

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

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## St Bert's News

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20th November 2023

**Family Worship** Tomorrow's Family Worship will be led by Carol Melling.

It would be lovely to see as many parents/grandparents as possible join us.

### Date for your Diary

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023 we will have a special visitor in school for assembly, his name is Bart Gee. Bart is an inspirational man who has turned disability into possibility and will share his story with the children and staff.

### School Disco

Thank you again to the Friend's of St Bert's. The school disco raised just under £1,500. The money will be used to benefit the children in the New Year.

### Children in Need

It was amazing to see so many children dressed in spotty outfits for Children in Need. We will let you know next week how much was raised.



### Height/Weight and Vision/Hearing

Today our school nurses will be in school for Reception and Year 6 children who will have their height and weight measured. Also, our reception children will have their vision and hearing screened.

### Halton SEND Parents/Carers Forum



Halton SEND Parents/Carers Forum will be in St Bert's for a drop in session. Come in for a chat, coffee and cake. Jenny and Clare from the SEND Forum will be here to answer your questions and give support. They have a wealth of knowledge about what's on offer in Halton for families with children with additional needs. Wednesday 22nd November 9.30 - 11am.

### School Uniform

Stitch Design are offering 15% off school uniform from Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Please enter the code at checkout.



### Sickness/Absence

Can we please remind parents that any child suffering from vomiting or diarrhoea should remain at home for 48 hours from the symptoms disappearing.

Also, a reminder that parents should inform school, either by telephone, email to Gill/Heather or via School Spider on the **first** day of absence. Thank you for your support.

### Clubs

Christmas Craft Club takes place on Wednesday.

Recorder Club takes place on Monday.

Football Club (with Mr Ellis and Craig) takes place on Tuesday.

Football After School Club (Year 4 Mr Hall) takes place on Wednesday.

Choir is on as usual on Friday.

### Christmas Activities Christmas Nativity/Production

As you are probably aware our Christmas Nativity and Production preparations have already started. Children from 4 to 11 years of age will be performing in one way or

another. Of course, not everybody can be the star of the show, but we all play an important part - teamwork is imperative!

Below are a few guidelines which we follow when arranging the Christmas shows:-

- The older children usually have the main roles and the younger children take the supporting roles - both in 'The KS2 Production' and 'The EYFS/ KS1 Nativity'.
- All children take part and are encouraged to 'shine'. Developing confidence is a key objective.
- We don't have formal auditions but during practising of songs we look for those who are 'standing out' from the crowd or else have a natural talent for acting and/ or dancing. The whole experience is very positive, with lots of praise and encouragement for all involved. Everybody enjoys being a part of our Christmas entertainment, including the staff, who get to know children throughout the school as a result of the team effort! It is hard work and the children get very tired but the result is well worth it. The ex-pupils of St Bert's always remember the Christmas shows!

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### Tickets and Times

A google form will be sent out shortly. Please fill in the form with your desired dates and send it back into school as soon as possible.

Please find below the dates and times.

### EYFS / KS1 Twinkly Nativity

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December - 1.30pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - 1.30pm

### KS2 Production

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - 1.30pm

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - 1.30pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - 1.30pm

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### Christmas Nativity/Production Costumes

EYFS and KS1 have already received a letter about costumes for the 'Twinkly Nativity'. Fortunately, we have a number of costumes in school so please do not panic if you are struggling as we may be able to help you. Please speak with your child's teacher or the school office if this is the case.

KS2 costume letters will be sent out by the end of this week.

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### Christingle

Our Christingle Assembly will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> December. All parents welcome.



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### School Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Parents can order and pay for this special dinner that Zena cooks on Schoolcomms.

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### Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023. This is a special day where all the children and teachers can come into school wearing a Christmas jumper and school trousers / school skirt for a donation of £1.

### Parents Thank You Party

The Parent's Thank You Party will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 10.00am - 11.00am. If you have been in school helping or organising events, this party is a 'THANK YOU'. Please put it in your diary.

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### Children's Christmas Party

The Friend's of St Bert's will be organising the children's Christmas party. This will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023. More details to follow.

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### Non uniform Day

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December is a non uniform day in exchange for bringing in donations for the school raffle. Items that are needed are: chocolates, candles, bottles of wine, toiletries or alternatively a £1 donation.

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### Holiday in Term Time

Attendance Ladder		
How close is your child to 100%?		
0 days off school	100%	perfection!
equivalent to 1 day off school each year	99%	excellent!
equivalent to 2 days off school each year	97%	Good
equivalent to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
equivalent to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned

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.

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



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### Autism Newsletters

Please find below links to two websites with lots of information for parents who have children with Autism. **The Autism Wellbeing Project CIC**

<https://www.haltonsthelensvca.org.uk/updates/autismwellbeing-project-cic-novembernewsletter>

**Cheshire Autism Practical Support**

<https://www.cheshireautism.org.uk/>

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### Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday goes to the following children who



celebrate their birthdays this week:

Arthur Lawton-Hill (9)  
Jacob Jones (5)  
Emma Pitts (10)  
Isla Rees (9)

We hope you all have a wonderful day!

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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 once of a winning £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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### Residential Dates

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

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### Runcorn Saxons FC

Every Sunday 10am - 11am Indoor Sessions @ Sandymoor  
WhatsApp on 07903950318 or go to [www.RSFC.co.uk](http://www.RSFC.co.uk) to book a place.

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### Quote of the Week



We talk to the children about 'Kindness' all the time-pointing out that it is the single thing we can all do in order to improve our world.

Choose to be KIND. Many are facing difficult times, filled with uncertainty and sadness. If you can add joy to someone's life, do it, because what you give, you receive! It's the circle of life.

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### Prayers

Prayers this week are for all our school families who are worried. We hope that you feel God's love and support in these difficult times.