



## St Bernadette's Roman Catholic Primary School

*Live the Gospel and when necessary use words*



# Bernadette's Blog

## Mrs Fallon Writes...

It's hard to believe that the time has come for me to write a summer blog letter! One minute it was March and then we blinked and somehow we landed in July and what a few months it has been. As always, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community, children, families, staff and governors for their on-going commitment and support for our school.

Children, it has been wonderful to see your courage and resilience being recognised through your home learning and via the school blog. Whether you have dedicated your time to home learning, learning new skills such as baking, making lemonade, learning to ride a bike to name but a few, one thing we know is that over this period of lockdown you will have grown in character and spirit and we cannot wait to have you all back in school, in September—you have been greatly missed!

Year 6, it was such a privilege working with you all and getting to know you over the last 8 years. Our school was blessed to have you part of it and we will have quite a job to do adjusting to life without you. We all wish you well on your new journey and look forward to seeing you all when you come back to visit.

A very special thank you must go to our frontline workers and their children. As a country, the dedication and commitment of our key workers has been recognised and celebrated so from all of us—THANK YOU! However, in order for you to do your job, your children had to come to school and many have done most days over the last 14 weeks. We hope you are all as proud of them as we are. They have been absolute treasures. They left school on Friday and returned to a very different building on the Monday and yet they have embraced the changes and followed the rules perfectly. It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege having them in school and we hope you all have the chance to get some rest over the summer holidays and that they don't miss school too much :-)

Parents, we appreciate how difficult adjusting to your new world must have been with such little notice. Working from home, caring for vulnerable family members, protecting your families and taking on the role of home school teacher too. Myself, the governors and all of the staff would like to extend their warmest thanks to you for your hard work, support, encouragement throughout this time. The messages of thanks sent into school acknowledging their tremendous efforts. have been greatly appreciated by all and really have helped to keep spirits high for everyone. We're looking forward to you 'handing over the baton' in September where we can hopefully 'pick up where we left off' when we welcome the children back to school.

Of course, I have always know the staff at St. Bernadette's to be selfless, hard-working, innovative and dedicated and never has this been more evident than throughout lockdown. I would like to congratulate them and thank them sincerely for making what could have been an extremely challenging and difficult time for school leaders so much easier and bearable because of their can do / will do attitude. THANK YOU.

As we close our doors today for Summer, we hope you can enjoy some time with family before we return to school on Wednesday 2nd September.

Take care and stay safe

From all the staff and governors of St. Bernadette's.

# The Class of 2020

## Our Year Six Leavers!

This week, we said a fond farewell to our lovely Year 6 pupils.

We have watched them grow and mature for the past eight years into the wonderful characters that we know and love today!

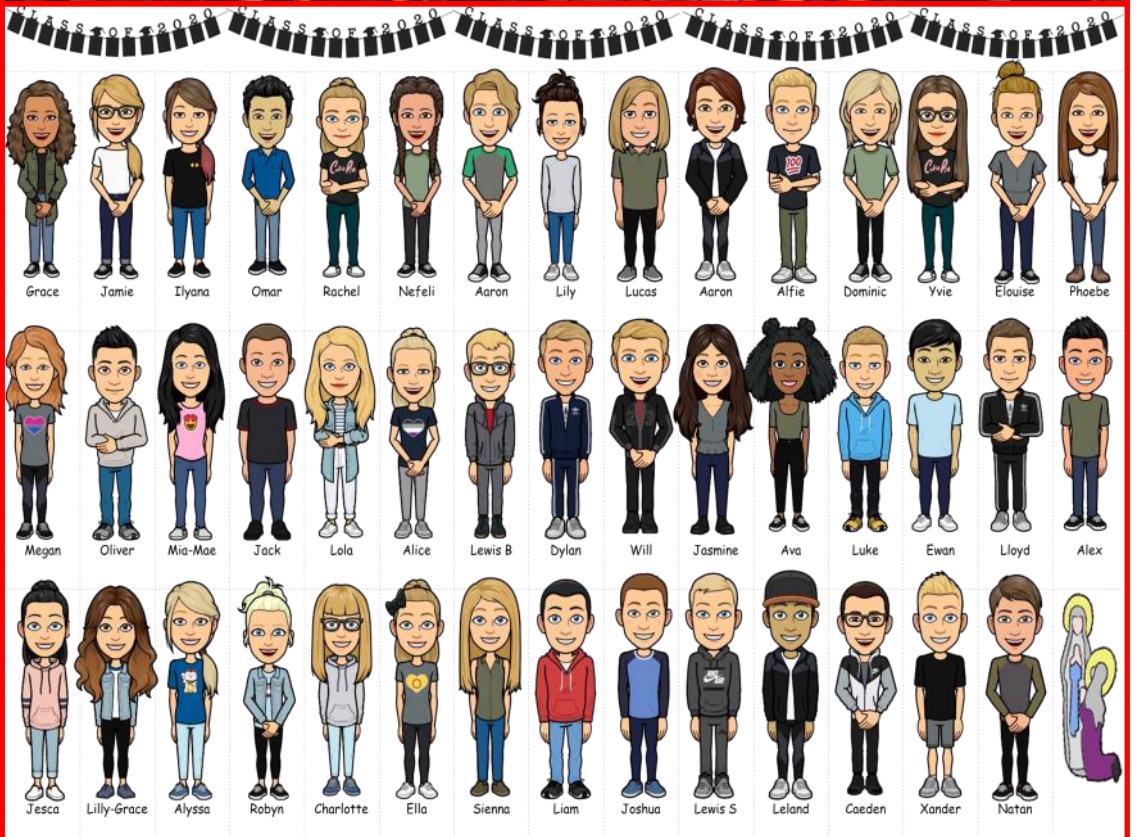
On Wednesday, the children came for a final picnic on the school field-all social distancing was observed.

They were happy to receive their hoodies (and their reports!)

It was so sad for everyone, especially the parents and carers that we could not hold and share our usual assembly and liturgy.

But Miss Smith did a fantastic job recreating the End of School photo with these Bitmoji images.

Good luck in your new schools, Y6!  
We shall miss you all!







**Good Luck,  
Year Six!**





# Our Final Message to Y6!

This is the poem which staff recited for our Year 6 Leavers on Wednesday:

## YOU ARE SPECIAL

In all the world there is nobody like you.

Since the beginning of time, there has never been another person like you.

Nobody has your smile, your eyes, your hands, your hair.

Nobody owns your voice, your handwriting, your unique way of communicating with others.

You're special.

Nobody can paint like you.

Nobody has your taste for food, music, dance or art.

Nobody in the world sees things as you do.

In all time, there has never been anyone who laughs in exactly your way, and what makes you laugh or cry may have a totally different response in another.

So - you're special.

You are different from any other person who has ever lived in the history of the world.

You are the only one in the whole world who has your particular set of abilities.

There is always someone who is better at one thing or another.

Every person is your superior in at least one way

But YOU are special.

Nobody in the world can reach the quality of the combination of your talents, your feelings.

Through all eternity, no one will ever love, walk, talk, think or act exactly like you.

Remember - you're special

You are rare and in all rarity there is enormous value.

You are special, and it is no accident that you are.

Please realise that God made you for a special purpose.

God has a job for you to do that nobody else can do as well as you can.

Out of billions of applicants, only one is qualified.

Only one has the unique and right combination of what it takes and that one is you.

**You are very special!!**

# Home Learning and Achievements!

Congratulations to Ewan who was over the moon to be named, "U11 Player of the Year" for Wallsend Boys' Club Yellow football team.



Kacper has really enjoyed helping out with the gardening during lockdown. He even enjoys doing the lawn.



Ava and Joshua discovered this rabbit hole.



Layla and her dad found two lobsters in the rock pools at Whitley Bay.

How fantastic is that?! I bet that lobster was just as surprised as Layla!



Maya had her very own private Reception Graduation Ceremony at home. Her mum and dad are so proud of her and they know she always does her best.

We have all missed this St. Bernadette's tradition, this summer!

Part of Year One's transition work, was to look at the art of Picasso.

Ava loved this and created her own impressionistic self-portrait. But I didn't need to tell you that-as it looks just like her, Well done, Ava!



We have had lots of thoughtful, kind messages of thanks sent into school during the past couple of weeks.

They are very much appreciated by all of the staff.



This is just one of many special lockdown moments for Taylor, Chloe and Ava. Our blogs over the last seventeen weeks have marked many such special moments in our St. Bernadette's family.

Let's try to hang on to the memories as life returns to what is to be the 'new normal'.

As we near the end of our (hopefully!) final lockdown blog, watching the sunset/sunrise feels kind of appropriate.



## Class Teachers September 2020

Nursery Miss Jones  
 Reception Miss Kincaid  
 Reception Mrs Walker  
 Year 1 Miss Dempsey  
 Year 1/2 Miss Laverty  
 Year 2 Mrs McGuigan

Year 3 Mr Milner  
 Year 3/4 Mr Gillie  
 Year 4 Miss Rogers  
 Year 5 Mrs Hall  
 Year 5/6 Miss Smith  
 Year 6 Mrs Satterley





# Summer 2020 Reading Challenge

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Take part in the Summer Reading Challenge 2020. Let's get silly!

THE READING AGENCY

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## MEET THE SILLY SQUAD

Join in #SILLYSQUAD2020



The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

Summer Reading Challenge 2020

[sillysquad.org.uk](http://sillysquad.org.uk)

This Summer Reading Challenge 2020 is here! This year's challenge is called Silly Squad and is all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh! The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck into all kinds of funny books.

This year the challenge features characters designed by author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson who you'll know from amazing reads like Amelia Fang and Evil Emperor Penguin!



This year, we aren't able to run the annual Summer Reading Challenge from libraries but you can join Silly Squad on the reading challenge website and go on an adventure by setting your own personal reading challenge to complete this summer. The Silly Squad website will help you keep track of your books, reviews, and the rewards you unlock along the way.

Follow North Tyneside Libraries on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube for lots of activities, storytimes and ideas for what to read next.

You can read any books you like, books from home, friends, school, reserve books to collect from some local libraries or access e-books and audio books for free via North Tyneside's BorrowBox service.

[www.sillysquad.org.uk](http://www.sillysquad.org.uk)

### All join in!

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Literacy expert Julie Wood says, "Summer reading is critical to a child's ability to not only retain information learned the previous year, but also to grow in knowledge and critical thinking skills for the coming year."

She encourages children to read in an effort to strengthen their reading skills. Just like exercising keeps muscles in shape, reading keeps the brain in shape. If you don't exercise, you lose muscle, and if you don't read, you will lose literacy skills.

So why not encourage your child to join in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Looks like fun and it might be more important than ever, this summer!



# Happy Summer Birthdays



To all the children who will be celebrating their birthdays during the summer holidays, we hope you have a very happy day!  
Best wishes from all your friends at St. Bernadette's





# Don't Forget!

**North Tyneside Council**  
27 mins · 🌐

Free school meal vouchers – Don't miss out


You may have seen the latest government announcement that families of children eligible for free school meals will be provided with a voucher to cover the full six week summer holiday period.

Vouchers will be ordered and sent to you by your child's school but only if you are registered for free school meals.

If you think you may be eligible you must ensure you apply for free school meals in order for your school to send you a voucher.

Info and register 🗨️ <https://bit.ly/NTApplySchoolMeals>

Eligible families will receive £15 per child per week.




Thinking ahead to September, you may be wanting to get your child's next uniform or recycle the uniforms they have grown out of.

At school, we currently have all the uniforms we can use, so please can we direct you to

## The Community Clothing Scheme

which has reopened at The Cobalt and in Wallsend as a fantastic resource for donating and accessing free uniforms (and many other useful items!).

Opening Hours:  
Wallsend 10am-3pm Tues, Thurs, Fri  
Cobalt 10am-2pm Mon-Fri

# Forwarded Information

Domestic abuse –

## Where to get help during the Covid-19 pandemic

For 2 million victims of domestic abuse, home may not be the safe place it should be.

We can help and support you if you are experiencing domestic abuse, you can contact Northumbria Police by telephone on 101, or online via [www.northumbria.police.uk](http://www.northumbria.police.uk)

However in an emergency, always call 999. If you dial 999 and are unable to speak, the emergency operator will ask you to dial 55 and to follow their instruction to quickly put you in touch with Police.

**NEVER ALONE**



NSPCC  
0808 800 5000  
(24hrs)

National Domestic Abuse Helpline  
0808 2000 247  
(24hrs free)

Mind  
0300 123 3393  
(Mon-Fri 9-6)

Victim Support  
0808 168 9111  
(24hrs)

Cruse Bereavement  
0800 808 1677  
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

ChildLine  
0800 1111  
(24hrs)

Action on Elder Abuse  
0808 808 8141  
(Mon-Fri 9-5)

Respect - Men's Advice Line  
0808 801 0327  
(Mon-Fri 9-5 or 8pm)

Samaritans  
116 123  
(24hrs free)

National Centre for Domestic Violence  
0207 186 8270

### National specialist services

24-hour National Domestic Violence Freephone Helpline  
0808 2000 247

Refuge

respeçt  
Phoneline  
Are you hurting the one you love? Choose to stop!

RIGHTS of WOMEN  
helping women through the law

NATIONAL STALKING HELPLINE

The National LGBT Domestic Abuse Helpline  
galop  
LGBT.ORG.UK

National Centre for Domestic Violence

KARMA NIRVANA  
Supporting all victims of honour based abuse and forced marriage

Men's Advice Line



Mass: Sunday 11.30am  
Fr John McElhone— 0191 2623820

[www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk](http://www.wallsend-aidettes.co.uk)



### Message from Fr John

We have launched new more interactive websites bringing you the most up to date news regarding our parish communities which will be updated on a daily basis.

These can be found at:

[www.staidanschurch.uk](http://www.staidanschurch.uk)

[www.stbernadetteschurch.uk](http://www.stbernadetteschurch.uk)

On our websites you will find information relating to times that churches will be open and the initiatives that we will be undertaking to try and keep in touch with parishioners.

Additionally we have a Facebook Page:

[St Aidan's and St Bernadette's Community Page](#)

which you can join.

# Stars of the Week

Our Stars of the Week



## Our Year 6 Leavers

We will miss you!

You are all brilliant!!

We wish you lots of luck in your new schools.

Remember the two most difficult words in the English language are

"Goodbye" and "Hello"

You can do it!

## Prayer for the Week

**Pope Francis**  
Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.  
We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.  
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas - we who are put to the test - and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



# Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their Home learning and all the fun activities that you have been getting up to over the past seventeen weeks to our blog. We won't forget tips for parents, rainbow moments, birthdays, holEY toast, achievements, acts of kindness etc etc.

Each Monday morning for the last sixteen weeks, I have challenged you and your children to join in a wide variety of activities, so that we shared part of the lockdown journey together, and we celebrated this on our Friday blog.

We have had a Bake Off, a Pet Show, a Clap for the NHS, a Bear Hunt, an Art Special, a Bike Week, Sports Week and a Walk along Hadrian's Wall (both ways!) to name just a few!

We couldn't have had a blog without you!

You have helped keep the St. Bernadette's family in touch with each other.

Special thanks must also go to Mrs Milner who put together our Friday videos and made us smile-and cry! Fingers crossed we shall all be returning to school in September.

**A whole new adventure awaits us!  
Bring it on!**

**Have a fantastic summer, everyone!**