



St. Bernard's Newsletter

'A unique family in faith, love and learning'

Summer Term – 22nd May 2026

*'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

What a wonderful week we have had at St. Bernard's! Our children have been engaged in rich and meaningful learning across all year groups.

Our youngest learners in Reception have been inspired by the vibrant work of Henri Matisse, creating their own beautiful collages of snails. They have also been nurturing our prayer area through gardening, developing a real sense of care and stewardship.

Year 1 have been exploring measurement and mass through practical maths activities using scales, whilst also crafting super sentences about their favourite books written by Julia Donaldson.

Year 2 have been particularly creative this week, writing an innovated story inspired by the owl who was afraid of water, investigating fractions in their maths lessons, and producing impressive self-portraits taking inspiration from royal artwork.

Our Year 3 children have been discovering the fascinating world of pollinators, identifying the remarkable range of creatures - from bees and butterflies to bats, birds, lemurs, and even humans, all who play a vital role in helping flowering plants through pollination. They have also recognised the important role wind plays in this process.

Year 4 have shown resilience and perseverance this week as they have been developing their sewing and embroidery skills in Design and Technology. It has been tricky and delicate work, but the children have risen to the challenge beautifully. In English, they have been employing their persuasive writing skills to create Newsround style reports about plastic pollution - an issue we are passionate about as stewards of God's kingdom on earth.

Year 5 have been exploring the fascinating features of Greek architecture in their Design and Technology work, whilst translating shapes and points in their maths lessons.

Our Year 6 children have truly embraced poetry this week and are preparing for an immersive live assembly alongside an orchestra on 11th June, where they will perform their mental health poetry. They have also been captivated by their learning about the trenches of the First World War and how the conflict came to an end.

I would also like to celebrate some wonderful moments from this week. We marked Pentecost on Wednesday with our children wearing colours representing the flames of the Holy Spirit, and we shared a lovely service to celebrate this special event.

Thank you to all our parents, carers and grandparents who attended our Celebration of Work yesterday - your support means the world to us, and the children were thrilled to share their learning with you.

Finally, congratulations to the year 6 boys who played in the Europa League final yesterday and secured an excellent 3-1 victory on penalties. Well done, boys!

Have a wonderful half-term break everyone – I hope you enjoy time with your family and friends in the sunshine.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception: **Everley and Gia**

Year 1: **George D and James**

Year 2: **Reuben and Chanae**

Year 3: **Olivia and Harriette**

Year 4: **Leo and Zidane**

Year 5: **Aveyah and Zaydan**

Year 6: **Rocco H and Charlie**



**THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE AWARD GOES TO
YEAR 1 AND YEAR 5 WITH 95%
WELL DONE!**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Staffing

It is with mixed emotions that we will be saying goodbye to one of our wonderful staff on the 5th June.

Mrs McNeilly will be leaving us to take on a new venture working for her son. He has been trying to persuade her for ages!

I'm sure you will all join us in wishing Mrs McNeilly every success and happiness in her new venture, even though she will be greatly missed here at St. Bernard's.

Mrs McNeilly, will always be part of our wonderful school family and I'm sure she will pop back to see us when she is not too busy.

Good luck Mrs McNeilly

Summer Fair

A HUGE thank you to all our wonderful parents on the PSA. Thank you for organising, preparing and setting up the stalls for the fantastic Summer Fayre that was held last Friday. You are greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Key PE Sports for providing and setting up the inflatables – the children had great fun on them.

Thank you to all our lovely children, parents, grandparents and wider community for coming along to make it such a great success.

A whopping £964.76 was raised.

This will go towards our PSA's commitment to purchasing iPads for the children in our school.

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