



# St Bernadette's Primary School

Newsletter



November 2022

## Emergency Contacts/ Medical Information/Email addresses

If there has been any changes to your home or emergency contact details or to your child's medical needs then please contact the office. Please also ensure email addresses are up-to-date as we email all letters/newsletters. Anyone wishing a paper copy should contact the office.

## General Illness

As per NHS guidance, if your child is displaying sickness or stomach upset, your child **must not** return to school until they are 48 hours clear of symptoms. If your child falls ill during the school day, we will contact you via telephone. Please ensure all contact details are up to date.

## Outdoor Learning and Play

Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for our ever-changing Scottish Weather. It really does help when your child's name is on all clothing.



## P7 Residential Trip

Thank you to all parents that have now paid the £50 deposit required for P7 Residential Trip to Dalguise. Please note the Interim deposit of £65 was due on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Final payment of £235 will be due by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Payments can be made at any time on IpayImpact. If you need any help with IpayImpact, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Should the trip be cancelled due to COVID-19 Guidelines ALL payments shall be refunded in full.

*Please remember that there is access to funding to help families with financial difficulties. Please contact Mrs Savage, in strictest confidence, for more information.*

## 10 year Anniversary School Magazine

Our P7 pupils are hoping to produce a school magazine to mark the occasion of our 10-year anniversary. This will be professionally printed by Falkirk Printworks.

This exciting venture obviously comes at cost and this is where we would like to offer you an opportunity to support their project. For a small fee, they would like to publish an advert for your business in the magazine; which will be sold to our school community.

Please get in touch with us if this something you would consider.

## In-Service Day and School Closure

Please remember the school shall be closed to all pupils on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November as it is an In-Service Day.

At the time of this newsletter, all Falkirk Schools are also closed on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November due to strike action.

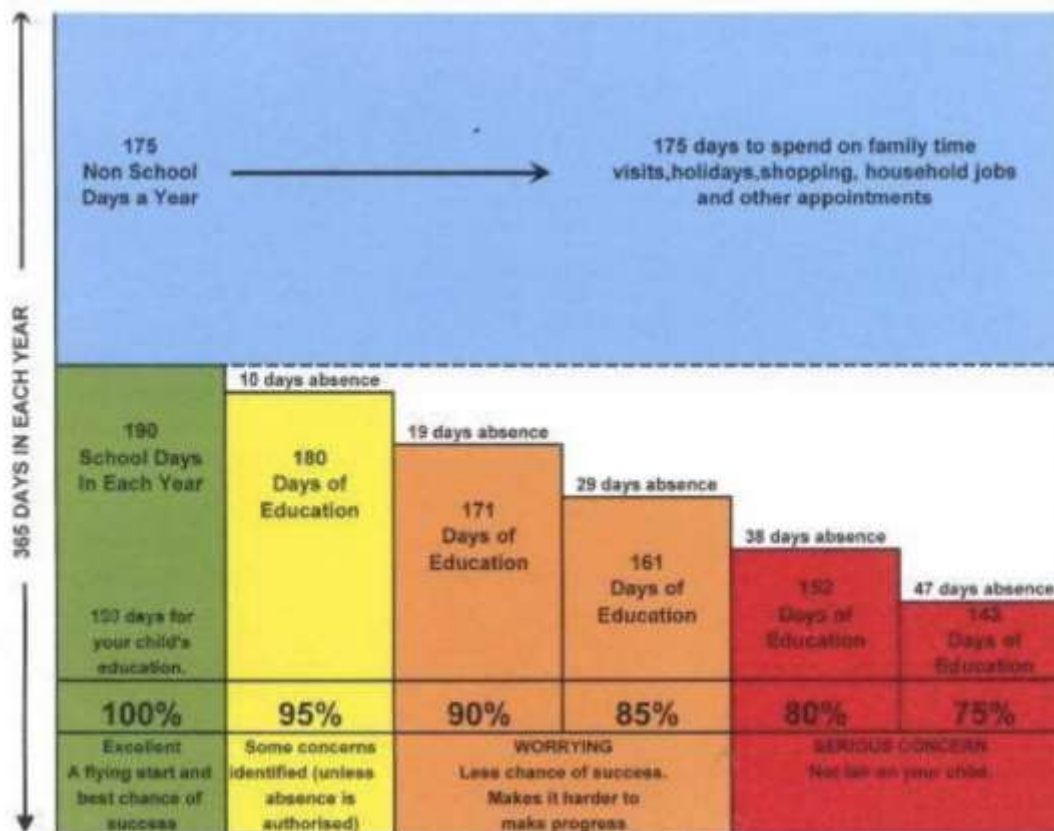
## Panto Trip Payments

Thank you to the parents/carers that have paid the Panto Trip Money. Any outstanding payments are now overdue, can we please gently remind those who haven't paid, to pay using IpayImpact as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Attendance Procedure in Falkirk Council

Please contact the school office on 503400 before 9.15am on the day of your child's absence. If you wish, you can leave a message on the school's answering machine. **Please do not message the class teacher with absence/appointments messages.** If your child is absent from school and no email or telephone call has been received to explain their absence, you will receive a text requesting you contact the school. This system gives you the added peace of mind of knowing that if you have not had a text then your child has arrived safely in school. As this is a centralised system, a mobile phone number will display and the message will include the school name and contact number. **Please respond to this promptly.**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!			
ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons



### **Primary 1 Enrolment and Primary & Secondary Placing Requests**

Children who reach 5 years of age on or before 16th August 2023 **must** commence primary education at the start of the school session in August 2023.

Children whose fifth birthday falls on or between the 17th August 2023 and 29th February 2024 **may** commence primary education in August 2023.

At Primary 1 entry, parents/carers are entitled to enrol their children at their

- catchment non-denominational school
- catchment denominational school if they are baptised Roman Catholic (RC baptismal certificate must be provided).

You can enrol your child for Primary 1 online at [www.falkirk.gov.uk/schoolenrolments](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/schoolenrolments)

Enrolments will be accepted from 1<sup>st</sup> November until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 for entry to Primary 1 the following August.

#### **What you need to know:**

- You will be required to register for a 'My Falkirk' account.
- Your address will be checked against Council Tax records for verification.
- A copy of your child's RC Baptism certificate is required to support enrolment at a RC school.

If your child does not already attend a Falkirk Council or Partner nursery you will be asked to submit their birth certificate or passport as proof of identification.

You **MUST** enrol your child at the catchment school for your address in addition to any placing request you may choose to submit.

### **PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACING REQUESTS FOR AUGUST 2023**

Parents/Carers **must** submit a Placing Request if they wish their child:

- to attend a school other than their catchment area school
- to attend a denominational school and are not baptised Roman Catholic
- to transfer from a non-denominational primary school to a denominational (RC) secondary school or vice versa

Online placing request applications can be made via the Council's website [www.falkirk.gov.uk/placingrequests](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/placingrequests). Written application forms are available from all schools and from Children's Services. Written applications must be returned to the Director of Children's Services at the address below.

**Applications will be accepted no earlier than Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022** until the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Parents/Carers will be notified of the outcome in writing by the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Placing Requests received after the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 will be notified of the outcome within eight weeks of receipt of the application.

***Parents/Carers must enrol their child at the catchment area school for their home address whilst awaiting the outcome of their Placing Request application.***

### Christmas Jumper Day

This year we shall be supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day charity. Christmas Jumper day shall be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Donations would be gratefully received to the JustGiving page that has been set up: Just click this link: [Our Christmas Jumper Day \(savethechildren.org.uk\)](https://www.justgiving.com/Save-the-Children/Christmas-Jumper-Day)

Please remember we have preloved Christmas Jumpers in the main reception!



### Christmas Lunch

Our kitchen is offering the children Santa Buffet Boxes offered on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

The Santa Buffet box contains a festive savoury selection of breaded chicken goujons, ham finger roll, cocktail sausage, potato waffles and vegetable nuggets with a dipping saucepot. A Santa ice cream tub, homemade sweet treat, juice carton and either a melon wedge or satsuma.

The Santa Vegan & Vegetarian Box contains a festive selection suitable for vegans and vegetarians: savoury selection finger roll, vegetable sausage, potato waffles, and vegetable nuggets with a dipping sauce pot. A Santa Ice Cream tub, homemade sweet treat, juice carton and either a melon slice or satsuma.

All pre-orders for Christmas Buffet boxes must be returned to school by 2<sup>nd</sup> December to allow our cook to order in the food items. All parents/carers have been emailed with the order link.

### Christmas Parties

Please find below dates of classes Christmas Parties. Children are asked to come dressed in comfortable clothing on the day of their party.

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December (morning)	Primary 1 & Primary 2
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December (afternoon)	Primary 3 & Primary 4
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (afternoon)	Primary 6 & ELC (am)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December (morning)	Primary 5
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December (afternoon)	Primary 7



### Christmas Concert

Tickets are selling fast for the Christmas Concert on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December. We still have lots of availability for the 10am performance. However, the 1.30pm performance is already filling up so please ensure you buy your tickets soon. We have limited the tickets to **2 per family**. If you wish more than 2 we shall add you onto a reserve list and offer these w/b 5<sup>th</sup> December. Please do not pay for any reserve tickets until we issue them. Tickets are £2.50 per adult and £1 per concession. We have kept the cost of tickets at 2017 ticket prices! We shall also be selling raffle tickets at the concerts. All monies raised shall be going into school funds and shall be used for the children's Christmas parties.

### Pre-Loved Uniform

Please feel free to browse the pre-loved uniform at the main reception anytime during school hours. Should you wish to make a small donation, there is a box on the table. All monies received shall go to Mary's Meals.

We are always looking for donations of pre-loved uniform. Could we please ask that name labels be removed before donating.

Thank you.





### **PFFA Group**

A huge thank you to those who have donated to our Christmas hampers! Please keep the donations coming. Our elves are ready to go!

The children would be incredibly grateful for donations of any of the items listed below. These items can be brought into school and given to Mrs Gallacher.

Boxes of chocolates
Boxes of biscuits
Flavoured Juices
Mince pies
Christmas Pudding
Crackers
Jams & other preserves
Coffee and Tea
Christmas cake
Bath items
Scented Candles
Toiletry gift sets for men and women

Strathcarron Hospice were incredibly grateful for our support last year. We received letters of thanks and video of those who had received our hampers. It was fantastic for the children to see the impact of all their hard work. Hopefully this year's project will be as successful. Thank you for your continued support from Mrs Gallacher & PFFA Group.

### **Rag Bag Collection**

Thank you for all your Rag Bag donations. Our last collection weighed 150kilos, raising £20.80 for school funds. All donations are most welcome, please place the bags directly into our Rag Bag bin (beside the cycle shed) or pass to your child to hand into the school. There are bags available in the main reception. We Collect:

- All Clothing
- Paired Shoes (tied together)
- Handbags, bags, ties & belts
- Household linen & towels



Thank you to all parents/carers that donated to the Children in Need Appeal on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022. We raised £167.00.

### **Odd Socks Day**

Thank you to all the children who wore odd socks to celebrate that we are all different and unique for Anti-Bullying week.



### World of Work Week

Thank you to the parents, carers and family members who have volunteered to be part of our World of Work Week. For anyone else who would like to take part, there is still time to sign up!

Skills development and Developing the Young Workforce is a focus in our School Improvement Plan this year. As part of this, World of Work Week will be taking place from 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> of January. We are looking for parents, carers, family members/friends who have interesting occupations and would be willing to come and talk to the P6 and P7 pupils.

Please complete this short Form by **30<sup>th</sup> November** with your details if this is something that you would like to be involved in.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=oyzTzM4Wj0KVQTctawUZKfPea0jQDNBlg2vZ0l9dA0FUQ0g2MTMzUDEyM1JXU0hGMVpOUTUzUDdMMS4u>

Thank you.

### Basketball

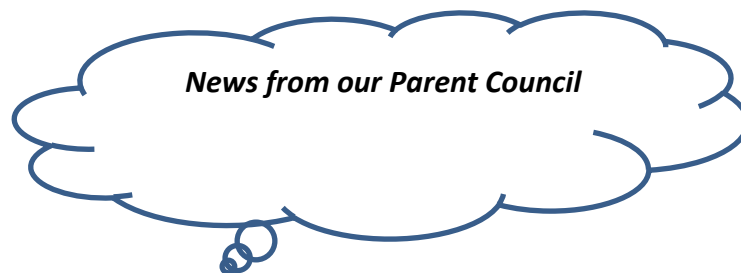
Well done to our Basketball Team – they played a tournament at Graeme High School on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. They won 30-6 against Slamannan Primary and won 22-10 against Bantaskin Primary. Great results! Mrs Duncan is super proud of the effort they put in!



### Cross Country

Well done to our Cross Country team. They took part in the Falkirk Primary Schools Cross Country League on Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at Callendar Park.





### **St. Bernadette's Sponsored Scottish Shenanigans**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> November, the Parent Council will be hosting a mini highland games to raise money for school funds. The children will be involved in several themed activities throughout the day. If possible, the children are invited to wear something Scottish on the day. Please do not buy anything new. All sponsor money should be handed into school by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Many thanks for supporting this event!

### **Easy Fundraising**

A reminder that there is an easy way to help raise some additional fund for the Parent Council - the **EASY FUNDRAISING** online shopping site. This is the UK's biggest charity shopping site.

'easyfundraising' partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice - in this case, the Parent Council. **It won't cost you any extra - the cost is covered by the brand.**

They pay a commission because when you start your shop from the easyfundraising website or app, they can see we sent you to them. If you make a purchase, a commission is generated, and that is turned into a donation - as simple as that.

If you plan to undertake any online shopping, you may wish to consider using this site. Web address:  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

### **Parent Council Meetings**

The most recent Parent Council meeting was held on 8 November - the minutes will be circulated once they have been approved. The next Parent Council meeting is Monday 12 December - new attendees will be made welcome!

If you are interested in joining please email [stbernadettesparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:stbernadettesparentcouncil@gmail.com) or catch Peter Butterly (Chair) or Louise O'Rourke (Deputy Chair) at school (they are there most days).

Dates of future meetings:

- Tuesday 24 January
- Monday 6 March
- Tuesday 25 April
- Monday 5 June

### Halloween Disco

A big thank you to all the parents who volunteered at the Halloween Disco on 31 October - the costumes were all great (even Mr Taylor's!) and all the children had a ball. We have taken on board some feedback that the timings of future discos will change to 18.00 -19.00 for the Juniors and 19.15 - 20.30 for the Seniors.



### 200 Club Winners

Congratulations to the below winners! The prize winnings can be collected from the school office between 9am and 3.30pm any day.

October draw winners are:

£100 - 166. James MacRae

£50 – 175. Louise Graham

£50 - 124. Clare Kavanagh

£25 - 25. Jacqui Butterly

£25 - 14. Kathleen McRoberts



Thanks again to all the members for continuing to support the 200 Club.

Anyone wishing to join the 200 club please contact [stbernadettes200club@gmail.com](mailto:stbernadettes200club@gmail.com). We would love to have more people join up to help support the school.



- Wed 30 November – Sponsored Scottish Shenanigans obstacle course
- Wed 8 February - Valentine's Disco
- Fri 10 March - Race Night (TBC)
- Thurs 22 June - Summer Disco



### My Child's Art

Please see below details of the Parent Order Portal for My Child's Art. This is a great fundraiser for school with school receiving up to 20% commission on all orders. Great ideas for Christmas presents! Please note that the company has misspelt St. Bernadette's, so when logging in please ensure you enter the username as below. Thank you ☺

## **FAMILIES HAVE UNTIL MONDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER to place orders with GUARANTEED CHRISTMAS DELIVERY!**

Don't worry if you miss this date though: the order portal will remain open until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 for all other orders (including keepsakes). My ChildsArt do always try their best to get these orders to families in time for Christmas day, but after the 12<sup>th</sup> December, they are just not able to guarantee this.



Working with  
**St Bernadette's Primary School**

Your child has uploaded a  
Christmas drawing to our website!

## VIEW NOW

by logging into the

**Parent Order Portal >**

at [www.mychild'sart.co.uk/order](http://www.mychild'sart.co.uk/order)  
using the unique codes at the  
bottom of this leaflet.

## 10% OFF EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Use code **StBernadattes**  
during checkout for 10% off your order!

One use only. Excludes VAT and P&P. Valid for 2 weeks  
from the portal opening date, not the date that you receive  
this leaflet. Not automatically applied and cannot be  
added once an order has been confirmed.

Username

Password

NB: Username and password are case and space sensitive,  
so please be careful when entering the details into the portal.



Scan me



### **Mobile Phones**

If your child brings their mobile phone or smart watch to school can we please ask that you reiterate at home, that it must be switched off and in their school bag throughout the school day. If any mobile phone or smart watch is seen during the day or disrupts the class it shall be confiscated by the Class Teacher and given to the Headteacher who will then contact the parent/carer and arrange for the parent/carer to collect it from school, it will not be given back to the child. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please contact the school office. We would appreciate your support with this matter.

### **Head Lice**

We would encourage you to check your child at regular intervals to prevent the spread of head lice. If your child becomes infected, we would appreciate if you could inform us as soon as possible. All information provided will be strictly confidential.

### **Allergies**

For the health and safety of all pupils please ensure that your child is not provided with any nut products at school. Some children are bringing products such as Snickers, Lion Bars, Peanut Butter and Nutella sandwiches.

We have pupils and staff who are severely allergic to peanuts. Peanuts do not have to be eaten by an allergic person to cause an allergic reaction; they can be ingested or contaminate tables, hands etc. Any peanut products will be returned home in packed lunch boxes unopened.



### **School Website**

Please check the school website regularly as this will be the main source of information for parents. The address is <http://stbernadettes.edusite.co.uk/>

### **Class Twitter**

*Below is a link to each classes Twitter page. Please check for regular updates.*

- P1 <https://twitter.com/P1Bernadettes>
- P2 <https://twitter.com/P2StBernadettes>
- P3 <https://twitter.com/P3StBs>
- P4 <https://twitter.com/P4StBernadettes>
- P5 [https://twitter.com/Mrs\\_Podmore](https://twitter.com/Mrs_Podmore) [https://twitter.com/MrsBrown\\_STBPS](https://twitter.com/MrsBrown_STBPS)
- P6 <https://twitter.com/MissMHealy1>
- P7 <https://twitter.com/MrsLCMartin> <https://twitter.com/mrsgallacherSTB>



School Twitter <https://twitter.com/stbernadettesps>

Nursery Twitter: <https://twitter.com/StBernNursery>

St. Bernadette's Parent Council: <https://twitter.com/StBernadettesPC>

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Stay Connected! Please follow us on Twitter @stbernadettesps

Check our website for details of school events and information: <http://stbernadettes.edusite.co.uk/>

Keep up-to-date with Parish News on: <http://www.stbernadette.rcstanded.org.uk/current>  
and <https://www.facebook.com/stbernadettelarbert>

# 2022/23

Month	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Notes
Aug 2022	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Holiday
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Staff Development Day
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Reporting to Parents Event
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Celebration / Event
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	24 <sup>th</sup> November: Laudato Si Cluster Conference
Sep	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	30 <sup>th</sup> November – Sponsored Scottish Shenanigans
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	8 <sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Jumper Day
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	12 <sup>th</sup> December: Christmas concert
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	14 <sup>th</sup> December: P1/2 party am; P3/4 party pm
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	15 <sup>th</sup> December: Christmas lunch
Oct	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	16 <sup>th</sup> December: Whole School Panto Trip
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	19 <sup>th</sup> December ELC party am, P6 party pm
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	21 <sup>st</sup> December: P5 party am, P7 party pm
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	27 <sup>th</sup> March: P7 residential
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	30 <sup>th</sup> May: Sports Day (option 1); 6 <sup>th</sup> June (option 2)
Nov	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	14 <sup>th</sup> June: Whole school trip
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	16 <sup>th</sup> June: ELC sports day
	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	21 <sup>st</sup> June: Summer concert
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	26 <sup>th</sup> June: ELC Moving On Celebration
Dec	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	28 <sup>th</sup> June: P7 Leavers Assembly (9.30am); Mass (1.30pm)
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	Class Assembly; followed by child-led learning (1.15pm)
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	5 <sup>th</sup> October: Primary 4
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	2 <sup>nd</sup> November: Primary 5
Jan 2023	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	25 <sup>th</sup> January: Primary 7
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	1 <sup>st</sup> March: Primary 3
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	8 <sup>th</sup> March: Primary 2
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	26 <sup>th</sup> April: Primary 6
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	24 <sup>th</sup> May: Primary 1
Feb	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	ELC / P1 Transition
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	29 <sup>th</sup> May: 10.45am – 12.30pm parents / lunch
	27	28	1	2	3	4	5	5 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> June: 9.15am – 10.00am children only
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 <sup>th</sup> June: 3.30pm – 4.30pm outdoors with parents
Mar	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Religious Celebration
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	2 <sup>nd</sup> September: 1.30pm Mass, Led by P7
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	30 <sup>th</sup> October: 10.30am Family Mass, at Church
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1 <sup>st</sup> November: 1.30pm All Saints Day Mass, led by P4, Followed by parents meeting re Sacrament of Communion
Apr	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	6 <sup>th</sup> November: 10.30am Enrolment Mass at Church for P4
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	18 <sup>th</sup> November: 1.30pm Mass, led by P5
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	8 <sup>th</sup> December: 1.30pm Mass, led by P7
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	20 <sup>th</sup> January: 1.30pm Mass, led by P6
May	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	9 <sup>th</sup> February: 1.30pm Mass, Led by P5
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22 <sup>nd</sup> February: 1.30pm Ash Wednesday Service, led by P4
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	18 <sup>th</sup> March: 11am and 2pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	24 <sup>th</sup> March: 1.30pm Mass, led by p7
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Followed by parents meeting re Sacrament of Confirmation
Jun	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	21 <sup>st</sup> April: 1.30pm Mass, led by P6
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	18 <sup>th</sup> May: 1.30pm Solemnity of Ascension Mass, led by P5
	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	27 <sup>th</sup> May: 11am Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Francis Xaviers
	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 <sup>th</sup> June: 10.30am and 2pm Sacrament of Communion
Jul	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	28 <sup>th</sup> June: 1.30pm Leavers Mass, led by P7
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	