



St Bernadette's Primary School

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Newsletter

August 2025



Welcome back to our 13th year at St. Bernadette's. A very warm welcome to all of our new pupils and their parents/carers.

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.

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.

Attendance Procedure in Falkirk Council

Please contact the school office on 503400 before 9.15am on the day of your child's absence. The system will prompt you to leave a message on the absence line. If your child is absent from school and no letter 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.**

Primary One

Our Primary 1's have all settled in very well at school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We would rather you ask us than let something worry you.

Photographs

Could you please let the school know ASAP if you do **NOT** want your child's photograph taken. Please email the school stbernadettesprimaryschool@education.falkirk.sch.uk Thank you.

Emails

As we are an ECO school letters very rarely go out in paper form. There are many emails sent out to parents, you should have received a few already! If you have not received any, it may mean that we do not have your up-to-date email address. Please let Mrs Heeps know and she can update your details.

Administration of Medication

If your child requires any medication to be administered during the school day (including inhalers for asthma), it is Falkirk Council policy that a standard form is completed by parents/carers. To ensure all our information is up to date this has to be done every school year. If you need a form, please contact the school office.

Childhood Flu Immunisation Programme

In Autumn/Winter 2025, flu immunisation will be offered to all primary school aged children in their school. All P1-P7 children have had a letter with further information and consent forms. Please return these by **27th August**. Unfortunately, forms cannot be accepted after the 27th August as these are collected by the NHS. **The date of the Flu Immunisations in school is 7th November 2025.**

Please visit www.nhsinform.scot/childflu for further information.

School Photographs

Tempest shall be in school on **Tuesday 26th August** to take family and individual school photographs. Parents will be sent home a proof photograph and have the opportunity to purchase packs – there is NO OBLIGATION to buy.

Please ensure your child comes to school on photograph day full in school uniform – including their biggest smile 😊

Primary 1 Falkirk Herald Souvenir Edition

The Falkirk Herald photographer will be in school on Friday 29th August to take the P1 class photograph to be included in the Falkirk Herald Souvenir Edition. Please ensure your child is in school uniform on this day. Parents/Carers will have the opportunity to purchase this edition at a reduced price – email to follow 😊

School Lunches

Lunches are free for all children in P1-P5. Please note there has been a price increase for school lunches and the cost per child is now £3.00 for P6 & P7 pupils. If your child requires a Medically Prescribed Diet please ensure the forms are updated and signed by a medical professional.

Seasons for Growth

Change and loss are issues that affect all of us at some stage in our lives.

At St Bernadette's Primary we recognise that life can be difficult for a while when changes happen in families through death, separation, divorce or other reasons. Our children have been through many changes over the past few years and some may have experienced the loss of a loved one. We are offering a very successful programme called Seasons for Growth to our P1-P3 pupils. This programme is a chance for children to learn with a small group of children who have experienced similar issues. The programme will help children to learn new skills to cope with change and loss. Please contact Mrs Lorenzetti if you would like more information.



Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome our new Probationer Teacher, Miss Murray. Miss Murray is teaching P7.

September Holiday

Just a reminder that school is closed to staff and pupils on Monday 8th September as it is a local holiday.

Communication with Class Teachers

Can we please ask that if you wish to speak to your child's teacher that you please contact the school office to arrange a phone call or meeting. Please do **NOT** approach the teacher in the morning or at the end of the day at the classroom door as the teacher is settling in/dismissing all her class. All teachers use the SeeSaw app and you can also message the teacher of this, but please appreciate that the messages may not be seen outwith the Class Teacher's working day. Thank you.

5th Larbert Boys Brigade

Come and join us on Friday nights at 7pm!

5th Larbert Boys Brigade Company meets in Larbert Baptist Church hall on Friday nights at 7pm. Boys from P2 upwards will be made most welcome.

For further information please phone Lorraine on [01324 557686](tel:01324557686)

P7 Residential Trip

We have booked our residential for the P7 pupils to Dalguise. In previous years our P7's had a very positive experience at their residential trip. Lots more information can be found by clicking this link [About \(pgl.co.uk\)](http://pgl.co.uk)

The week the children shall visit shall be w/b 23rd March 2026. There will be two members of staff who will accompany the children. PGL provide a wide range of activities. All the residential staff are very well qualified and the children will be supervised at all times.

The cost of this trip will be £400.00. (We have capped this price and shall fundraise to meet the cost of the trip). This includes £20 spending money for each child. A deposit of £60.00 was required by 27th June 2025. Interim deposit of £80.00 will be due by 29th August 2025. Final payment will be due by 30th January 2026. Payments can be made at any time on lpaylmpact. If you need any help with lpaylmpact, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

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

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>

Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.



Rag Bag Collection

Thank you for all your Rag Bag donations. Our last collection weighed 150kilos, raising £60 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



IpayImpact

We use Ipayimpact online payments to help reduce administration and cash handling in school and also to allow pupils to reduce the amount of cash they carry to school. This is the same system used in all Falkirk Council schools, including High Schools and is really worthwhile setting up and familiarising yourself with it. For school meals, each pupil has an account that can be topped up. There are two ways to pay money into this account:

- Falkirk Council Ipayimpact web site for school payments:
<http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today/pay/schools/>
- Cash/Cheque payments at the school

In order to use the Falkirk Council Ipayimpact web site you must have a Mygovscot account. To create one:

- Visit: <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today/pay/schools/>
 - Click on **Register for an account** and Register for a Mygovscot account
 - Complete the 4 steps to create a Mygovscot account
 - Once registered and your account verified via email link, go back to <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today/pay/schools/> and select **Sign In**
- On first sign in, after accepting terms and conditions, you will be asked to provide the **Account Ref** for one of your children to make payments on their behalf. This Account Reference can be found at the top of this letter. Enter the reference provided for one of your children and select **Link Account**.
- Link additional child/ren (**if you have more than one child at this school or another school using Falkirk Council Ipayimpact**)
 - Go to Accounts on the top menu – your first child will be displayed.
 - Click on the ‘Link a New Account’ button
 - Enter the Child Account Reference for your other child/ren as detailed in this letter or similar letter from another school.
 - Click Find Account and Establishment – choose the school from the list (if displayed)
 - Click the Link Account button

MAKING A PAYMENT

- Go to the home page and add the amount you wish to pay for against the item and then click **Add to Basket**
- You can then **Proceed to Checkout**

You then will be directed to the Capita payment gateway where you can enter your debit or credit card details securely. Once the payment has been authorised you will receive an email receipt of your payment.

PREORDER MEAL SELECTIONS

- Log into your account
- On the Home page, click on **Preorder** button next to your child's name
- From the drop down list choose the week you want to make a preorder for then click on **Select**. Please make sure you have made a selection for **EVERY** day of that week and then click on **Confirm Selections**.
- If you want to Preorder for another week, click on **Order for Another Week**

Additional guidance for adding payments can be found here: <https://www.ipayimpact.co.uk/TPI/FAQ>
Should you have any questions on the above, please contact the school office.

Achievements

One of our P4 pupils travelled to Sweden in July to represent Scotland at the WUKF Karate World Championships at the Malmo Arena. She competed in kata, kumite and kobudo (weapons). She achieved 3rd place in the 7-9yrs section where her specialist weapon is the Tonfa.

What an amazing achievement!
Well done, we are all very proud of you!



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@education.falkirk.sch.uk
and let us know all about it!

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

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 NO Smoking/Vaping in school grounds.



ST. BERNADETTE'S NEEDS YOU



St. Bernadette's fundraising group needs new members to be involved with the fantastic events held each year at the school.

As kids move on so do parents and without more parents support the below events will eventually come to an end!

- Kids Disco – Halloween/Easter/Summer
- Family BBQ
- Summer Fayre
- Annual Quiz Night
- Race Night and many more.....

Year on year school budgets have been tightened and without the funds raised from the above events St. Bernadette's would not have been able to provide the below for your children.



Subscriptions
Picnic Benches
Smart TVs

Climbing Wall
Outdoor Toys
Astro Turf in ELC

plus much more.....

200 Club

As anyone who has won money from the 200 club will testify, it's a great feeling when 'your number comes up'. If you or anyone in your family would like to join (cost £3 per month per number), then please drop an email to stbernadettes200club@gmail.com and someone will be in touch.



26th August – Tempest photography – school photographs

29th August – Falkirk Herald – P1 photos

8th September – School closed – September weekend

9th September – Parent Council AGM – 6.30pm

10th September – P7 Reconciliation (in school)

26th September – Mass led by P7 – 1.30pm – all welcome

13th October – 24th October – School closed – October holidays

7th November – Flu immunisation day

28th November – School closed to pupils – In Service day

22nd December – 2nd January – School closed – Christmas holidays

School Website

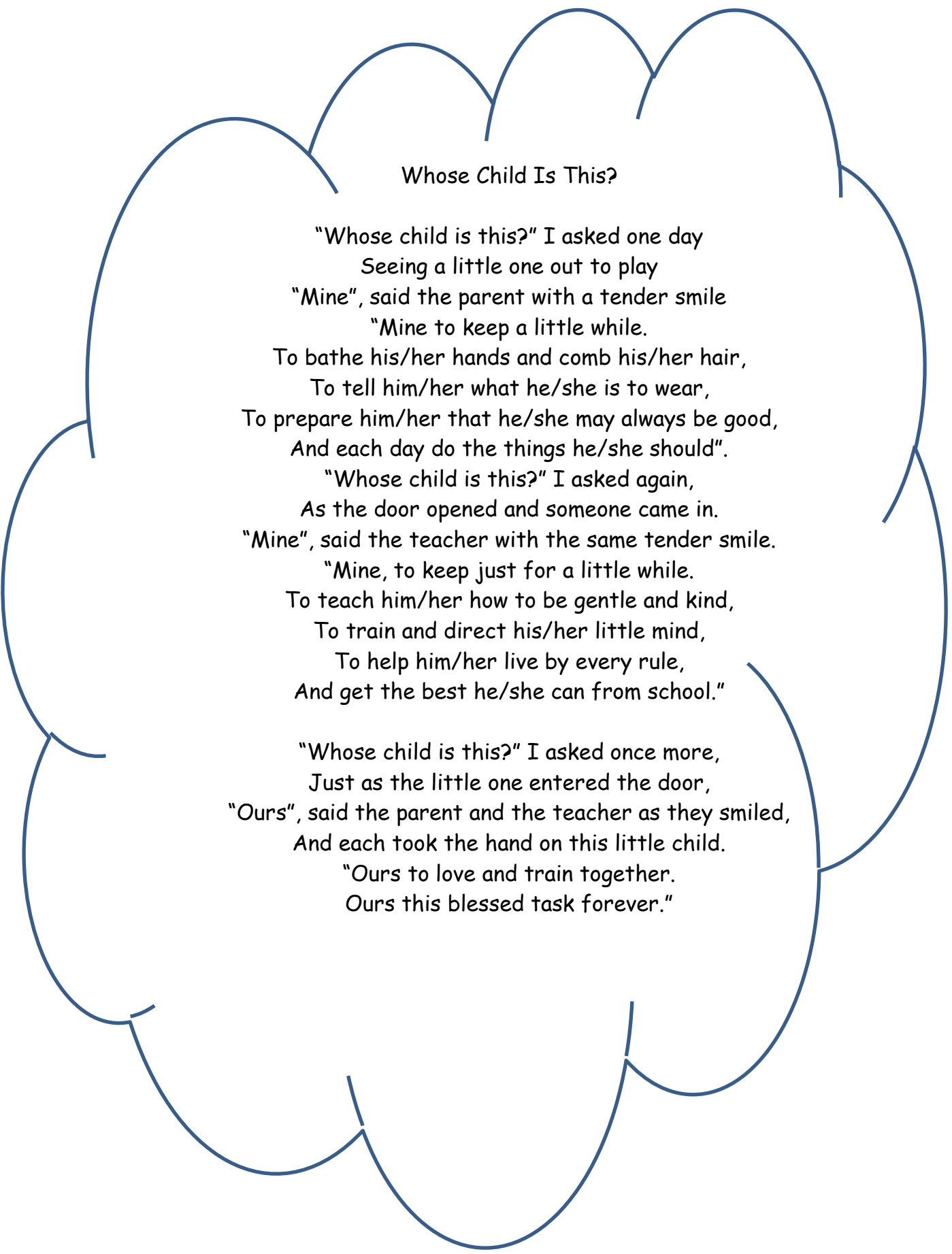
Please check the school website regularly as this will be a valuable source of information for parents.

The address is <http://stbernadettes.edusite.co.uk/>

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

and <https://www.facebook.com/stbernadettelarbert>



Whose Child Is This?

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day
Seeing a little one out to play
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile
"Mine to keep a little while.
To bathe his/her hands and comb his/her hair,
To tell him/her what he/she is to wear,
To prepare him/her that he/she may always be good,
And each day do the things he/she should".
"Whose child is this?" I asked again,
As the door opened and someone came in.
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile.
"Mine, to keep just for a little while.
To teach him/her how to be gentle and kind,
To train and direct his/her little mind,
To help him/her live by every rule,
And get the best he/she can from school."

"Whose child is this?" I asked once more,
Just as the little one entered the door,
"Ours", said the parent and the teacher as they smiled,
And each took the hand on this little child.
"Ours to love and train together.
Ours this blessed task forever."