



St Bernadette's Primary School



November 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.



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

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.

There is advice from NHS here: [Is my child too ill for school](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-call-the-doctor/child-when-to-call-the-doctor/)

We recommend all parent/carers sign up as you can report absences, book parent consultations, 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. Please click: www.parentsportal.scot to sign-up.

In-Service Day

Please remember the school shall be closed to all pupils on Friday 28th November as it is an In-Service Day.

School Christmas Lunch – Friday 12th December

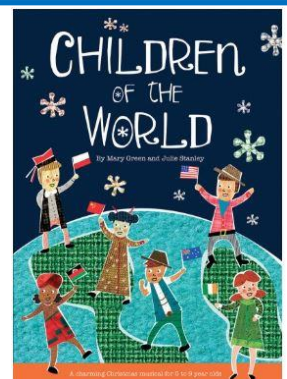
Every parent/carer received an email with a form to fill in for Christmas Lunch choice. Falkirk Council agreed that all P6 & P7's shall receive a FREE Christmas Lunch, all P1 – P5's already receive a free school dinner.

The choices are Steak Pie, Turkey with trimmings, Quorn Fillet (for vegan/vegetarians only). We need all our orders in by **Friday 21st November** to allow our cook to order the food in. No orders can be accepted after this date.



School Christmas Show

Our School Christmas show shall be performed on Wednesday 17th December at 9.30am and 1.30pm. Tickets are available to purchase using IpayImpact. Each family can buy 2 tickets. If you require more than 2, please contact the office to be added to a reserve list. Thank you.



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!!

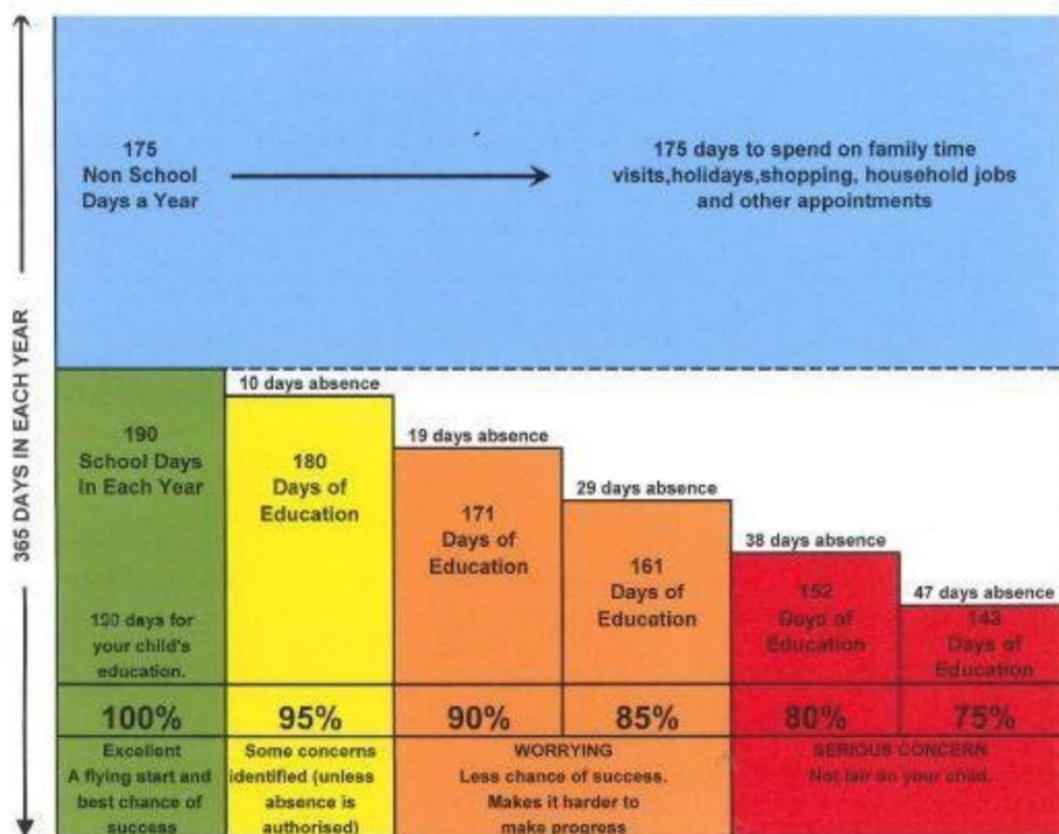
Be on time for school every day!

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.**

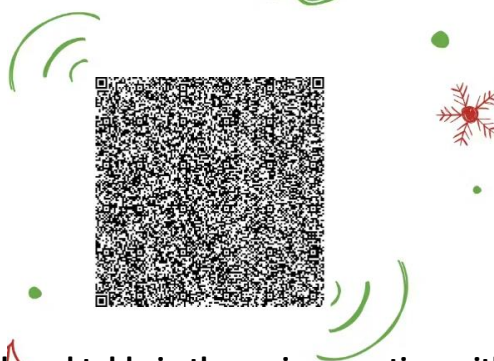
ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

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



Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper day shall be on Thursday 11th December. If you wish to make a donation this would be gratefully received to the JustGiving page that has been set up: Just scan this QR code:



Please remember there is a pre-loved table in the main reception with Christmas Jumpers. Please feel free to have a browse.

PFFA Group

This year, the PFFA group, Faith in Action group and the Mini Vinnies will be making Christmas food/gift hampers. These will be distributed to elderly and isolated people via the Strathcarron Hospice Outreach Team.

The children would be incredibly grateful for donations of any of the items listed below. These items can be brought into school and given to Mrs Gallacher or Mrs Brown.

Boxes of chocolates
Boxes of biscuits
Flavoured Juices
Mince pies
Christmas Pudding
Crackers
Jams & other preserves
Coffee and Tea
Christmas cake
Bath items
Scented Candles
Toiletry gift sets for men and women

Strathcarron Hospice have been incredibly grateful for our support. It was a fantastic project that allowed the children to see the impact of all their hard work. Hopefully this year's project will be as successful. The final date for donations will be Thursday 27th November.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs Gallacher.

P1 Enrolment Details

Starting primary school in August 2026

If your child is due to start school in August 2026, you must enrol them for their catchment school between 1 November and 31 December 2025.

Who should start school?

Children who turn 5 on or before 12 August 2025 must start school in August 2026.

Children who turn 5 between 13 August 2026 and 28 February 2027 can also start school in August 2026.

You'll need:

- A My Falkirk account to enrol
- Address verification a (checked against Council Tax records)
- Birth certificate or passport (if not attending a Falkirk Council or Partner nursery)
- Baptism certificate (if enrolling for a Roman Catholic school).

Placing requests (Primary 1 & Secondary 1)

If you'd like your child to attend:

- A school out with your catchment area; or
- A denominational school and your child/children are not baptised Roman Catholic.

You must submit a placing request between 4 December 2025 and 15 March 2026.

School Enrolment



Placing Requests



FALKIRK COUNCIL



My Childs Art

Your child/children's artwork has now been uploaded and items are available to order. This also raises for funds for our school.

Order unique, personalised cards, gifts and keepsakes designed by YOUR child!

Why My Child's Art?

- Easy online ordering - **mobile friendly!**
- Orders delivered direct to your door - **no lengthy wait times!**
- Lots of customisation options - **themes for all occasions!**
- Your child's school or group benefits - **they receive 20% commission!**

Prices start from just **£2.69** + P&P

If you have any questions about ordering or need help finding the right artwork, our friendly customer service team is here to help! Give us a call, drop us an email, or try out our live chat feature.

01530 887650
customerservice@mychildsart.co.uk
www.mychildsart.co.uk/order

@mychildsartuk

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St Bernadette's Primary School

mychildsart
www.mychildsart.co.uk

Your child has uploaded a mini masterpiece to our website!
VIEW NOW
by logging into the parent order portal at
www.mychildsart.co.uk/order

Order portals open NOW until the
31/12/2025

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
valid for a limited time only so don't delay!

Use code **StBern45X25**
during checkout for 10% off your order!

One use only. Excludes VAT and P&P. Not automatically applied and cannot be added once an order has been confirmed. Valid for a limited time from the portal opening date, not the date that you receive this leaflet. For specific end date, please contact your child's school/group.

Username **StBern45**
Access Code **vr6xa4jv**

QR code:

Scan me

Over 35 products to choose from, including
7 BRAND NEW FOR 2025!

NEW
Napkins
Wipe away crumbs with creativity! Turn mealtimes into a mini art show with our personalised napkins featuring your little one's artwork.

NEW
Jumbo Key Ring
A daily dose of pride and joy, right in your pocket: say hello to our upgraded key ring! Larger and more customisable than ever, it'll be treasured for years to come.

NEW
Mug - smaller size for coffee
Our popular personalised solid ceramic mug printed with your child's art, but in a delicate smaller size for the coffee connoisseur.

20% of all money raised goes straight back to your child's school/group!

Postage starts from just **£2.99** - why not club together with another parent or a group and **split the cost!**

NEW
Glitter Display Case
Sparkle meets scribble! Turn your child's art into a dazzling glitter display - because every masterpiece deserves a little shimmer and shine.

NEW
Artwork Bauble
Turning doodles into holiday magic! Our personalised artwork bauble showcases your child's artwork in all its festive glory.

NEW
Teddy Bear
Your child's new best friend, our adorable personalised teddy bear turns their special designs into a hug they can cherish forever.

NEW
Note & Pocket Books
Perfect for lists, stories or secret plans; our personalised A5 note books and A6 pocket books feature your child's artwork pride of place on the cover.

Christmas Pantomime

We have arranged for a Theatre Company to come into school with their production of "Donald, Where's Yer Troosers?" We have used this company before and they are excellent. This is a Christmas treat for all children with no cost to parents/carers. This will be on the morning of 2nd December 2025.



Basketball

Well done to our Basketball team who played at a recent tournament at Graeme High School. They were beaten by Victoria Primary and Hallglen Primary but we were the only team with P4's and the smallest players! The other coaches complimented them on their positive attitude and great sportsmanship, never giving up, keeping their heads held high and trying their best. Our P7 girls were brilliant and extremely inclusive of their less experienced team mates being very supportive and patient. We are proud of all of you! Thank you to Miss Sheehy for coaching our Basketball team!



Pupil achievements

We were so impressed by one of our P7's recent presentation exploring the mechanics of Earth and Sun orbits as part of our Interdisciplinary Learning (IDL) project. He showcased excellent presentation skills and a clear enthusiasm for the topic. To ensure his classmates gained a comprehensive understanding, he went above and beyond, not only creating a strong PowerPoint but also designing and building a superb model to visually support his research and delivery. A true example of going the extra mile!



Primary 6 students have been mastering the art of suspense writing! After weeks of analysing the techniques used by professional authors, one of our P6 pupil's conjured up a truly phenomenal hot piece of writing that instantly captivated his audience. His use of literary tools to build tension kept every single person on the edge of their seat—a stunning achievement in storytelling!

A trip to France

Set on September 1st, 1997

Walking up the stairs I felt like the most important person in the world. The sky shone blue and dad's eyes twinkled as he told me about how he came here as a child. Unaware of the things that would happen on HMS Glorious.

As I woke, I noticed it was still dark and, trying not to wake anyone I groggily went out to explore.

Walking down the hallways of deck B I noticed something was odd. A luminous glow sat at the end of the hallway like a star in a lonely night sky. I knew something was up. Just then a large, hunched figure jumped from behind the corner. It was pale white with eyes as dark as a shadow and long bony emaciated fingers attached to a broad hand but when I blinked, it was gone.

I dashed away, my head pounding with the sound of close footsteps in my ears. I dived into the next cabin, vision blurry, adrenaline pumping and dripping with sweat. I rolled under the bed. The carpet was soft and padded, making the footprints coming from the thing almost silent. Did he know I was here? But my question was answered.

Time slowed as the room was filled with my entail. No one would find my mangled, rotting corpse till morning. I would die alone...Without anyone to hear my screams... left haunting the corridors forever...

Wonder Week

Thank you to all parent/carers and grandparents that came into school for the 'Come Learn with Me' event on the 7th November to celebrate our Wonder Week. There was a fantastic buzz across the whole school. All children have enthusiastically developed their creativity skills across the whole week and we were very impressed at their level of engagement in leading their own learning.



Donation of resources for our ELC

ELC Staff have recently done an audit of the ELC environment and have identified that they would benefit from more baby doll clothes, wooden Russian Dolls and more diverse resource such as dressing up items for role play. If you have any such items they would happily take them.

If you have any toy car garages, emergency vehicle resources (such as police cars, ambulances, fire engines, bin lorries etc.) that you are no longer using they would happily take those too.

They are also looking for donations of sand for our outdoor sand pit.

They are also on the lookout for a small dressing table if anyone knows of someone getting rid of one of these, it would be gratefully received.

News from our Parent Council



200 Club Winners

Please see the winners of the September & October 200 Club draw.

September draw winners are:

£100 -18 Veronica Cully
£50 - 108 Louise Wilson
£50 - 100 Anne Kelly
£25 - 192 Nevanka Carson
£25 - 154 Julie Heeps

October draw winners are:

£100 -135 Lisa Milne
£50 - 59 Jennifer Walker
£50 - 73 Moria Kennedy
£25 - 65 Darren Burns
£25 - 3 Marc McAfferty



Congratulations to the above winners! The prize winnings can be collected from the school office between 9am and 3.30pm any day.

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.



Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 16th December 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.social/stbernadettesps) — 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>



PFFA Community & Fundraising Events

OCT
7

COFFEE 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 HAMPERS

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.

Event Calendar 2025/26 (Subject to change)

Month	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Term	Wk	Notes
Sep 2025	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		36	Holiday - School Closed
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		37	In-service Day - School closed to pupils
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		38	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		39	Reporting to Parents
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5		40	Tuesday 11.11.24 Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.00pm
Oct	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		41	Thursday 13.11.24 Parent Consultations 4.30 – 7.00pm
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		42	Friday 19.6.25: End of Year reports issued
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		43	Tuesday 17.03.26 Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6pm
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2		44	Thursday 19.03.26 Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6pm
Nov	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		45	Celebration Event
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		46	Wednesday 29.10.25: Spooky Movie Night 6 – 7.30pm
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		47	Thursday 20.11.25: Autumn Disco
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		48	Thursday 04.12.25 Parent Council Movie Night 6 – 8pm
Dec	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		49	Friday 12.12.25: PFFA Christmas Family Afternoon
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		50	Tuesday 9.12.25 : P5/6 & P6 am, – P7 pm Christmas party
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		51	Thursday 11.12.25: P4 Christmas party pm
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		52	Friday 12.12.25 : ELC & P1 Christmas Party am
	29	30	31	1	2	3	4		1	Christmas Lunch
Jan 2026	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		2	PFFA Christmas Family afternoon pm
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		3	Tuesday 16.12.25: P2 & P3 Christmas party am
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		4	ELC sing-a-long pm
	26	27	28	29	30	31	1		5	Wednesday 17.12.25: School show (9.30am and 1.30pm)
Feb	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		6	
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		7	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		8	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	1		9	
Mar	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		10	2026
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		11	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22		12	Week 23.3.26 – 27.03.26: P7 Residential
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		13	Wednesday 20.5.26: Sports Day option 1 - all day
	30	31	1	2	3	4	5		14	TBC ELC Sports Day 1.30pm
Apr	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		15	Wednesday 27.5.26: Sports Day option 2 - all day
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		16	TBC : ELC Moving on Celebration 1.30pm
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		17	TBC : P7 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
	27	28	29	30	1	2	3		18	TBC : P7 Leavers Mass 1.30pm
May	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		19	Mass 1.30pm ALL welcome
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17		20	Class Led Assembly - followed by child-led learning
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24		21	
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		22	ELC / P1 Transition
Jun	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		23	
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14		24	
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21		25	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28		26	
	29	30	1	2	3	4	5		27	
Jul	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		28	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		29	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		30	
	27	28	29	30	31	1	2		31	Religious Observance
Aug	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		32	Confirmations at St. Francis Xavier
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		33	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23		34	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		35	
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6		36	