



St Bernadette's Primary School



March 2026 Newsletter

Update your contact details

Please let us know about any changes to your:



Email



Telephone number



Address

Outdoor Learning & 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](#)

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.

Easter Holidays

We wish all our pupils, parents/carers and friends of St. Bernadette's a happy and peaceful Easter Holiday. School is closed to pupils on Friday 3rd April and shall reopen on Monday 20th April.

May Day Holiday

Just a reminder that school is closed on Friday 1st May to pupils as it is an Inservice Day. May day holiday is Monday 4th May.



Mass

There is a mass being held in school on 2nd April at 1.30pm. All welcome.

Safari Park Trip

We have arranged for P1-P7 pupils to go on a school trip to Blair Drummond Safari Park on 7th May 2026. There is no cost to parents/carers for this trip. Suggested spending money is £5 maximum. Please return the slips issued to children if you wish to pre-order a school packed lunch by Friday 24th April.



Sacraments

Congratulations to the children that recently celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 21st March.



PVG Scheme

The PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) Scheme is a membership system managed by Disclosure Scotland that helps to make sure people working with children are safe to do so.

Recently, the law in Scotland changed. It is now a legal requirement for anyone in a "regulated role" - which includes most school volunteers who help with children - to be a member of the PVG scheme. If a parent wishes to attend an event for their own child for additional support, they can do this but only be with their own child.

Our school thrives on the support of our families, and we are looking for volunteers. Whether it's helping in the classroom, joining school trips or supporting in clubs and activities, your time makes a massive difference.

Until we have PVG checked volunteers in place, unfortunately we are unable to run our usual school trips, local walks and activities. We are fully aware of how frustrating this is for everyone; however, we must adhere to the policy.

We do have support staff in school, but their role is to work with children who require additional support and to ensure adequate supervision so we cannot allocate our support staff for trips.

As a result of this we are reaching out to ask if you (or a grandparent) would be willing to be PVG checked. You don't need to be volunteering every week. It could just be a few school trips or activities per year - for example, going on a class trip, helping with taking pupils on local walks, or helping at a school event.

- **It's free** - There is NO cost to volunteers, any costs will be covered by the school
- **It's simple** - fill out the forms, bring in your documents and the school office will help you with the rest.
- **It's meaningful** - without enough PVG volunteers, many of the extracurricular activities our children love simply cannot go ahead.

If you would be interested in volunteering, please complete the link below.

[St Bernadette's Primary School Parent/Carer Volunteers – Fill in form](#)

Dalguise

Our P7's had a great week in Dalguise at their residential. Thank you to Mrs Savage, Mrs Martin, Mrs Lorenzetti and Mrs Galloway for attending and enjoying the week with the children. The weather was kind too. Mrs Savage is very proud of the children's behaviour and manners and really enjoyed the week.

We have already booked again for next year as the facilities and activities are excellent.



Glee Club

Well Done to the Glee Club. They competed in the Scottish Primary School Glee Challenge organised by the Frisson Foundation. They performed at the Albert Halls in Stirling. This was a wonderful experience for everyone involved. We received the Esprit de Glee award; this is given to the choir that best embodies the ethos of the Scottish Primary School Glee Challenge. This award recognises the choir's demonstration of the Glee values throughout the competition, which include kindness, respect and values. We are very proud of you all!

They also took part in the School Choirs concert held in Larbert East Church on 4th March 2026 organised by the Larbert Men's Christian Association.

Thank you to everyone that went along to support the children at either/both events.



Strathcarron's Big Birthday Tea

Thank you to everyone that attended our Strathcarron Big Birthday Tea. Special thanks to Three Little Pigs for donating scones and cakes. We raised an amazing amount of £350.



Euroquiz 2026

We are delighted to announce that 4 pupils who took part in the Falkirk heat of the Euroquiz 2026 won their heat and will now represent Falkirk in the national finals. The pupils from P6 have been learning and studying everything about Europe all term. We congratulate them and wish them all the best for the finals next term.



SCIAF Fundraising

Well done to P6 for organising the SCIAF Fundraiser – all the children enjoyed the variety of stalls. Thank you to everyone that donated items for these stalls and for supporting our SCIAF Fundraising event. We raised an amazing amount of £804.86!



The P6 girls from 'Cute Crafts' raised £116.36 for a Cancer charity.

Basketball

Well done to our Basketball team, they played their final game of the league recently. They were beaten by St. Margaret's Primary. Miss Sheehy is very proud of them and said, "Our little team did their best and as always kept their heads held high". Well done team – we are proud of you!



School Car Park

We are very lucky that we have such a large 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 children are supervised when walking near the school car park, we have had reports of children running in front of cars.

Disabled bays should only be used 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 82kilos, raising £16.40 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>



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
10

FAMILY EVENT
CHRISTMAS

CANCELLED

Enjoy 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.



News from our Parent Council

200 Club Winners

Please see the winners of the March 200 Club draw:

£100 -158 John Ferguson

£50 - 132 John Tully

£50 - 159 Michael Canny

£25 - 47 Lisa Milne

£25 - 155 Richard Masterson

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.

Race Night

Thank you to everyone that supported and attended the Race Night held on 6th March. We raised an amazing amount of £2046.03!

Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 12th May at 6.30pm. All welcome.