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St Bert's News

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17th March 2025

Family Worship

This week's Family Worship will be led by Mrs Moss.

It would be lovely to see as many parents/grandparents as possible join us for our family worship. The children love to have you present.

Family Worship - Mothering Sunday

Next week's Family Worship will be led by our Reception children, who will be talking about their mums. At St Bert's, as a Church of England School, we celebrate 'Mothering Sunday' and its history in the Christian calendar where families were allowed to return to their 'mother' church. It would be lovely to see as many parents/grandparents as possible join us for our family worship. The children love to have you present.

St Patrick's Day

Today is St Patrick's Day. St. Patrick's Day is a cultural and religious celebration that honours the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick. The day is widely celebrated in Ireland and by Irish communities around the world. It is a day to celebrate Irish heritage and culture, and is known for its festivities, parades, and green-themed events

Celebrate and Praise

Celebrate and Praise worship takes place this Friday.

Wraparound Care

As you know we have been working on providing wraparound care for the families of St Bert's. The governors have been successful in securing a grant to help set this provision up. As of April 28th, we will be able to run a pilot scheme with a limited number of places before and after school. In September, the intention is to extend this provision to include greater numbers.

Lent Appeal



During the Lent period, here at St Bert's our children spend time thinking about what we can do to support others, caring about the troubles of others and doing something to help. We call this courageous advocacy. Every year each class choses a different theme to support.

Mrs Davidson/Miss Roach

Norton Priory.
Helping animals in our environment

Mrs Burton/Mr Hall

St Berteline's and St Christopher's Church

Mr O'Neill

Changing Lives
Homeless charity in Runcorn

Mrs Chriscoli

Missahoe Children's Orphanage
based in Kpando (Ghana)

Miss Stone

Halton Haven
Making Easter cards

Mrs Dix

Room at the Inn and the 'Y'
projects homeless charities

Mr Ellis/Mrs Wroe

RSPCA

Further details to follow.

Dental Sessions

The school nurses will be in school today to talk to Reception and Year 2 children about dental hygiene.

The Year 5 children will have their session on 22nd May 2025.

Residentials

Please note the dates for our residentials.

Menai is our most expensive visit, so we like to give you plenty of time to pay.

Menai - Year 5

6th - 9th May
£330

Year 6 Day Out

TBA

Menai Residential Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Year 5 parents with regards to the Menai residential on

Wednesday 23rd April 2025 at 3.30pm in the school hall.

Outstanding monies

At the moment we have a lot of outstanding balances for residential £855.80.

If you have not paid for Knowsley Safari Park, can we please ask that you do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

Rock Steady Concert

This Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 10.00am is the Rock Steady Concert. The bands have been working very hard over the last few weeks. We look forward to their performances.

Parents welcome!

Hop for Haven

Last Friday's Hop for Haven was amazing. Thank you to everyone who was sponsored and who bought bunny ears. We will let you know as soon as Halton Haven have counted all the money. Any sponsor forms can be brought into school up to this Thursday (20th March 2025) which will be the last day.

Also, a big thank you to Heather for bringing Dave the giant rabbit and Hamilton the hamster and also a big thank you to one of our ex parents Helen Guttridge (also known as the disco bunny) for leading the disco dancing hop!

Swimming Gala

This Wednesday 19th March 2025 some of our children will be taking part in a swimming gala at the **new Halton Leisure Centre in Widnes**. Good luck to all!

Tyler Graham (7)
Jakub Pazdziorko (8)
Charlie Martin (8)
Harrison Saunders (9)
Laurina Jones (10)
Ethan Dunham (11)

Attendance Policy

At St Bert's, high levels of attendance and punctuality are expected in order for children to reap the full benefits of what our school has to offer.

Our target is 96%



https://www.stbertelines.org.uk/serve_file/30709892

The Heath Improvement Team

The Heath Improvement Team are holding an online session supporting families with sleep and screen time.

Workshop Details:

Title: Supporting Sleep and Managing Screen Time

Date: Wednesday 19th March

Time: 09:30AM-10:30AM

Location: Online - TEAMS

What you will learn:

- How screens can impact children's sleep and overall well-being.
- The science behind screen addiction and its effects on the brain.

- Practical strategies for managing screen time and improving sleep.
- Confidence in setting boundaries that work for their family.

Book your free place on the link below.

[Reserve your free place here!](#)

Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their

birthday this week:

Lila Speakman (5)
Phineas Quilter (6)
Paisley Ellis (6)
Ralph Williams (6)
Albie Bullock (6)
Frankie Dudley (7)
Oliver Higginson (8)
Max Rustchynsky (9)

We hope you have a wonderful birthday.

Walking home alone

We are aware that some of our Year 5 & 6 children may come home without an adult. Obviously as parents you will have considered whether this is appropriate for your child and talked about any risks attached. As a school, we feel we need to know whether you have given permission for your child to walk home alone. If this is the case could you please complete the link below. Thank you for your support.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdS3v3y3ikHm3-IT2Iw_sTN66oNH0AeNnX7ML

[Q8ctKD1rcSqA/viewform?usp=sf_link](https://forms.office.com/e/vi6vpcU6Vh)

Mobile phones and smart watches in school

Can we please remind parents that should your child be required to bring a mobile phone on the school premises, you need to fill in a Mobile Phone Permission Agreement (Link below).

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_VrAzwTexAka5xs_SE42RFhFwwdOTLgwrNNuc5BXo9o/edit

Mobile Phone, Smart Watches, Tablet and Camera Policy for Pupils – Link below.

Can we also draw your attention to the below policy as children should not be using their smart watch to communicate with anybody during the school day.

www.stbertelines.org.uk/serve_file/19690793

Road Safety

As the days get longer, we encourage the children to get active. This may involve travelling to school by bike. If this is the case, could you please ensure that your child wears a helmet and that they are made aware of potential dangers. Norton Lane and the roundabout get very congested at the start and end of the day – please be careful. Bicycles must not be ridden on the school playground. They can be secured to the school perimeter fence using a bike lock.



Comic Relief



This Friday 21st March 2025 is Comic Relief Day

or Red Nose Day. We are asking the children to dress up in bright colours – the brighter and more neon the better – in exchange for a £1 donation for Comic Relief.

Odd Sock Day (Down Syndrome Day)

This Friday 21st March 2025 is Odd Sock Day in support of Down Syndrome Day. We will be selling gingerbread sock biscuits on Friday in exchange for £1. All proceeds will go towards this worthy charity. Also, the children can come into school wearing odd socks on the day.

Clubs

Coding Club

The last Jam Coding Club will take place on Friday 28th March 2025.

Choir

If interested, please send an email to helen.oneil@stbertelines.co.uk giving the child's name and class and the banking details will follow along with an outline of practicalities.

Choir runs every Friday. Please see dates below:

21st March 2025
28th March 2025

Parents who have paid for the 4th April will have that session added to the next block.

Mad Science Club

Mad Science Club takes place every Thursday after half term at 3.20pm – 4.20pm. Dates below:

Thursday 20th March
Thursday 27th March
Thursday 3rd April

Church Lego Club

Year 4 Church lego club takes place this Thursday 3.20pm – 4.15pm. Please see dates below:

20th March 2025
27th March 2025
3rd April 2025

Year 2 Curling Club

Curling club takes place on Wednesday's 3.20pm – 4.20pm. Please see dates below:

19th March 2025
26th March 2025
2nd April 2025

Diamond Art Club

Diamond Art Club takes place on Wednesday's 3.20pm – 4.20pm. Please see dates below:

19th March 2025
26th March 2025
2nd April 2025

Football Club

Football club takes place on Tuesdays for Year 3 / 4. Please see dates below:

18th March 2025
25th March 2025

<https://forms.office.com/e/vi6vpcU6Vh>

Swimming

Mrs Chriscoli's class have swimming this Friday afternoon.

Drop and Go

Can we please ask parents to be considerate of children and parents crossing the road from the lane (near the green gate) to the pavements by the gates during Drop and Go. Thank you.

Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in the school hall after school each day from Monday 24th March 2025 until Friday 28th March 2025. You will be able to use your vouchers to buy books in the book fair.

Junior Bake Off

Junior Bake Off are looking for brilliant bakers. If you are interested, please click on the link below

<https://www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/junior-bake-off>



Hand Hygiene

Hand hygiene remains a key preventative action for all children and adults in school. Could we please ask that you help us in encouraging children to wash their hands regularly at home.



ADDvanced Solutions

Please click on the link below to access what is on in Halton this spring.

[HAL Spring 2 Half Term Newsletter 2025.pdf](#)

Dates for your Diary Easter Egg Competition

It's that time of the year again when we hold our Easter Egg Competition. The competition will be judged on **Thursday 3rd April 2025**. You have quite a few weeks to come up with some eggciting, eggshibits. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for each year group. So get your eggstraordinary ideas eggcized!!

Grandparents Afternoon

Thursday 3rd April 2025 we will be holding our annual Grandparents Afternoon. Grandparents are welcome to come along to school at 2.00pm. There will be a raffle and brief entertainment prior to being able to visit the children. The children will be doing guided tours of the school and will be able to share their school work with their Grandparents. Grandparents will be allowed to take the children home from

3pm. We hope as many Grandparents will be able to join us.

Easter Bunny Secret Stash Raffle

Raffle tickets for our forthcoming East Bunny Secret Stash raffle will be handed out soon. We have a KS1 stash and a KS2 stash. If you require any more, please contact the office. You have to be in it to win it! Tickets are £1 per strip. The raffle will be drawn on Wednesday 3rd April 2025.



Quote of the Week

MAY THE ROAD
RISE TO MEET
YOU
MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT
YOUR BACK
MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM
UPON YOUR FACE
THE RAINS FALL UPON YOUR
SOFT FIELDS
AND, UNTIL
WE MEET AGAIN
MAY GOD HOLD YOU
IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND

Prayers

Our prayers this week are for Matty Johnston who has recently lost a loved one.
God Bless