

# St. Bernadette's Nursery Class



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## Online Learning Journals

In nursery, we are going to be changing the way we do our learning profiles. We are going to begin using an online programme as opposed to our current folder system, this will allow for greater parental access/ involvement and more efficient recording of your child's learning. This requires your permission and these slips will be given out during your parent consultation.

Please click the link below to let us know if you would like an information session on this.

<https://forms.office.com/r/dFgaDMAAgD>

## Nursery cloakroom

We are currently trying to change how we display work in the cloakroom. We have put up brown paper on the windows to use this as a display as we felt it was easier to see the children's work against the paper rather than against the glass.

We want to share our Improvement Plan with you and are planning on displaying this in the cloakroom so you can be involved in our journey too.

If you have any old fairy lights that you no longer use we will happily take them from you.

## Christmas Singalong

This year we would like to welcome you along to our nursery Singalong Christmas event!

This will be on Friday the 9th of December at 1.30pm.

If you would like to put a festive jumper on your child you are more than welcome but please do not feel under pressure to do this.

We will be selling raffle tickets on the lead up to the event and when you arrive for the event.

Any money raised is going towards buying a new water table for the nursery and a bookcase along with other resources.

## Appropriate Clothing

Please ensure that your child has appropriate clothing for nursery. As the weather is getting colder, we ask that you provide your child with a hat and gloves which can be kept at nursery.



**We also ask that your child has their own pair of wellie boots and waterproofs which can be kept at nursery.**

We understand that the cost of living is increasing at the moment so if you are unable to provide these items to be kept in nursery, please speak to Mrs Kinnaird.

**Please make sure your child's name is on these items.**

It would also be helpful if you could make sure there is at least one change of clothes in your child's nursery bag.

If your child borrows nursery clothes, could these please be returned once your child has finished with them.

Thank you so much to those of you who handed in clothes for our nursery supply, this is very much appreciated.

## DO YOU WANT THE CHANCE TO WIN £50?!

We are selling squares for £2 a go if you would like the chance to win £50! You can buy as many squares as you like at £2 each, but you must give the money to staff at the time of purchase.

The winning numbers will be picked using a number generator once all the squares have been filled.



## Students

Due to the nature of the nursery and our job role we continually have students in for block placements which can be anything from days to weeks. All children are introduced to new staff and we appreciate that there may be faces who you are not familiar with but please be confident that any student in the nursery is always under full supervision of the staff.

Our students for the year are as follows;

Miss Ritchie—Monday and Tuesday



Miss McIntyre—Wednesday and Thursday



Miss Brown—Tuesday only



## Busy Things

We have renewed our account with Busy Things.

This is a website that we use on a daily basis in the nursery with a variety of educational games.

[www.busythings.co.uk](http://www.busythings.co.uk)

Username: **home4938**  
Password: **sweets0943**



## Toys to Nursery

Please try and discourage your child from bringing toys to nursery. These can be lost by accident and children can get extremely upset if staff can't find these items.

Children should not bring any food, sweets or medicine in their nursery bag into nursery either.

## On the scrounge...

If you have any of the following items lying around in the house that you no longer want please feel free to hand them into the nursery.

- Toy cars
- Toy animals
- Hostess/drinks trolley
- Scales
- Jewellery
- Dolls clothes
- Small dressing table
- Picnic basket/bag
- Fairy lights
- Clock

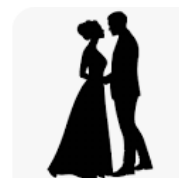
## Wedding Bells!

Miss Anderson is getting married on Saturday the 26th of November!

When she returns on Wednesday the 30th of November her new name will be Mrs Ballard.

We are having a little surprise afternoon tea party for her in the nursery on Wednesday the 23rd of November.

If you would like to donate any afternoon tea items we could use we would really appreciate this.



## Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be held on **Monday 19th December** during the morning.

Please bring your child dressed in their party clothes.

Children will be in their party clothes for the rest of the day.



### Woodland Walks with Under the Trees

Under The Trees are a charity providing Environmental Education to all age groups and abilities and have chosen to work with our nursery for the year!

We will be visiting the Orphan Land on a Thursday, which is a short walk from nursery.

We will attend the Orphan Land in all weather conditions. If an Under the Tree's sessions were to be cancelled at short notice, we would keep the children in nursery as normal. This would only occur if the weather was too slippery underfoot or if there were exceptionally high winds.

The Orphan Land site can be muddy so old clothes and wellington boots are highly recommended. The nursery do have **some** waterproof trousers and jackets which can be borrowed on arrival to nursery should you forget. Please ensure your child is sufficiently wrapped up.

Staff are going to make a rota up so that all children will go once every two weeks. We will display this in the cloakroom so you know what day your child is going in the first group.

### Primary One Enrolment

Primary 1 enrolment have now to be done online.

Enrolment's will be accepted from 1st November until 31st December 2022.

If you are enrolling your child at St. Bernadette's RC Primary School you need to have proof of your child's baptism.

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

[Schools – Apply to enrol a child at school - My Falkirk](#)

If you wish to apply for your child to come to St. Bernadette's RC Primary School, but this is not their catchment school or your child is not baptised, then please submit a placing request by following the link below

[Schools - Apply for a school placing request - My Falkirk](#)

If anyone requires support with this please speak to Mrs Kinnaird.

### Raffle Prizes

We are looking for any donations you could give us to help us raise funds for the nursery.

If you know anyone with their own business that could donate a voucher we would appreciate this.

### Health Checks

Please remember it is **Falkirk Council Policy** that a child should not return to school or nursery until they are 48 hours clear of any sickness / diarrhoea illness.



Regular checks for Head Lice are always recommended.

**If your child is unwell the best place for them is at home. We cannot ensure children stay inside when recovering from illness as we are an outdoor nursery and children spend a large part of their day outdoors.**

**If your child is not well enough to go outdoors, then they should not be in nursery.**

### Two Stars and a Wish

'Two stars and a wish' should be used to comment on current nursery practice. Once completed, staff will collate the responses and inform you of any changes that are being made in response to the feedback.

The 'two stars' is something you feel our nursery are currently good at and the 'wish' is something you feel our nursery could be improving.

We value your views and any suggestions/ comments are always welcome.

Please click the link below

<https://forms.office.com/r/81JYUHHAtY>



### Wooden Spoons

If you or anyone you know is any good at drawing can you please speak to Mrs Kinnaird.

We are looking to create Story Spoons and Nursery Rhyme Spoons and need your help if you are good at drawing!

## **Important dates**

**Thursday 24th November**— Nursery possibly closed for school teachers striking

**Friday 25th November**—Nursery closed for in-service day

**Thursday 22nd December**—Nursery closes for Christmas holidays

**Monday 9th January**—Nursery reopens

**Friday 10th February**—Nursery closed for holiday

**Monday 13th February**—Nursery closed for holiday

**Tuesday 14th February**—Nursery closed for in-service day

**Monday 3rd April**—Nursery closed for Easter Holidays

**Monday 17th April**—Nursery reopens

**Friday 28th April**—Nursery closed for in-service day

**Monday 1st May**—Nursery closed for holiday

**Friday 30th June**—Nursery closes for Summer holidays





# Our Nursery Team



**Mrs Kinnaird—Senior Early Years Officer**



**Mrs Mac Lean—Early Years Officer**



**Miss Trimmer— Early Years Officer**



**Mrs Honeyman—Early Years Officer**



**Mrs Morrison Love—Early Years Officer**



**Miss Anderson —Early Years Officer**



**Mrs Armstrong—Support for Learning Assistant**



**Miss Kemp —Childcare Assistant**



**Mrs Rankin —Childcare Assistant**