

# St Bertelina's Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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## St Bert's News

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16th October 2023

### Family Worship

This week's Family Worship will be led by Liam Guatella, an ex pupil and member of our St. Bert's family, who will be talking to the children about his experience at the recent Invictus Games in Dusseldorf. Parents welcome - 9.15am start.

### Harvest Donations

Mark Boulton (Zena's husband) kindly took most of our Harvest Festival donations to the Local Food Bank last week. Mrs Moss and three children took the remainder of the donations to Halton Haven Hospice on Friday. Both the Local Food Bank and Halton Haven Hospice were overwhelmed and delighted with how much produce there was and asked us to thank everyone for their kind generosity. The donations will definitely make a difference.

### EYFS Stay and Play



We continue to have good attendance at our 'Stay and Join in with Reading'. The purpose of this half hour session is to give

parents a chance to see phonics teaching in action and learn how to best support their child with early reading. Why not come along this week on Friday at 9.00am?

### Flu Vaccinations

For those children who were not in school for their flu vaccination, a letter has been given to your child to attend a mop us session which takes place on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

### ADDvanced Solutions

It was lovely to see some new faces at the SEND coffee morning with ADDvanced Solutions last Wednesday. Parents shared coffee, cake and great conversations around helping our children with additional needs at home. Kathy from ADDvanced Solutions gave us ideas and strategies to use at home and helped us understand more about sensory needs with our children. She also shared information about the help and support ADDvanced Solutions offer.

Please do come to the next SEND Coffee morning where we will meet Jenny and Clare from SEND Parent/Carers Forum for an informal chat and cuppa to help us understand what's on offer for us and our children with SEND in Halton.

Save the date! Wednesday 22nd November 9.30am in the Bubble Room.

### Parents' Evening

Due to Mrs Wroe being poorly last week, her new appointments are now on School Spider for the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Please make sure you book your appointment slot if you missed yours, thank you.

### Mums' Games Afternoon

Our Mums' Games Afternoon will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023, starting at 2.30pm. Mums, grandparents and aunties, are more than welcome to bring their own games, or alternatively, there are plenty of games in school.

### Swimming Free Crash Course



Active Halton are offering free places on their beginners swimming crash course this October half term. If you are in receipt of benefits and have a child aged between 5 - 11 who cannot swim 10 metres unaided, then you may be eligible to book on one of their free courses. Please email your name, address, contact number, child's name, child's DOB and any health conditions to the address below.

## Kingsway Leisure Centre -

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Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

November 10.30am -11.00am

Please email:

[Catherine.fuller@halton.gov.uk](mailto:Catherine.fuller@halton.gov.uk)

## Brookvale Recreation Centre -

### Runcorn

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Friday

3<sup>rd</sup> November

11.00am - 11.30 am or

11.30am - 12.00pm

Please email:

[Emily.dutton@halton.gov.uk](mailto:Emily.dutton@halton.gov.uk)

## School Disco

Thank you to those parents who have already paid for the school disco. It takes place on the 9th November 2023 and we have booked the DJ to come back to St. Bert's to entertain the children.

- EYFS/KS1 4.30- 6pm
- KS2 6.30-8pm

**£5 a ticket (£3 siblings) to be paid to Schoolcomms.** Tickets include, a DJ with party games, crisps or popcorn and a drink. Please can children bring their own named, empty drinks bottle. Children can also bring a maximum of £2 to buy sweets.

## Admission to Primary/Secondary Schools

If your child is due to transfer from Primary to Secondary or starting Primary School in September 2024, the Admissions to Secondary School Booklet and the Admissions to Primary School Booklet that explains the arrangements are available at [www.halton.gov.uk/schools/admissions](http://www.halton.gov.uk/schools/admissions) (there are no hard copies). It is highly recommended that you read the booklet that is relevant to you and then complete the online application available on the above website. If you do not have

access to the internet, then please visit a Halton Direct Link Office to obtain a form, where you will be given a receipt once you have submitted the form.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR APPLICATION IS WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITY BY 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

## Supplementary Forms for Reception

If applying for St Bertelina's Primary School under the Church criteria, then supplementary forms confirming church attendance will be available from the school office and need to be returned directly to St Bert's school office.

## Holiday in Term Time



We seem to be receiving a lot of 'holiday in term time' requests. Please be reminded that holiday requests will not be authorised.

At present, there is a national effort to raise the school attendance. As a school, we have always had good attendance and been proud to achieve our 97% target. At this moment we are working towards this, which means not taking holidays during term time. Please be reminded that findings indicate that good performance at school is very closely linked to high attendance. Attendance is being closely monitored and we shared your child's attendance percentages with you at parents evening.

We expect the majority of our pupils to have an attendance figure of 97% or above.

## Clubs

**Football Club** The Football Club takes place every Tuesday.

### Choir Club

Choir Club takes place every Friday.

## Residentials/Delamere

We still have an outstanding balance of £1,170.00 for our residential trip to Delamere. As a matter of URGENCY, please can we ask parents who have not paid to do so as soon as possible as the invoice is now overdue. Please contact the school office if you have difficulties in doing this, thank you.

## Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday goes to the following children who



celebrate their birthdays this week:

James Hardy (10)

Haadi Jaan (6)

Isla Gallacher (10)

Charlie Rawlinson (9)

Reuben Roberts (5)

Josh Duncanson (11)

Anthony Guatella-Knowles (8)

Ellis Rendell (10)

We hope you all have a wonderful day!

## St Bertelina's Open Day

Are you looking for a Primary place for September 2024? St Bert's is holding its first open days this year. The open days take place on:

25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 1.30pm - 2.30pm or 2pm - 3pm.

8/11/2023 - 5.30pm -6.30pm

Please phone the school to make a booking on 01928 719847.

The Open Day is intended to give new parents the opportunity to take a look at what St Bert's has to offer.

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### Residential Dates

Please be advised of the dates for our forthcoming residentials.

#### Tattenhall

18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

#### Burwardsley

Two groups

Group 1 - 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024

Group 2 - 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 (Your child will be assigned a group nearer the time).

#### Menai

7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

#### Year 6

TBA

Please note that all residentials are now available on the School Gateway (Schoolcomms) system. You can start to pay as soon as possible for any of the residentials, by doing this, you can spread the cost.

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### Google Classrooms

Can we please ask parents whose children cannot get onto Google Classrooms to contact the office.

Gill is spending an awful lot of time resetting children's passwords at the moment - **Can we please ask parents to NOT change their child's password** as children use this to access equipment in school as part of the IT/ computing curriculum and use their email address and password, thank you.

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### Big Conversation

The Big Conversation is a survey which Halton Borough Council are conducting. It is about how we can start to talk and about how together, we can make Halton an even better place for people to live, work, visit and grow.

Complete the survey before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to be in with a chance of winning a £100 gift voucher for The Brindley. Use this QR code



or visit

[www.halton.gov.uk/thebigconversation](http://www.halton.gov.uk/thebigconversation).

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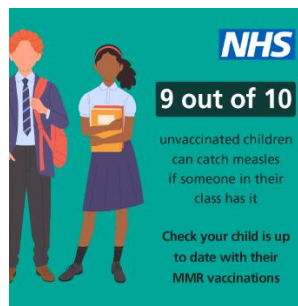
### Online Wellbeing Workshop

Thank you to those parents who have signed up for the Online Wellbeing Workshop for families in Years 1, 2 & 3. It is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 1.30pm - 3.00pm. We look forward to seeing you.



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### Measles



For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please visit: [NHS vaccinations and when to have them - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

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### 'Futbul Ole' Half Term Football Camp

The renowned Camp Olé is back for the October half term holidays! Drop off 8:50 with collection at 14:50- 15:00 Ages 4 - 12 Sibling discounts available. £80 for all three days £30 daily rate. Medals for all attendees. For camp details and how to book, please contact WhatsApp on 07710432113.

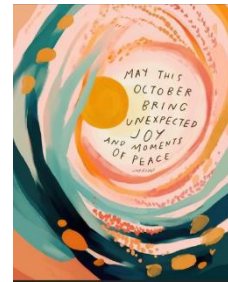
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### Bee Netball

Halton Minis hold netball clubs for Years 3 to 6 on Mondays at Sandymoor High School, from 5-6pm. All abilities welcome. For any information, please contact [haltonnetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:haltonnetballclub@gmail.com)

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### Quote of the Week



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### Prayers

Prayers this week are for the continuing troubles that are taking place throughout the world.  
God Bless