



St. Bernard's Newsletter

'A unique family in faith, love and learning'

Autumn Term – 19th December 2025

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



This week at St. Bernard's

As we approach the end of this term, I wanted to share the wonderful moments that have filled our school with joy and community spirit this past week.

This week has been incredibly special, we lit the 3rd candle of Advent - the candle of joy, and our week has certainly been filled with joy.

Our Key Stage 2 children delivered two fantastic Songbook performances that truly captured the magic of the season. Our musicians started with superb performances, followed by a beautiful portrayal of the birth of Jesus through wonderful singing, acting, and narration. The performances concluded with some upbeat Christmas songs that lifted everyone's spirits.

Our younger children were equally impressive. The reception and Key Stage 1 children led a touching Advent Reflection on Wednesday morning, offering a moment of pause and reflection during this busy time.

The children's excitement was palpable during their party afternoon, which was made even more magical by a special visit from Father Christmas.

We also channelled our energy into a wonderful Reindeer Run, raising money for Bolton Hospice - a testament to our school's commitment to community support.

The week culminated in our Advent Mass led by Father Samson, a deeply meaningful celebration that lies at the heart of our school's Catholic identity. The Mass beautifully reinforced our school values of faith, love and family, reminding us all of the importance of this special season of Advent. It was a prayerful time of collective worship, where we came together to reflect on the coming of Christ and the importance of preparing our hearts for His arrival.

Following our Mass, Father Samson had the responsibility of drawing the lucky winners of our Christmas Hampers - congratulations to all our winners!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas events over the past few weeks. It has been truly wonderful to see our school family coming together, sharing in these celebrations, and supporting one another. Your kind donations, contributions to the raffle, and enthusiastic participation have made each event a great success.

What a wonderful way to end our term - united as a true family in faith, love, and learning.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception: **Daisy P and Teddy K**
 Year 1: **Zidane and Elijah**
 Year 2: **Lola and Tony**
 Year 3: **All of year 3**
 Year 4: **Jacob T and Ellis**
 Year 5: **Isabelle and Kassandra**
 Year 6: **Annie and Toby**

ATTENDANCE AWARD GOES TO YEAR 1 WELL DONE!

Caritas Advent Wreath Appeal



Our Caritas Ambassadors want to extend a great big thank you for all the donations that have been made to go towards helping people who are facing acute crisis right now.

A huge well done to our E-Safety Competition Winners

Charlotte in year 3 and Nori in year 2



Reminders

School re-opens on Tuesday 6th January 2026

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