



St Bernadette's Primary School

Ready Respectful Safe



Newsletter

May 2024

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 our child/s name is on all clothing.



Update your contact details

Please let us know about any changes to your:



Email



Telephone number



Address

End of Term Trip

All children should now have a letter with all the details of our End of Term Trip to the Safair Park on Tuesday 25th June 2024. The trip is £15 per child, payments can be made on IpayImpact. Can we please ask that all payments and permission slips are returned by Friday 14th June 2024. We shall be in touch with our parents helpers soon!

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



Dalguise 2025

Our current P6 should have all received a letter regarding the P7 residential trip next March. Please return the tear off slip as soon as possible. Initial deposits are due to PGL by the end of term. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Staffing News

We welcome back Mrs Murtagh who has returned after her maternity leave.



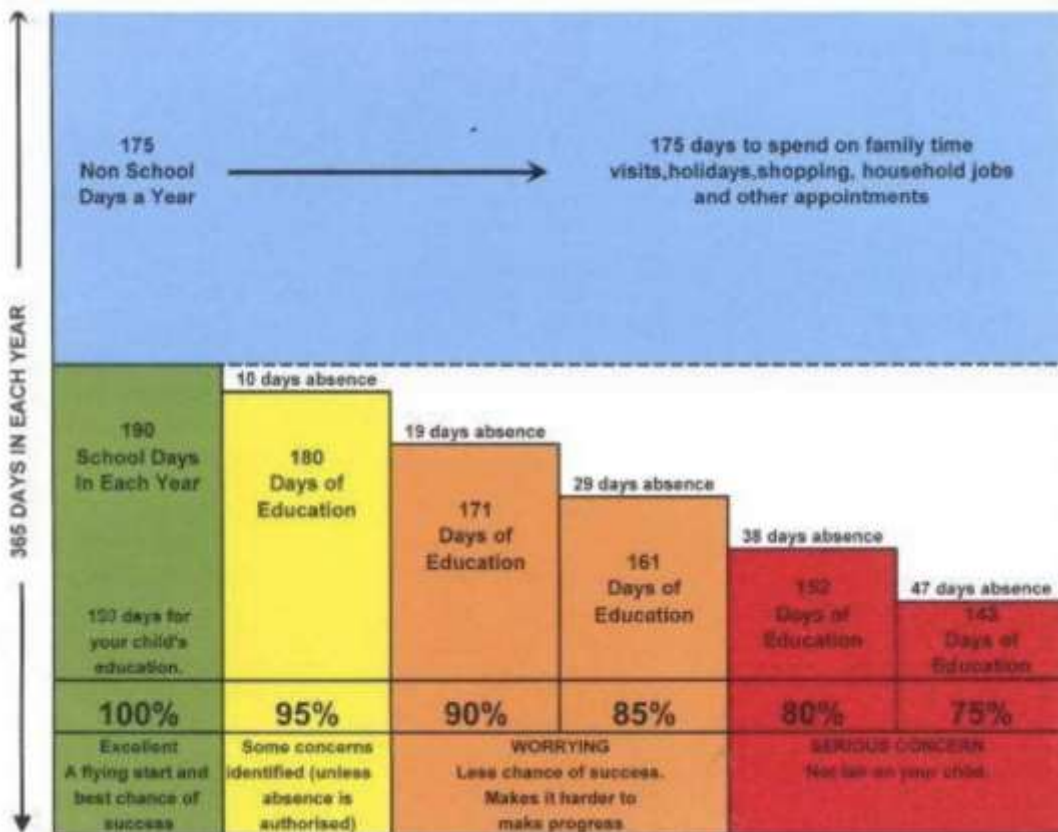
We are sad that Miss Higney shall be leaving us at the end of term to take up a teaching position at Sacred Heart Primary. We wish her all the best.

We are sad that Miss McFeat shall also be leaving us at the end of term. Miss McFeat has come to the end of her Probationary Teaching post. We wish her every success in the future.

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



Brave the Shave

Well done to one of our P6 pupils for 'braving the shave' in support of his little brother who will be losing his hair due to receiving a stem cell transplant.

His sister in P7 is also doing a zip line across the Clyde River for charity in September.

Please keep this family in your prayers.



Additions to our school library

Two of our P5 girls have been busy ordering new dyslexia friendly books for our school library. They have taken into account a range of ages, interests and gender when selecting the books.

We hope that all of the children can enjoy them.



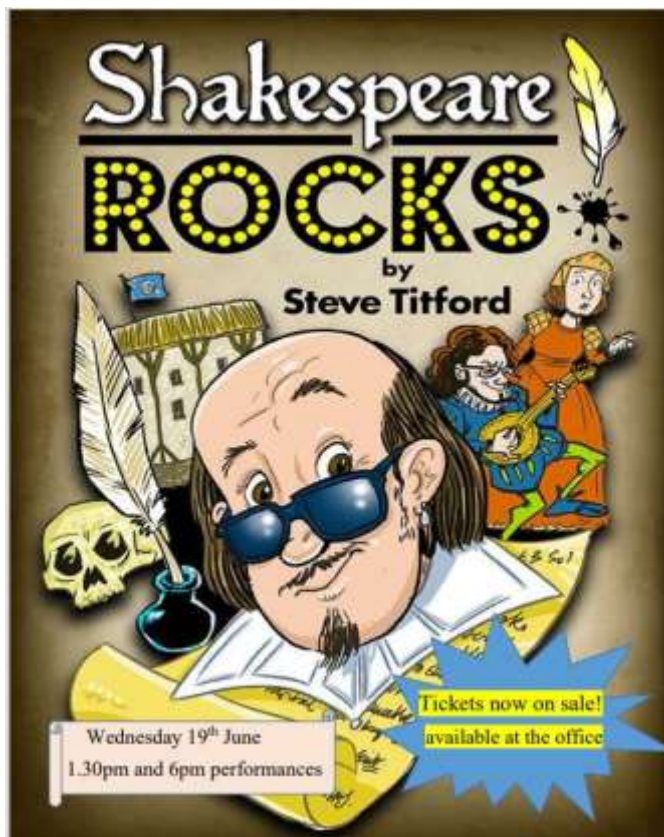
School Car Park

Can we please remind all parents/carers to be respectful of others when using our School Car Park. The carpark has a one way system in place for the safety of our children. Some cars are continuing to access the top carpark by turning right on entry to the carpark, rather than driving around the main part of the carpark first. This may lead to an avoidable accident. The school cannot be held to account if cars are damaged by drivers accessing the top carpark in the wrong way.

In addition, no parents should be using the staff carpark or bus bay to drop off or collect children.

Shakespeare Rocks

We are looking forward to performing our School Show on 19th June. Tickets are selling fast!



Sacraments

Warmest Congratulations to the children who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation (P7) recently at St. Francis Xavier Church on 20th April 2024.



Please remember in your prayers the children that will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on Saturday 1st June at Our Lady of Lourdes & St. Bernadette, Larbert.

Outdoor Learning Lessons

Mrs Edwards has continued to support class teachers with their Outdoor learning lessons. We have used different environments within the local area to teach the children the importance of safety first when learning in new places.



Planters

You may have noticed that over the Easter holidays “Woody” our shed was taken down, this was due to it falling apart! You may have also noticed that we have new planters in our playground! Huge thanks to Father John who very kindly paid for all the planters. Our Parent Council received a grant last year which will also be put towards developing these planters. Each class will have a planter to sow, decorate and look after. We are excited about how these will look in time to come.

Crazy Hair Day!

Thank you to all the donations for Crazy Hair Day – this raised £126 which will help with the cost of our school show.

We really enjoyed seeing some of the very creative hair dos!

Mr ‘Taylor Swift’ enjoyed joining in too!



Sports Day

Weather depending, our Sports Day is tomorrow (31st May). There will be Potted Sports being held in the morning and races in the afternoon.

All parents/carers are welcome to pop along at any time during the day (with the exception of lunchtime 12.15pm – 1pm) to support the children.



Larbert Library Visits

P7s have been enjoying their fortnightly trips to Larbert Library. This is giving the children an opportunity to widen their interests when choosing books and learn about a wider range of authors.

There is a Teenage Book Group which is meeting on Saturday 22nd June at 1pm in Larbert Library and the Summer Reading Challenge will be launching soon. Please visit the Library for more information.



Basketball

Our amazing basketball team qualified for the Basketball League Finals held on the 9th of May. In their 1st game it was a close call against Antonine Primary who won 16:14. The team then won against Kinneil Primary 18:3. They then went on to win against St. Margaret's Primary 17:15 and made it to the semi-finals! They then lost to a very strong Bonnybridge Primary team 32:12. They done so well to get thru to these finals and we are very proud of our team!



Football

Well done to our Football Team that took part in the Minerva Cup recently. Unfortunately they were beaten in penalties in the semi-finals but played some great football and showed an amazing attitude in the horrible weather conditions. They also played in the Round Table tournament and finished undefeated! Mr Taylor is very proud of them! Good luck to them in the other upcoming tournaments.



Cross Country

Well done to the pupils that participated in the recent Cross Country event.



School Bus

Parents are responsible for the behaviour of their child at all times whilst travelling on the School Bus. Can we remind parents that they should NOT be travelling on the School Bus. More information can be found [here](#).



Cakes and Sweet Treats

Can we please remind parents/carers that unfortunately, we cannot allow cakes or sweet treats to be brought in to be shared in class. We understand that this is usually a kind thing to do to celebrate your child's birthday but we have children and staff with several food allergies. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Medication in school

A few parents have advised that they are unsure of the process if their child requires to take medication during the school day, this includes nurofen and calpol.

As part of Falkirk Council policies there is a medical form MED1 which needs to be completed by a parent/carer giving details of the medication to be taken, the dosage and time to be administered.

We have attached a link to the Falkirk Council webpage with information about supervised medication in school together with the link to the Med1 form, there is also a link to a Med4 form however this is relevant to high schools only.

You would be able to ask at the school office for a Med1 form if you require your child to have medication administered during the school day.

If you want to complete the online form and then email to the school (stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk) we can then print this out and ask you to sign the form when handing in the medication.

Please click here for the link: [School life - Supervised medication in school | Falkirk Council](#)

Masses held within School

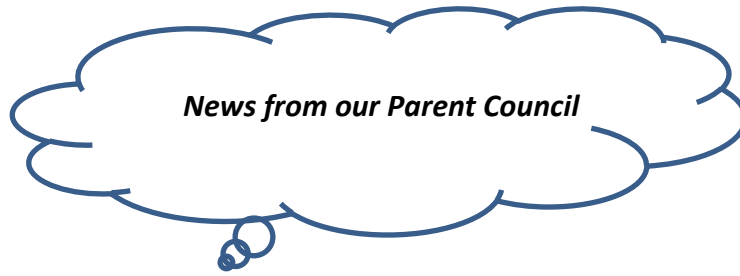
Can we please remind parents/carers that on the days that there is Mass held in school, parents/carers are very welcome to attend. The dates are all marked on the calendar at the end of this newsletter. Handy for the fridge! 😊

Rag Bag Collection

Thank you for all your Rag Bag donations. Our last collection weighed 145Kg, raising £47.10 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





200 Club Winners

May draw winners are:

- £100 - 88 Christine Stones
- £50 - 172 Lesley Ann Cooper
- £50 - 17 Veronica Cully
- £25 - 212 Mhairi Walton
- £25 - 47 Lisa Milne



Congratulations to the above winners!

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. We would love to have more people join up to help support the school.

Learning Week Engagement

As you will all know, Falkirk Council are currently consulting with parents and children about proposed changes to the school week. If you wish to make your views known on this issue, please complete the survey at the link below:

[Project: Learning Week Engagement | Participate+ \(falkirk.gov.uk\)](https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/learning-week-engagement)

If anyone wishes to discuss this further or has any issues with the survey, please do not hesitate to contact the Parent Council.



Thursday 20th June 2024

Nursery transition/P1-3 - 6-7pm

P4-7 - 7.15 - 8.30pm

£2.50 entry fee (payable on door)



COME ALONG AND
JOIN IN THE FUN TO
CELEBRATE THE END
OF TERM

Children starting P1 in August 2024 are invited to come along too but must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the Disco for insurance purposes

Achievements

Has your child celebrated an achievement out of school, e.g. Dancing, Football, Tae Kwon Do? We would love to hear about it so we can share the good news in our next Newsletter! Please email the school at stbernadettesprimaryschool@falkirk.gov.uk

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 and Peanut Butter/Nutella sandwiches.

We have pupils and staff who are severely allergic to peanuts/nuts. Peanuts/nuts 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/nut products will be returned home in packed lunch boxes unopened.

All Falkirk Council school lunch menus do not have nut products as standard.

Further information can be viewed here:

<http://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/what-is-anaphylaxis/signs-and-symptoms>



Mobile Phones

If your child brings their mobile phone 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 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 our child becomes infected, we would appreciate if you could inform us as soon as possible. *All information provided will be strictly confidential.*

No Smoking/Vaping

Can we please gently remind parents/carers that there is a strictly no smoking/vaping permitted within the school grounds, including the car park area. Thank you for your cooperation with this.



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>
P1/2 <https://twitter.com/MrsEdwardsStBs> (2) P2 St Bernadette's (@P2StBernadettes)
P2/3 <https://twitter.com/misshigneySTB>
P4 <https://twitter.com/mrsqallacherSTB> <https://twitter.com/P4StBernadettes>
P5 https://twitter.com/Mrs_Podmore https://twitter.com/MrsBrown_STBPS
P6 <https://twitter.com/Primary6StBs>
P7 <https://twitter.com/MrsLCMartin> [@MrsDuncan \(@a20dun1\)](https://twitter.com/MrsDuncan)

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

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

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

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>

Events Calendar 2023/24



Month	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Notes
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	Holiday
Aug 2023	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Staff Development Day
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Reporting to Parents Events
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	13 th September: Meet the Teacher, 5pm – 6pm
	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	3 rd November: Learner Profiles shared
Sep	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8 th November: Parent Consultation 3.30pm – 6pm
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15 th November: Parent Consultation 4.30pm – 7pm
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	6 th March: Parent Consultation 4.30pm – 7pm
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	13 th March: Parent Consultation 4.30pm – 7pm
Oct	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	24 th May: : Learner Profiles shared
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	21 st June: Reports out
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Religious Observance (tbc)
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	1.30pm Mass in St. Bernadette’s Primary
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	25/8: led by P7; 29/9 PFFA: led by P6; 1/11: All Saints Day, led by P7;
Nov	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	15/12: led by P4; 26/1: led by P7; 14/2: Ash Wednesday Service, led by P6
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	1/3: led by P5; 22/3: led by P4; 26/4: led by P7; 23/11: led by P5
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	9/5: Feast of Ascension, led by P6; 26/6: led by P7
	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	
Dec	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Sunday 5 th November: 10.30am St. Bernadette’s Parish Church,
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	P4 enrolment Mass
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	Saturday 9 th March: 11am and 2pm St. Bernadette’s Parish Church
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	P3 Sacrament of Reconciliation
Jan 2024	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Saturday 20 th April: 11am St. Francis Xavier Parish Church
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	P7 Sacrament of Confirmation
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Saturday 1 st June: 10.30am and 2pm St. Bernadette’s Parish Church
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	P4 Sacrament of Communion
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
Feb	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Class Assembly, followed by child-led learning, 1.30pm
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	27 th September: P4 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	29 th November: P7 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	26	27	28	29	1	2	3	24 th January: P2/3 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
Mar	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7 th February : P5 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	28 th February: P1/2 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	24 th April: P6 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	22 nd May: P1 Assembly, 1.30pm, followed by child-led learning
Apr	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Celebration Event
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	11 th December: Christmas Concert; 14 th December: ELC sing along (pm)
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	14 th December: Christmas lunch
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	18 th December: ELC party am; P6 party pm
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	19 th December: P1 party; P7 party pm
May	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	20 th December: P2/3 party am; P5 party pm
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	21 st December: P1/2 party am; P4 party pm
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18 th March: P7 Residential
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	31 st May: Sports Day (option 1); 7 th June: Sports Day (Option 2)
Jun	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	14 th June: ELC Sports Day
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	19 th June: School Show, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24 th June:: ELC Moving On Celebration
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	25 th June: Whole school trip
Jul	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	26 th June: P7 Leavers Assembly, 9.30am; Mass, 1.30pm
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	ELC / P1 Transition
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	27 th May: 10.45am – 12.30pm, with parent and lunch
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	3 rd and 17 th June: 9.15am – 10am, children only
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	11 th June: outdoors 3.30pm – 4.30pm, with parents