



St Bernadette's Primary School



October 2025 Newsletter

Update your contact details

Please let us know about any changes to your:



Email



Telephone number



Address

Outdoor Learning and Play

Please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for our ever changing Scottish Weather.



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.**

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.

P7 Residential Trip

There are still deposits which haven't been paid for the residential trip. Can we please ask that parents pay this on IpayImpact as soon as possible. School has had to pay these deposits to secure the booking. *Please remember that there is access to funding to help families with financial difficulties. Please contact Mrs Savage, in strictest confidence, for more information.*

Late coming in school

There are a number of children coming into school late. School starts at **9am**, if your child arrives after the bell has gone he/she will be marked as late. When children are late it causes disruption to the class and has an effect on your child's learning.



Through The GATE!!

Be on time for school every day!

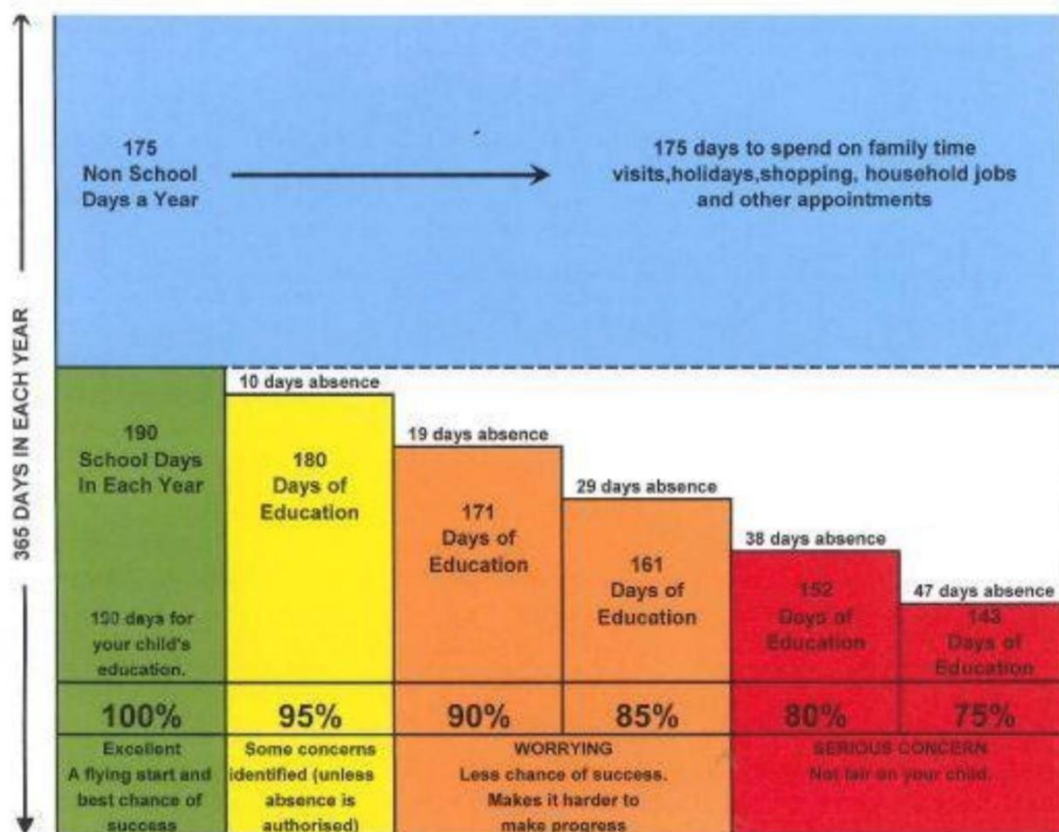


Lost Minutes = Lost Learning

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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



Parent Consultations

Our Parent Consultations are being held on 11th & 13th November. These can be booked using Parentsportal.scot. Booking shall open on 3rd November. If you need any help with this, please contact the school office.

The Scottish Poppy Appeal

We are supporting the Scottish Poppy Appeal. P7 pupils shall be visiting classes with Poppies and Donation cans starting after the October break.



October Holidays

Just a reminder that school is closed for the October holidays from 13th October until 24th October. School will reopen on Monday 27th October.

We wish all our pupils and families a lovely October break!



Mass

Mass is being held in school on Friday 31st October at 1.30pm. This Mass is being led by P7. All are very welcome.

Halloween Class Activities

Each class shall be having Halloween activities on Friday 31st October. Children are welcome to come to school in Halloween outfits. Can we please ask that there is no scary face painting/masks or accessories (e.g. weapons, tridents etc.)

parentsportal.scot

Have you signed-up to parentsportal.scot yet? Parentsportal replaces the traditional school bag run allowing parents/guardians of children attending school to sign forms and receive important information online. You can sign-up at www.parentsportal.scot

We recommend all parent/carers sign up as you can report absences, see report cards, respond to permission slips, update your child's record, make school payments and much more! You can do all of this in one central place with a single sign-on. Go to www.parentsportal.scot to sign-up.

News from our Parent Council



St. Bernadette's Parent Council

Autumn Disco

Thursday 20th November

£2.50 entry free which includes juice and treats

P1 - P3: 6-7pm

P4 - P7: 7.15 - 8.30pm



Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 28th October at 6.30pm. All welcome

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. Can we please ask that the disabled bays are used only for those who need them.

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

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 Peanut Butter/Nutella sandwiches and Dubai chocolate.

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



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@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 your child.

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.



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/>

Bluesky

Please follow us on: [St. Bernadette's Primary School \(@stbernadettesps.bsky.social\)](https://bsky.app/profile/stbernadettesps.bsky.social) — Bluesky



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

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

Diary Dates

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

7th November – Flu immunisation day

11th & 13th November – Parent Consultations (more info to follow)

20th November – Autumn Disco P1 – P3: 6pm – 7pm P4 – P7: 7.15pm – 8.30pm

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

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



PFFA Community & Fundraising Events



**OCT
7**

**COFEE MORNING
10:00-11:30**

Enjoy a cake and a cuppa in our newly refurbished community room.

**OCT
29**

**SPOOKY MOVIE NIGHT
6:00-8:00**

Bring you blankets and snacks for a spooky movie after dark.

**NOV
28**

**STRATHCARRON
HAMPER**

Donate your items by this date for our Christmas hampers.

**DEC
12**

**FAMILY EVENT
CHRISTMAS
1:00-3:00**

Enjoys stories, crafts and treats with a festive feel.

**MAR
20**

**STRATHCARRON
BIG TEA
10:00-12:00**

Join us for a cake and a cuppa as we raise funds for Strathcarron Hospice.

**MAR
27**

**SCIAF FUN DAY
9:00-3:00**

A whole school dress down day with lots of fundraising fun.

**MAY
22**

**FAMILY SUMMER
PICNIC
1:00-3:00**

Join us in the playground for a family picnic and games.

**JUNE
5**

**PUPIL CARWASH
9:00-11:00**

Have your car expertly(!) washed by the pupils as we raise money for our chosen charities.



Please pop these dates in your calendar.

Full details will be send in advance of each event .

All members of the St Bernadette's family are most welcome.