



St. Bernard's Newsletter

'A unique family in faith, love and learning'

Autumn Term – 17th October 2025

*'Jesus is the heart of our Catholic school and church family.
In Jesus' footsteps, we reach out to others with love and respect.'*



This week at St. Bernard's

There has been lots happening this week at our wonderful school.

A perfect Pumpkin Patch has sprung up in our Reception class garden and the children have been thoroughly enjoying exploring it.

Our year 1 children having been discussing different ways to feel proud – I know they would have found many ways to feel proud – we are all very proud of them.

In year 2, the children have been on an adventure to help them innovate their story of The Gruffalo – I can't wait to read the published pieces next week.

Year 3 are turning into marvellous mathematicians – they have been learning to exchange using the column method. In year 4, they have been practising the skill of weaving – I can't wait to see their wonderful creations.

Year 5, have been using the skills they have acquired over this half-term to create a landscape painting carefully selecting the different tints, tones and shades.

Our year 6 children have used the sounds of birds, in music, to create rhythms – very creative.

We had a fantastic turnout for our Reception class intake for 2026 – If you know of anyone who is looking for a place for their child in Reception class next year, please send them our way.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception: **Clover and Myla**

Year 1: **Louie and George B**

Year 2: **Roman and Tony**

Year 3: **William and Iqra**

Year 4: **Ellis H and Millie M**

Year 5: **Jacob and Clodagh**

Year 6: **Shahzaib and Evelyn**

PUPIL LEADERSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has donated coats, so far to support the, 'Wrap Up Bolton' initiative. We will be collecting good-quality, pre-loved coats up until half-term on Friday 24th October.



Thank you on behalf of our fantastic GIFT Team

Next week at St. Bernard's

Our Mission for the week:

Choose one thing you particularly want to ask God for and pray for it every day, taking it to Jesus with all the trust you have.

Parent/Teacher meetings

Wednesday 22nd October from 2pm – 6pm

Please see the attached flyers from our amazing St. Bernard's PSA inviting you to the AGM next week and celebrating all the wonderful activities and monies raised by them throughout the past year.

You are a brilliant PSA!!

REMINDERS/NOTICES

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in choosing Berni the bat's favourite snack.



1 lucky winner will be drawn in our Achievement Assembly next Friday afternoon along with 2 runner-up prizes – Good luck!

ATTENDANCE AWARD GOES TO

YEAR 1

WELL DONE!

OUR SCHOOL VALUES	LOVE	FAMILY	RESPECT	FORGIVENESS	COMPASSION	WELCOME	FAITH
	JUSTICE	INCLUSION	CHARITY	SERVICE	HUMILITY	INTEGRITY	DIGNITY



CAN YOU SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL?

Annual General Meeting for St Bernard's PSA

Tuesday 21st October @ 7.30pm
David Lloyd, Bolton (in the café bar)

New supporters always welcomed and appreciated

Joining the PSA shouldn't be a full-time job.

If you can spare just one hour to help at an event at some point during the school year, we'd love to meet you at our AGM.

Likewise, if you don't have time to spare but you have ideas, connections, or resources that could make a difference to the work we're doing for our children, we'd love you to come and say hello.

No need to RSVP, just turn up and support.

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Parent Staff Association

2024-2025



Every school year,
the PSA shakes you down for money.
And we're so grateful.
But how much have you helped us raise –
and where has all the money gone?



Local Business



- Premex (fab employer of our equally fab PSA Chair, Lynsey) gifted us a donation of **£250** in support of the good work they know we do here.
- Our friends at AXA gave us a HUGE New Year boost with **£2000** of Community Funding
- **£557.20** was raised thanks to our School Lottery. Call into the school office if you've yet to sign up to this cheap and cheerful activity.



The summer sun brought out the treats for our children - and brought in **£110** for the PSA.

Halloween



The sale of Halloween treats raised a not-so-scary **£197.60** to add to the cauldron.



Total Raised

In the 2024-25 academic year,
St Bernard's PSA raised
£6536.78
for our wonderful school community!



Christmas



Christmas saw the introduction of Bernie's Baubles, which raised a very merry **£194**, and those who wanted to guess the name of our cuddly reindeer raised another **£80**. Whilst the children of KS2 filled the air with festive song at their Song Book event, the PSA filled everyone's tummies with refreshments, raising **£146** along the way.



Valentine's Day

Forget flowers – donuts were the way to say it for Valentine's Day at St Bernard's. Sales of these sweet treats raised some serious dough... **£166**, to be precise.



And finally

Fancy raising some money purely by doing your online shopping? Families who signed up to EasyFundraising last year saw the companies they bought from donate a total of **£280.98** to our cause! You spend, they donate. Simple! Get signed up here:
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stbernardsrcprim>

PSA Kiddos

A total of 11 local (and not so local) businesses acted on the gorgeous video made by The Kids of the PSA as they put forward their plea for new iPads. Their generosity added a huge **£2400** to the PSA pot. We are ALWAYS looking for businesses to sponsor us. Can you help?



Colour Run

Our final event of the year was a little different. We were delighted to cover the cost of the materials (**£200**) for our Colour Run, which saw all other fundraising directly support the family of Alfie – our little Heart Warrior. Sales of treats raised **£155** to add back into the pot.



Spending

We spent every penny of profit on brand new iPads. The children are already loving them – and learning lots in the process.

