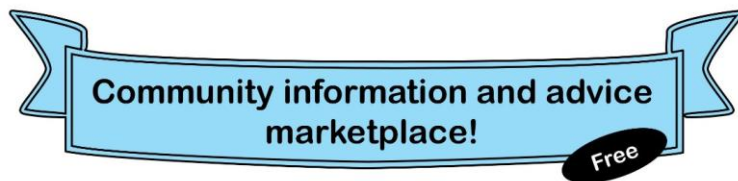
For more information or to express your interest, please contact the school office.



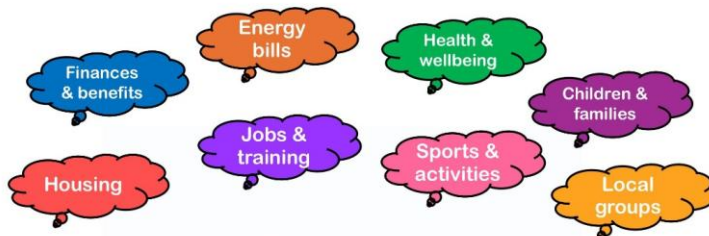
If your child turns 4 before 31 August 2026, it's time to apply for their reception school place for September 2026.

Applications are now open. Apply online before 15 January 2026 to ensure your child gets a place.

Apply here: www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions



Date	Time	Venue
Weds 26 th Nov 2025	10:30am - 12:30pm	Sheldon Community Centre, Sheldon Heath Road, Sheldon, B26 2RU



Drop in
for friendly
advice and
support



SHAPING BIRMINGHAM'S
FUTURE TOGETHER



Meeting for Prospective Nursery/Reception entry in September 2024

Open sessions for parents of children who would like to consider St Bernadette's for a Nursery/Reception place in September 2025.

10 November 2025 – 9am

If you know anyone who may be interested, please let them know.



SCHOOL FUND FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 TO 2026

Parents are requested to make a donation of £10.00 per child or £10.00 per family to our school fund.

This donation will go directly towards:

- Workshops and hands-on learning activities
- Food tasting and cultural experience days
- Visitors such as authors, theatre groups or scientists
- Whole school events and celebrations

Please donate via www.parentpay.com

Thank you for your continued support.

Shining Light Award

CLASS	NAME	How children who have brightened the lives of others through their actions and/or attitude.	CLASS	NAME	How children who have brightened the lives of others through their actions and/or attitude.
Nursery (Blue)	Eliza	For having a fantastic start to Nursery.	Nursery (Yellow)	Shalom	For talking about his feelings more and the things he has observed.
Nursery (Green)	Kevin-Nicolas	For bringing joy to his teachers and friends with his beautiful happy smile!	Nursery (Red)	Elias-Remy	For always sharing interesting facts with his teachers and friends.
RCB	Iremide	For fantastic work in Phonics last term!	4AMJ	Jaylen	For trying his best in his maths lessons.
	Sanaya	For always being kind and considerate to her friends.		Araya	For being a great role model for St Bernadette's when playing basketball.
REL	Gavin	For creating a wonderful pattern with shapes in maths.	4FM	Aiza	For being an excellent role model for her peers.
	Ahmed	For his fantastic construction in the outdoor area. Ahmed built the most brilliant car and invited lots of his classmates to drive it.		Leo	For trying his best in English.
RLC	Tiaraoluwa	For always trying her best with her phonics and making great improvements!	4KL	Aryan	For being so thoughtful to others.
	Miguel	For making fantastic creations in the construction area.		Tyler	For interest and work in RE lessons.
ICOT	Ariah	For having such a positive attitude in school.	5CG	Jeriel	For interest and work in RE lessons.
	Everly	For being a kind and thoughtful friend.		Alisha	For observations and conclusions in Science lessons.
IOB	Lilah	For always being a kind friend to others!	5ET	Bailey	For his constant positive attitude to every aspect of school life.
	Ahad	For his fantastic effort in Phonics!		Arsema	For being so supportive to peers during gymnastics.
2EOB	Adam	For excellent effort in RE lessons!	5MF	Aeden	For being such an excellent scientist!
	Charlene	For amazing effort in Maths this week!		Haniya	For always being an excellent role model to others!
2RW	Laith	For improving his behaviours in class.	6CB	Emmy	For sharing her brilliant ideas and views much more often in class.
	Nevaeh-Julia	For her hard work in English.		Sarim	For making a real effort in handwriting lessons.
2EOB	Rumaisa	For always working hard in all lessons.	6CC	Leia	For always putting a 100% into everything she does.
	Aleena-Louise	For always being a brilliant, kind friend to others.		Muhammed	For interest and work in RE lessons.
3DA	Philip	For being such a respectful and helpful member of our class.	6ZB	Chloe	For setting a great example as head girl for others to follow.
	Ynanna	For being a wonderful role model and always working hard in all subjects!		Aaishah	For phenomenal effort in all written tasks.
3DH	Henry	For really working hard to improve his handwriting.	Shining Light Award <i>'You are the light of the world.'</i> Matthew 5:14		
	Umaina	For always trying hard with her handwriting.			
3EG	Dylan	For trying hard in English lessons.			
	Ariah	For having such a positive attitude in school.			

Birmingham,
You're not alone.

SIFA
fireside

24 October 2025

To students and staff at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School,

I am writing on behalf of us all here at SIFA Fireside to thank you for your support and for your recent Harvest Festival donation.

These donations are really valuable to our clients as we are approaching the colder weather. Our Support Centre enables clients' basic needs to be met, all of the time. We offer hot meals, showers and clean clothes to anyone rough sleeping or in need of emergency support, as well as food parcels, conversation and an internet connection.

We couldn't do any of this without donations like yours, so **thank you**.

Hear it from our staff themselves: <https://vimeo.com/1035918623?share=copy>

You can see what else is happening in our Support Centre on our Instagram:
<https://www.instagram.com/sifafiresideofficial/?hl=en>

Most of our supporters have signed up to our quarterly email updates from us to see the impact of their donation, why not join them?
<https://sifafireside.beaconforms.com/form/b9a986f2>

"SIFA has been my lifeline" - Scott, a former client

Yours Sincerely,



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