



## St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

*Live the Gospel and when necessary use words*

# Bernadette's Blog



## Mrs Fallon Writes...

Dear children,

As we reach the end of another busy term, I would like to congratulate you all on your achievements so far this year. Once again, your hard work and commitment to learning has been reflected in your end of term reports, your gifts and talents shared on our weekly blog, recognised in Celebration assemblies and demonstrated beautifully in our recent Nativity performances and Carol Service.

This term, we have welcomed our Nursery children into school who have amazed us with the way in which they have confidently settled into school life. We could not have been prouder watching them take the stage in front of a packed hall to perform their recent nativity—we can see great things ahead for this bunch! Our reception children too, have transitioned into 'big school' superbly well. A huge thanks must go to their Y6 special friends who have supported them beautifully during their first term in school.

Spiritually, we have been preparing for Christmas through our whole school liturgies and our Advent mission—to share LIGHT in the darkness. It has been an absolute privilege, again, for all of the staff to watch how you have risen brilliantly to the challenge. Your thoughtfulness, generosity and big hearts have touched many people and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you. We have loved reading messages from those who have found the Bags of Light or have been given them. We know those people have been touched by your thoughts but we also know that they have only had a small insight into what we have the joy of seeing every day in school—the pupils of St. Bernadette's putting their faith into action and really trying to live our school's vision statement,

*'Live the Gospel and when necessary use words.'* Well done to you all!

To all parents, carers and our wonderful PTA, 'Thank you' doesn't seem enough to express how much we appreciate everything you do for our school community. It has been a very busy term in school for staff and pupils but we do recognise how busy it has been for families too with parents evenings, fairs, liturgies, nativities and many other events held in school. On that note—a huge thanks must go to the PTA for giving up huge amounts of their own time to plan, prepare and organise the Christmas fair. We are blessed to have such a dedicated team who are always ready to welcome new members :-)

Finally, we are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Hall back as Y5 teacher in January following her maternity leave. But, that does mean we have to say a very sad goodbye to Miss Green.

Miss Green has been a fantastic addition to the staff and a great teacher to Y5—I wish her every success in her career and hope that this is not the last time we will see her!

So, on behalf of the Governors and all of the staff, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. Mrs Fallon and all the staff at St. Bernadette's!



# KS2 Perform "A Light In The Darkness"

On Wednesday evening, the children of Key Stage 2 went along to Church to perform their production of "A Light in the Darkness".

There were candle lit carols and spiritual dance as well as traditional readings and a tableau. The children sounded wonderful and the church was filled with family members enjoying the story of the very first Christmas.

Special thanks to Mrs Rudd, who came back and helped us with the music.

As always, it was beautiful!



# Santa's Visit to our Reception Party



# Our Key Stage One Party



# A Light To Shine In The Darkness

The final jars in our 2019 Advent Project went home last Friday.  
Here are a few more entries  
Follow the progress of our 2019 Advent Project on Facebook.

**Steve Gallagher** recommends St Bernadette's Advent Project.  
14 December at 15:19 · 🌐

My Grand daughter Isabel Gallagher gave me my candle and message today. I have been unwell with Pneumonia for the past few weeks and have missed a lot of activities that I would normally do at this special time of year.... See more



**St Bernadette's Advent Project** · 13 December · 🌐

More stories of our amazing pupils spreading light in their families and community. Thank you Tish Dixon for getting in touch and well done Chloe.

"This was given to me by my granddaughter Chloe Coulsen. She is the kindest & thoughtful girl ever. She is so special to me & all her family. We all love her so much. So thank u Chloe xx"

Cherie Butler, Eileen Scrivener, Pat Jones and 12 others like this.

## Travelling Cribbs

Please can any Travelling Cribbs that are still at home be returned to school today.  
Thank you!



**St Bernadette's Advent Project** · 15 December · 🌐

"I found a candle hidden in a Christmas tree on a really tough day! It certainly put a smile on my face! So thank you Joe in reception for lighting up a dark week. #shininglightinthedarkness. I have replaced the candle and passed it forward."

Thank you Laura Pankhurst. Messages like these mean the world to us because they show that although we might not know the exact destination of our bags of light, they will bring light into the darkness. Joe in reception what a special thing you have done. Even more special in that Laura has now joined our project and is spreading light to others!

Ann Layton, Eileen Scrivener, Glynis Riley and 16 others like this.

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# Happy Birthday!



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## Safety First!

Please may we ask that on these icy morning,  
children and parents  
use the pathways around the car park and MUGA.  
These are the only areas which are gritted.  
Many thanks!



# Sports and Achievements



Hannah and Josie had lots to cheer about this weekend!  
Here they are with their latest Cheer Dance awards.  
Keep up the good work, girls!



On Saturday night Ollie received a trophy for most improved kick-boxer this year.  
We are all so very proud of Ollie for receiving this recognition.  
Magic!!



We love to hear all about your achievements!  
If you want to be on this page, take a photo and please send it to:  
[office@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk)



Here's Seb with the badge he was awarded for his latest Kick boxing grading.  
He also got his blue belt!!!  
Well done!!



Roma gained her Stage 5 award for swimming this week.  
Congratulations, Roma!  
That's great news!



Layla received her gold NDCTA Awards for Tap, ballet and modern on Saturday.  
What a little star!  
Well done, Layla!!



Ava was awarded her Stage 4 swimming badge and certificate, this week.  
How exciting!  
Well done, Ava!



# Messages from the School Office

## Breakfast Club/OOSC

Parents and Carers

**MUST BOOK A PLACE ONLINE FOR BREAKFAST CLUB AND/OR OUR OOSC (Out of School Club)**

Miss Coates has been busy and has put the booking forms up on the website for next half term. So you can be really organised! 2020 here we come!!!

The booking page does not close until 8pm on Friday evenings for the next week. Please, please book on as we have far too many late comers. As these clubs become more popular-we must know numbers as early as possible for staffing arrangements to be put in place.

Numbers are growing and places are limited. Don't miss out!

Please remember children requiring breakfast must be in by 8.15am please.



## Pupil Absence



If you do not inform us via ParentMail or the telephone absence line that your child will not be in school, you will receive a text message asking you to call the school office.

This message will not reach you if you have an incorrect mobile number attached to your parentmail account. Please check that yours is correct. Thank you.

## Free Hi-Vis Vests Available

Be prepared for those dark winter mornings and evenings!

Free Hi-Vis vests available from school office. Just pop in!



**Safety First!** Please may we ask that children and parents use the pathways around the car park and do not go across the middle. Many thanks!

## Don't forget!

Start the week with Holy Toast  
**MONDAYS 20p**



Mass: Sunday 11.30am  
Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820  
[www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk](http://www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk)



# Star of the Week

## Dates for your Diary

Monday, 6th January 2020 Term begins  
Tuesday, 7th January 2020 Y3 Pedestrian Trg  
For more dates check out our website at  
[www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk](http://www.st-bernadettesprimary.co.uk)

## Parish Dates

You are invited for early festive cheer over a cup of tea and a sweet mince pie after St Bernadette's Sunday morning Mass on Sunday 22nd December in the Parish Hall.  
Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Mass times  
St Aidan's Christmas Eve  
Carols at 5.30pm Mass at 6pm  
St Bernadette's Christmas Day  
Mass at 10.00am

**Advent Service**  
On Sunday 15 Dec an Advent service will be held at St Bernadette's church in Wallsend at 4.00pm.

This year our Mass for our deceased friends and relatives will be at St Aidan's on Tuesday 31st December at 10.00am.

If you have friends or relatives who have died in the last year and would like them to be remembered during our celebrations please put their name and date of death on an envelope and hand in at church.

**Advent Penitential Service**  
On Thursday 12 Dec at St Thomas More Academy at 7.00pm.

Nursery	All our Nursery children for a fantastic first term!
Reception (AW)	Rauri
Reception (SK)	Joe N
Year 1	Isabelle W
Year 1/2	Rita-Mae
Year 2	Hannah S
Year 3	All the
Year 3/4	Stars of
Year 4	Our Key Stage 2
Year 5	Christmas Production of
Year 5/6	"A Light in the
Year 6	Darkness".

Holy  
Toast  
Winner!



Thank you to everyone who has supported "Holy Toast" this term! We have raised over £300 to help send a child to Lourdes.