



St. Bernard's Newsletter

'A unique family in faith, love and learning'

Summer Term – 19th June 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 across St. Bernard's! I am delighted to share some of the fantastic learning and experiences our children have enjoyed.

Our choir had a truly special opportunity this week when Mrs Richardson took them to the Victoria Hall to perform at the Bolton Music Festival. The children sang beautifully and were an absolute credit to Mrs Richardson for her dedication in rehearsing and preparing them so thoroughly. It was a proud moment for our school.

In the Early Years, Reception have had a fantastic time on their school trip, where they saw lots of different animals and even enjoyed a seal lion show. Back in the classroom, they have been learning about crabs and spent their lesson moving around like one - a wonderful way to bring their learning to life!

Year 1 have been busy in their learning this week. In maths, they have been exploring fractions, finding halves and quarters, whilst in science they have been discovering omnivores, carnivores and herbivores. The children made the most of their wonderful class trip to Blackpool Zoo on Wednesday, which I'm sure enhanced their understanding of the animal world beautifully.

Year 2 have been polishing their letter writing skills whilst role-playing as Stanley Lambchop from their class text 'Flat Stanley!' - they have really enjoyed this creative approach to writing. In RE, they have been learning all about St Francis of Assisi and the wonderful work he carried out for our world, which ties beautifully into our Catholic values.

Year 3 have been investigating which materials are reflective using torches - a hands-on approach that really captures the excitement of scientific discovery.

Meanwhile, Year 4 have loved their final lesson on William Morris design. They used the samples they had created to 'mock up' living rooms and see how their wallpapers would look in real life. It's been lovely to see their engagement with this project. They have also been working hard in their maths lessons on classifying triangles and quadrilaterals, with excellent developments in their vocabulary.

Year 5 have been studying expressionism and the work of Edvard Munch in their art lessons, exploring this fascinating artistic movement.

Year 6 have had quite the adventure! Their weekend at Winmarleigh Hall was thoroughly enjoyed, and it was wonderful to see the children thrive in a setting beyond school and watch new friendships form. Despite being very tired upon their return, Year 6 have remained engaged with their learning about World War Two and have started to plan letters in role as an evacuee. They are also working very hard on their end of Year 6 Production.

It is a privilege to lead a school where children are so engaged, curious and eager to learn. Well done everyone!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.



THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE AWARD GOES TO

YEAR 1

WELL DONE!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Staffing Update

It is with mixed emotions that we will be saying goodbye to Miss Gibbons at the end of this term. It is sad that she is leaving but wonderful that she has secured a teaching position at another school. Miss Gibbons has been here for almost 5 years and during that time has completed her ECT time successfully and taught and supported children across the school. She has been a wonderful asset to our school and I am sure you will join us in wishing her well for her future.

Girls in Construction



Well done to our girls from Year 5 who took part in an event at Bolton School with schools from across Bolton introducing girls to careers in the construction industry. They had the opportunity to learn about the different careers available to them and they took part in a number of challenges and came out winners. An excellent day and a fantastic result

Next week at St. Bernard's

Tuesday 23rd June

Sports Day

Reception and year 1 and 2

9am – 9.45am

Year 3 – 6

10 – 11am

Tuesday 23rd June

New Reception Parents meeting at 6pm

Wednesday 24th June

Reserve Sports Day

Saturday 27th June

First Holy Communion for children on Y3 Sacramental Programme at 10.30am

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