



From Our Head Teacher

Dear parents and carers,

This week the children have reflected on the school year and given thanks for the good things they have received, the opportunities they have been given, and the ways they have grown.

We heard the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:1–23) where Jesus speaks about receiving the living Word of God, with a reminder that God's Word can live and grow in their hearts and lives. We remember that God is always with us, guiding and encouraging us to listen and respond through kindness, honesty, patience, hope and love.

With your child/ren, you may also like to...

- Talk with your child about the school year and invite them to share one way they have grown or changed.*
- Plant a seed together in the garden or in a pot indoors, noticing what helps it to grow well.*
- Read a short passage from the Bible together and share any words or phrases that stood out for you.*

At the end of the year, we say goodbye to: Mrs Ripley, Mrs Kawka-Olejnik, Miss Parkinson, Ms Khan, Mrs Shylienкова and Miss Halten.

I want to thank them all for their hard work and dedication whilst being part of our school community. We wish them all well for their future endeavours. In particular I wish to thank Mrs Ripley for the seven years she has dedicated to teaching our children. She is a wonderful teacher and colleague.

To our year six children; I am extremely proud of you all and know you are ready for your next adventure! All of our children should be proud of their year. They have demonstrated resilience, perseverance, courage and love for one another. Enjoy a well-deserved summer holiday.

Finally, thank you for your support and actively engaging with school. It makes such a difference to us but most importantly to your children. Wishing you a wonderful summer.

With very best wishes,

Mr Lynch

Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are almost there! I cannot believe that I am writing to you for the last time! I would like to say thank you to all the incredible families here, at St Bernadette's School. You have all made me feel welcome and it has been a privilege to work with you and to support your amazing children.

I will truly miss everyone here – this is such a close-knit community! I am sure that the new SENDCo will feel just as welcome and appreciated as I have.

On a different note, CAMHS Hampshire have organised a free event for parents and carers in August: Information and Advice Session on Young Person's Mental Health. It takes place on 5th August in Winchester. You can pre-book a free slot here: <https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/drop-in-sessions-aug26/>

For the last time from me – have a safe and beautiful Summer!

Mrs K-O and the SEND Team

Breakfast and After School Club

The Breakfast Club and After School Club are open from Monday to Friday term time only. Mrs Dias, Mrs Bennet and Miss Rai run the clubs and there are may activities, games and themed days to enjoy.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club opens from 8:00 am.

The cost per session is £3.50, all payments need to be done via Arbor. You do not need to book for Breakfast Club.

After School Club

After School Club will operate from 3:20pm to 6:00pm. The cost per booking is £10.00, however you can collect your child anytime between 3:20pm and 6:00pm, snacks are served at 4:30pm

Please book Arbor in advance, the cut off for booking is 48 hours. If you cancel within 24 hours you will incur the cost. We are still able to take Ad Hoc bookings.

Please note late collection fees are £5.00 plus £5.00 per 5 minutes after 6:00pm.



Thank you for working with us in ensuring your children are in school. We will regularly be reviewing the children's attendance and contacting parents where we are concerned .

Please note that no holiday during term time will be authorised. Holiday dates have been published on our website so please do book family breaks during this time.

We know that for some children, worries can make attending school tricky. Please do contact us if your child is worried about anything, especially school related, so we can offer support and resolve any issues.

Well done to Parks Class for their July Attendance

	July	2026
Class	Attendance %	Lateness %
Shakespeare	94.58	1.12
Seacole	93.95	3.06
Anning	96.25	1.45
Parks	98.13	0.66
Einstein	93.52	0.7
Armstrong	96.5	1.22
Mandela	95.69	3.87



St Bernadette's Netball Team



Our Netball team, Grace, Arabella, Emily, Brooke, Orla, Eva, Chiamaka and Stephanie finished 2nd in their tournament at the beginning of July. They competed against three other teams and despite the very hot conditions, they all gave their absolute best. They won 2 out of 3 games, which was a fantastic achievement. They showed great determination and made us all incredibly proud. Well done team and thank you to Mrs Mavrikakis for coaching the team and helping them to achieve such an amazing result.

Sports Day Winners



House Captain Grace and Vice-Captain Lucas were happy to receive the Sports Day Cup for their overall win! Well Done St David's

We would also like to say a big 'Thank you' to everyone involved for making it such a memorable day.

Monday Football with Mr. Martin

We would like to thank Mr Martin for donating his time to our Football Team and for the award ceremony.

This year we had the most wonderful all girls team, who were dedicated and showed fantastic skills, well done Martha, Rosie, Chiedza, Emilia, Ife, Abigail K, Thea, Nkeiruka, Alannah, Phoebe, Venus and Evie.

We know they are looking forward to being part of next years team.



Year 2 Birdworld Trip



Goodbye from Mrs Ripley

To the wonderful community of St Bernadette's,

I would like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to the lovely children, families, and staff who have made my time here so special.

It has been a privilege to be part of such a caring and supportive school community. Watching the children grow in confidence, develop new skills, and achieve their goals has been incredibly rewarding, and I will cherish the many happy memories we have created together.

I am grateful for the kindness, encouragement, and support I have received throughout my time at the school. The dedication of the staff and the enthusiasm of the pupils make this a truly special place to learn and work.

Although I am excited for my next chapter, I will miss being part of this wonderful community. I wish all of our pupils every success and happiness in the future, and I am confident they will continue to achieve great things.

Thank you once again for making my time here so memorable.

Have a brilliant summer!!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Ripley

	10 th July 2026	Charism Character Awards
Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Isaac	For demonstrating compassion- caring for his friend when he got hurt.
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Lucas	For demonstrating compassion, always a kind and caring friend.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Noah	For demonstrating how he can persevere! He has made good choices this week and shown kindness to others. Mrs S and Mrs Ripley are very proud of him!
Year 3 Ms McCue	Nonso	For demonstrating perseverance and trying really hard with your maths. Well done!
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Keren	For demonstrating perseverance. Keren has come such a long way in the classroom the past few weeks. She is more confident in class.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Kuba	For demonstrating compassion by always helping and supporting his peers where he can. Well done!
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	James	For demonstrating courage during rehearsals – you have been perfectly terrified in every one of your scenes!

	10 th July 2026	Mission Maker Award
Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Genevieve	For demonstrating a passion to learn- showing a depth of knowledge about the world around her.
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Hughie	For demonstrating the passion to learn in English writing a sentence with increased independence.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Bruno	For demonstrating the passion to learn this week. He has wanted to do EXTRA Maths and shown real enthusiasm for his own learning!
Year 3 Ms McCue	Yasin	For demonstrating the passion to learn in maths. You are always so enthusiastic and keen to push yourself. Your love of the subject is infectious.
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Louie	For demonstrating the passion to learn this week and trying hard to stay focused on tasks he's been given
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Chiedza	For demonstrating the passion to learn in maths. She has been working really hard when converting units.
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Brooke	For demonstrating the passion to learn in every rehearsal – you have followed every stage direction beautifully!

	17th July 2026	Charism Character Awards
Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Michael	For demonstrating perseverance- Michael is working hard to write his name. Well done Michael!
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Freya V	For demonstrating compassion, always a kind and helpful friend.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Monica	For demonstrating perseverance in her writing and her maths this half term. She has worked really hard to challenge herself!
Year 3 Ms McCue	Sarah	For demonstrating compassion by being kind and supportive member of Parks class. You are always happy to help others. Thank you!
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Basia	For demonstrating compassion by being a kind, patient and supportive friend. You are always happy and willing to help others. Thank you!
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Xavier	For demonstrating courage. Rather than giving up, he has made a great effort to ask for help and support. Well done!
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Bella	For demonstrating all of the Charism gifts, always, by consistently having a positive outlook and being helpful to everyone, all of the time!

	17th July 2026	Mission Maker Award
Year R Shakespeare Mrs Matthews & Mrs Dickinson	Samuel B	For demonstrating achievement in staying focussed and completing his sentence writing with improved letter formation.
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Aminah	For demonstrating the passion to learn, taking care in our Art lesson
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Andrea	For demonstrating the strength to love. Andrea is a very caring and considerate friend who is always there to help others.
Year 3 Ms McCue	Jessica	For demonstrating the strength to love. You are always willing to help and support others, solve problems and get jobs done. Thank you!
Year 4 Mrs Coatzee	Eva	For demonstrating the passion to learn. She has settled into Einstein class unbelievably well and made lots of new friends.
Year 5 Miss Huggins	Amelia L	For demonstrating the passion to learn always. She has been particularly curious to learn more about history.
Year 6 Miss Parkinson & Miss Ryan	Arabella	For demonstrating the courage to fail when continuing brilliantly, even with a broken costume during the performance!



LET NO-ONE STEAL YOUR DREAMS by Paul Cookson

Let no-one steal your dreams
Let no-one tear apart
The burning of ambition
That fires the drive inside your heart

Let no-one steal your dreams
Let no-one tell you that you can't
Let no-one hold you back
Let no-one tell you that you won't

Set your sights and keep them fixed
Set your sights on high
Let no-one steal your dreams
Your only limit is the sky

Let no-one steal your dreams
Follow your heart
Follow your soul
For only when you follow them
Will you feel truly whole

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