



## Message from Mrs Maguire:

As we move into the festive season, our school is in full swing preparing for the Christmas celebrations. We are excited to invite you to join us for the upcoming performances—always a highlight of the year and a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the talents of our pupils.

This month, our student councils have been working hard to make a positive impact across the school. The Eco Council has been busy preparing our raised beds and planting seeds, helping us create a greener and more sustainable environment. Meanwhile, the Student Council led an inspiring Anti-Bullying Assembly, reinforcing the importance of kindness and respect in our school community. Our Dreamspace Ambassadors have been exploring the world of technology, learning all about Microbits and developing their digital skills. At the same time, our Well-Being Ambassadors have been engaging with mindfulness programmes, promoting calm and focus among their peers.

A special mention goes to our Primary Seven pupils, who have worked incredibly hard in preparation for the SEAG test. To celebrate their efforts and determination, they enjoyed a well-deserved cinema trip last week—a lovely way to mark the end of a challenging period.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas events and sharing in the joy of the season together.

## Christmas Events Schedule



Wednesday  
3rd December  
Mr Hullabaloo  
6pm, School  
Hall  
P1-P3

Wednesday  
10th December,  
10:00, School  
Hall  
P2 Nativity

Wednesday 10th  
December,  
1.30pm, School  
Hall  
P4-P5 Christmas  
Movie Afternoon

Wednesday 10th  
December,  
6.30pm, School  
Hall  
P6-P7 Christmas  
Movie Night



Friday 12th  
December,  
10:00, School  
Hall  
P1 Nativity



Tuesday 16th,  
1.15pm,  
St. Bernardette's  
Church  
P4-P7 Christmas  
Celebration

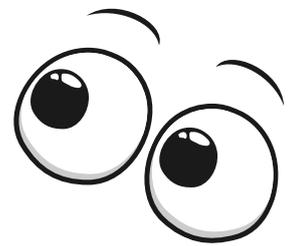
Wednesday 17th  
December, St.  
Bernardette's  
Church 9:30am  
Christmas Mass  
& P3 Tableau



Friday 19th  
December  
School  
Closed at  
12.00pm



# WHAT'S GOING ON IN ST. BERNARD'S



Our P5 pupils were delighted to welcome the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service to school for an important safety session. The team shared practical advice on how to stay safe from fires at home, including key tips for prevention and what to do in an emergency. Although the visit was cut short when the crew were called out to respond to a real emergency, the children learned valuable lessons about fire safety and the vital role firefighters play in our community.

## P5 Fire safety



PIC-COLLAGE



Our P2 pupils have been learning all about the concept of Day and Night. As part of this topic, they explored the fascinating world of nocturnal animals and discovered why some creatures are active at night. They were thrilled to meet lots of unusual animals during a visit from Wee Critters, which really brought their learning to life!

## Shared Reading

Our P7 pupils came down to read with their P1 buddies. They enjoyed sharing stories and spending time together.



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Our school boys' hurling team represented us proudly at the recent indoor tournament hosted by St John's, Belfast. The team played three highly competitive games, demonstrating outstanding teamwork, impressive skill and determination throughout. Their commitment and sportsmanship were evident in every match.

Well done to all the boys – a fantastic effort!

Well done to these boys and girls who had their name pulled out of their class 100% AR Box at the VERA Assembly.

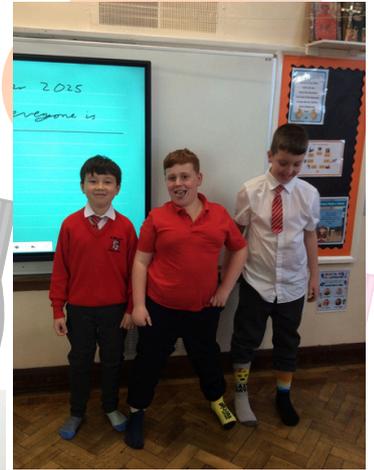
Primary 5 had a very successful and enjoyable day at Lisburn Racquets for the basketball tournament. The children represented the school brilliantly and showed fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. Girls' Team: Winners of the final – an outstanding achievement! Boys' Team: Reached the semi-final and played with great determination.



# Anti-BULLYING Week



PIC-COLLAG



Last week, our School Council led a special assembly to mark Anti-Bullying Week with the theme Power for Good. The children explored how we can all work together to create a culture of kindness and respect in our school. They shared thoughtful ideas on supporting one another, celebrating differences, and speaking up against bullying. The session ended with a lively Q&A, where pupils asked questions and offered their own suggestions for making our school an even safer and happier place for everyone.



# Noticeboard

## Supervision of Children at Home time

It has come to our attention that there have been several incidents involving children throwing stones and other objects over the fences and pushing stones through the fences of properties surrounding the school, particularly in the vicinity of the playground and behind the P1 mobiles. This behaviour is unacceptable and does not reflect the standards of respect and consideration we expect from our pupils. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that children conduct themselves appropriately when leaving the school premises and remain mindful of our neighbours at all times.

Furthermore, we must request that children do not use the Trim Trail after school hours. For health and safety reasons, this equipment is intended solely for use during the school day under the supervision of school staff. At present, a number of children have been observed playing unsupervised on the equipment, which poses a significant risk of injury.

Please also be reminded that dogs are not permitted on school grounds under any circumstances.

We appreciate your cooperation in these matters and thank you for your continued support in maintaining a safe and respectful environment for all members of our school community.



**ST BERNARD'S  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**



# OPEN DAY

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2026  
9:30am - 10:30am

Principal's address at 9:30am in the  
Assembly Hall



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028 90 401796

## Allergy Awareness at St. Bernard's Primary School

### A Whole School Approach to Safety and Inclusion

At St. Bernard's, the safety and well-being of all our pupils is paramount. We are committed to creating an inclusive environment where every child feels safe and supported. As part of our **whole school approach to allergy awareness**, we work closely with parents, children and medical professionals to understand individual needs and implement procedures that ensure all pupils are safe and included in every aspect of school life.

### To help us achieve this goal, please remember:

- Children must not share food at school. This helps us manage allergy risks more effectively.
- Avoid sending any food containing nuts into school. This includes:
  - Nut-based snacks
  - Foods like pesto
  - Items such as conkers, which can also pose a risk

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.



We kindly ask that any outstanding emergency medicines (such as inhalers, EpiPens, or other prescribed items) be brought into school as soon as possible to ensure your child's safety. Additionally, please remember to keep the school informed of any recently diagnosed medical conditions or changes to your child's health needs. This helps us provide the best care and support for your child during the school day. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

ST BERNARD'S PTA

# Christmas Raffle

DONATIONS TO BE DROPPED TO THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE FRIDAY  
28TH NOVEMBER

Spread Cheer—Donate Here

ST BERNARD'S PTA PRESENTS

## Christmas MOVIE NIGHT

Enjoy the magic of the season with all of your friends, complete with festive treats and holiday cheer.

Put on your Christmas Jumper & join us in the school assembly hall for a magical time

DEC 10

Only £6pp

P4&5 1.30pm  
P6&7 6.30pm

Snacks provided

\*Tuck shop at P6&7 slot

ST BERNARD'S PTA

## Mr Hullabaloo's Very Merry Christmas Show

Join us in Mr Hullabaloo's world of puppetry, music and movement for an imaginative storytelling event to celebrate the festive season!

WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER  
6PM - ASSEMBLY HALL

TICKETS £5  
Christmas Pjs optional

