



St. Bernard's RC Primary & Nursery School

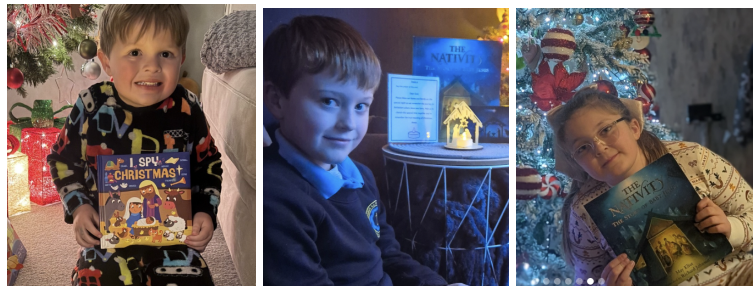
A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

What a busy term this has been! As always, so much high quality learning has taken place. Our pupils have embraced the season with enthusiasm, compassion and creativity. St Bernard's truly is a place where faith, values, learning and creativity come together as one.

These last few weeks in school have been extremely busy with the sounds of children singing carols and nativity rehearsals filling the building. It really is a special time of the year in school- which is a privilege to be part of. It has been delightful to watch the Nursery and KS1 Nativities and the KS2 Carol Service. Our children sing with such passion.

Travelling Crib

During Advent, our children enjoyed taking a Travelling Crib home to share with their families. This is to help them to remember the journey Mary and Joseph made to Bethlehem and, as a family, to take time to stop and think about the true meaning of Christmas.



'Joy to the World'

We were also delighted that some of our children represented St Bernard's at the Holy Family Catholic Multi Academy Trust Carol Service, held at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral. It was a wonderful evening as children from schools across our Trust came together to celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus. Our children sang beautifully and made us very proud with their confidence, reverence, and joy.



Attendance

Huge congratulations to our children and families who have enjoyed excellent attendance and we hope this continues into 2025. The children are enjoying our weekly raffle for those who have been in all week. Every day in school counts!

Our school attendance is currently 92.4% - unfortunately we are not reaching our attendance target of 96%+. As you are aware, improving attendance is a key priority for the school. Missing school has a huge impact on children's education and well-being. We are continuing to work with families to improve this and support in any way we can.

Please remember that any family holidays planned for spring or summer term time will not be authorised and could result in fixed penalty notices being served by Cheshire West and Chester.

Team 6 are this half termly winners with 95% attendance! They will be treated to a class treat in the new year.

Christmas Secret Santa & Movie Night

A big thank you to everybody who supported our Christmas Secret Santa and Movie Night. Everyone had a wonderful time, and we are pleased to share that we raised £705 for school funds. A huge thank you to all the parents, and staff who helped.



Carol Singing

Some of our amazing singers sang carols in the community to help spread the Christmas spirit. They raised £177 towards developing our school library.



As we strive to improve our children's love of reading -most of our classes have enjoyed a visit to Ellesmere Port Library. Children have had the opportunity to become library members and borrow books.

ELF Run

During the season of Advent we have been thinking of those people living through difficult times. We had a visitor from 'The Hospice of the Good Shepherd' who explained how much money is required to support their patients. The hospice has helped thousands of people, and their families, living with life limiting illness. All pupils were sponsored to run and exercise with Santa. I will let you know in January how much we raised.

Christmas Masses at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

Christmas 2025 Mass Times

24th December - 17:00

Christmas Vigil Mass

25th December - 0:00

Midnight Mass

25th December - 10:00

Christmas Mass During the Day

26th December - 12:15

St Stephen's Day Mass

31st December - 23:30 to 0:30

Eucharistic Adoration

(to end the year and start the new one in prayer and thanksgiving to God)



There is also a parish Christmas Celebration this Sunday (December 21st) after the 11am mass.

I am sure that you will join me in thanking all the wonderful staff for their commitment, enthusiasm and devotion this term. We are truly blessed with a fabulous team at St Bernard's, and their care and dedication make a real difference to every child's experience.

As always, thank you so much to all of you for your support this term – it is greatly appreciated and truly helps our school community thrive. On behalf of the staff and governors, I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and hope you manage to enjoy the peace and blessings of spending time with loved ones during this very special season.

Kind regards,
Julie Le Feuvre
Headteacher

SPRING TERM STARTS TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2026