

# St. Bernadette's Nursery Class



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## November 2023

### Stay and Play

We would like to invite parents and carers to a 'stay and play' date from 9.00am-9.45am on Tuesday the 5th of December or Wednesday the 6th of December.

If you would like to come to this please tell a member of staff what day suits you best to come.

These sessions are relaxed and gives your child the opportunity to show their grown up what they like playing with in the ELC and allows you to see your child in the ELC environment.

Please don't worry if you can't make these dates. Just speak to a member of staff and we will get another date organised for you.

### Christmas Singalong

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

This will be on Thursday the 14th of December at 1.15pm. Children will come along to the hall 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.

### Christmas Party

The Christmas party will be held on **Monday 18th 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.



### 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.



### Raffle Prizes

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

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

### Clothes to ELC

The staff are currently building a painting station in the garden to allow children's creativity to flow in all areas of the ELC. Please can you support us by sending your children to ELC in jackets/ waterproofs that you do not mind getting paint on them. Staff do try their best to get aprons on children but as they are developing a variety of skills, sometimes jackets can get paint on them.

## 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;

Erin—Monday and Tuesday

Ayesha—Tuesday and Wednesday

Abigail—Wednesday only

## Two Stars and a Wish

‘Two stars and a wish’ should be used to comment on current ELC practice. Staff use this as a way of involving parents in improvements that can be made around the ELC.



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 ELC are currently good at and the ‘wish’ is something you feel our ELC could be improving.

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

Please click the link below to take part

<https://forms.office.com/e/BPKwxmU5wF>

## 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**



## 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. (for example if your child was last sick at 7.30pm on a Saturday night, they are 48 hours clear on Monday at 7.30pm and can therefore return on the Tuesday if they feel well within themselves)

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.**

## Primary One Enrolment

Primary 1 enrolment have now to be done online.

Enrolment's will be accepted from 1st November until 31st December 2023.

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 Cat.

## Important dates

**Friday 24th November**—ELC closed for in-service day

**Thursday 14th December**—ELC Singalong

**Monday 18th December**—ELC Party

**Friday 22nd December**—ELC closes for Christmas holidays

**Monday 8th January**—ELC reopens

**Friday 9th February**—ELC closed for holiday

**Monday 12th February**—ELC closed for holiday

**Tuesday 13th February**—ELC closed for in-service day

**Friday 29th March**—ELC closed for Easter Friday

**Monday 1st April**—ELC closed for 2 weeks for Easter holidays

**Thursday 2nd May**—ELC closed for staff development day

**Monday 6th May**—ELC closed for holiday

**Friday 14th June**—ELC Sports day

**Monday 24th June**—ELC Moving on celebration



## Children in Need

We just wanted to let you know, along with the school we raised over £200 for Children in Need last Friday! Thank you so much for donating towards such a wonderful charity.



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## Cold and flu

It is coming into that time of year when children and adults can catch the flu.

All children should be offered their Flu Spray by the NHS. If you have not received your letter you can contact NHS Scotland via their online portal to arrange your child's flu spray.

All children are encouraged to cough or sneeze into their arm rather than their hands as another way of preventing the spread of infection.

Staff are vigilant in the ELC and encourage all children to use the hand washing technique (seen on the right) which is displayed at all sinks. Staff also model this while singing the 'wash your hands song'.

This is something that we have been promoting in the ELC and all children have been confident in washing their hands.

## Hand-washing technique with soap and water



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Adapted from World Health Organization Guidelines on Hand Hygiene in Health Care



## Bookbug

Sarah and Lisa have completed Bookbug training and have recently begun implementing this in small groups of children in the ELC. In the new year they are planning on delivering this with parents and carers alongside their children in the setting.



## ASDA

We have made links with Hazel who is our community champion from the Stenhousemuir ASDA.

We have had groups of children visit the ASDA store and we have had ASDA workers visiting us in the ELC to make our own Pizza....the children loved this!