



FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

What a fantastic term we've had at St Bernadette's! A term full of wonderful learning, school trips, special visitors and surprises! I am incredible proud of the collective effort and achievement of the children and staff. I am equally grateful to have such a supportive group of families that help make us such a strong community.

As we draw closer to Christmas, it is important that we make space for calm and peace to focus on the wonderful gift of the birth of Jesus Christ. Please have a restful and fun filled Christmas. I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 5th January.

With my very best wishes,

Mr Lynch

UPCOMING EVENTS SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5th January	School Starts 8:50am
Tuesday 6th January	Start of term Mass/ Epiphany Mass at school 10:30am
Monday 19th January	Year 5 & 6 Learning Book Looks 3pm to 3:30pm
Tuesday 20th January	Rec & KS1 Learning Book Looks 3pm to 3:30pm
Thursday 22nd January	Year 3 & 4 Learning Book Looks 3pm to 3:30pm
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 13th February	Non Uniform Day - Wear what you love End of Term 3:20pm
Monday 16th to Friday 20th February	Spring Half Term



Merry Christmas and
a Happy New Year
from all the staff team
at St Bernadette's

Community Carol Service

It was a wonderful evening of singing and community. Our school choir sang beautifully.

Well done to all of them and a big thank you to Mrs Emanuel who supports the choir.

Christmas Mass Times

Our Lady and St Dominic's

Christmas Eve 24th December 2025

4.00pm Children's Vigil Family Mass of Christmas

11:45pm Mass of the Nativity of the Lord Midnight with Carols

Christmas Day 25th December 2025

9am Christmas Day Mass

10.30am Christmas Day Family Mass

Boxing Day 26th December 2025

9:30am Mass – Feast of St Stephen

Our Lady Help of Christians

Christmas Eve 24th December 2025

9.30am Weekday Mass

8.00pm Vigil Mass for Christmas

Christmas Day 25th December 2025

9.30am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

Monday, 15th December Parish Reconciliation Service 7.30am

Saturday, 21st December after the 10am Weekday Mass

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.





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.

Attendance Matters November 2025

Well done to Parks Class

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.

Class	Attendance %	Lateness %
Shakespeare	94.3	2.6
Seacole	92.9	3.4
Anning	97.5	2.2
Parks	98.9	1.6
Einstein	95.4	0.6
Armstrong	97.8	2.0
Mandela	97.2	1.1


Our School Pantomime

Alice in Wonderland


Performed by Tree House


A Big Thank You to the Friends of St Bernadette's who provided us with the joy of our Pantomime, the children had an absolutely wonderful time.




Friday	28th November 2025	 Charism Character Awards
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier &	Alsi	Perseverance practicing his lines for our nativity.
Year 2 Anning Miss Hyatt	Leo	For demonstrating perseverance this week by trying his best to make the right choice!
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Imogen	For demonstrating perseverance in everything you do. You calmly get on with your work and keep going even if you find something tricky.
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Amelia	For demonstrating the passion to learn by showing enthusiasm and engagement in every English lesson.
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Xavier	For having courage. Xavier was really nervous about taking part in the panto and he did an amazing job!
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Ellie	For demonstrating perseverance in all lessons to develop your understanding, especially in maths when adding and subtracting fractions!


Friday	28th November 2025	 Mission Maker Award
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Aminah	Passion to learn in maths this week
Year 2 Anning Miss Hyatt	Charlie	For demonstrating the strength to love by being a kind and caring friend. He has been thinking of others and shown respect to his peers.
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Nell	For demonstrating the passion to learn. You did an excellent job pinning and cutting out your trousers in DT.
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Nadia	For demonstrating a fantastic passion to learn and enthusiasm across the whole curriculum.
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Emilia M	For having the passion to learn. Emilia did really well in her fractions opening ticket!
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Dior	For demonstrating the whole school mission statement, always. You are a fantastic role model to the whole school and this shines through in everything you do.

Friday	5th December 2025	 Charism Character Awards
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier &	Amarachi	For demonstrating brilliant speaking skills in the Nativity rehearsals.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Laura	For demonstrating resilience when faced with change.
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Aoife	For demonstrating perseverance on our school trip. Even though you were not feeling your best you joined in, kept going and didn't complain.
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Oliver	For demonstrating perseverance this week and continuing to try hard when something is tricky!
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Martha	For demonstrating courage in the classroom. She has gained so much confidence putting her hand up and sharing this week.
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Jaden R	For demonstrating perseverance and courage over the past two weeks, showing a fantastic growth mindset and amazing attitude to learning!

Friday	5th December 2025	 Mission Maker Award
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Lennon	For demonstrating a passion to learn in science.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Maria	For demonstrating a real passion in learning and trying your best.
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Abigail	For demonstrating the strength to love by being a kind and calm member of Park class. You always listen to others and make sure they are OK.
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Emmanuel	For demonstrating the passion to learn by getting back on track and being really focused this week.
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Amelia	For demonstrating the passion to learn. Amelia used amazing oracy skills in our lesson debate.
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Chiamaka	For demonstrating the passion to learn in English when writing a descriptive narrative, thinking really carefully about your vocabulary choices and how you edit your work!

Friday	12th December 2025	 Charism Character Awards
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Amara	For demonstrating perseverance when getting dressed for nativity working on her buttons
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Jennah	For demonstrating perseverance this week and moving up a reading level!
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Daisy	For demonstrating compassion towards everyone. You are kind, calm, patient and understanding. All of which are wonderful qualities.
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Isabella	For demonstrating courage. Standing up in front of the class to play the Times Tables game and doing incredibly well!
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Phoebe	For demonstrating perseverance. Phoebe always takes on feedback with a smile and works really carefully to edit her own work. Especially in English.
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Elliot	For demonstrating perseverance with your writing, where you have been thinking really carefully about your vocabulary and punctuation choices.

Friday	12th December 2025	 Mission Maker Award
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Gwendolen	The strength to love, always so kind to her friends.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Zachary	For demonstrating the passion to learn this week by building sentences about a pirate.
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Scarlett	For demonstrating the passion to learn. You did an excellent job sewing Ugg's trousers. Well done!
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Hazel	For demonstrating a passion to learn. Hazel has made a superb effort this week in every area of her work and has shown a really positive attitude.
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Kuba	For demonstrating the passion to learn. Kuba has been really enthusiastic in class and he is always willing to help those around him.
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Brooke	For demonstrating the passion to learn when using your oracy skills to have amazing discussions, especially in maths and science this week.

Friday	19th December 2025	 Charism Character Awards
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier &	Levi	For demonstrating compassion being kind to his friends when they were feeling sad.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	John	For demonstrating compassion this term. He is a wonderful friend and an excellent role model to his peers.
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	Rebecca	For demonstrating perseverance, you are hardworking and you always keep going even if you find the work a little bit tricky.
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Louie	For demonstrating perseverance. Louie has spent all week sorting books in the library; even when I'm sure the task seemed daunting, he has kept going and has made a real difference
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Alannah	For demonstrating perseverance. Alannah has been working really hard in all subjects. She is super proud of herself and so am I.
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Joey	For demonstrating compassion when meeting with our buddies, making sure everyone was included, especially those whose buddies weren't there.

Friday	19th December 2025	 Mission Maker Award
Year 1 Seacole Mrs Grier & Mrs Lowdon	Lily	The passion to learn in maths exploring shape.
Year 2 Anning Mrs Ripley	Liliana	For demonstrating the passion to learn in History this week by producing a wonderful newspaper article all about the Titanic disaster.
Year 3 Parks Miss McCue	James	For demonstrating the passion to learn with your excellent research into the Bronze Age. Well done!
Year 4 Einstein Mrs Coatzee	Aoife	For demonstrating the passion to learn. Aoife always gives 100% in all of her work. She constantly strives to push her learning forward and has shown some incredibly high-quality work in recent weeks.
Year 5 Armstrong Miss Huggins	Oscar	For demonstrating the strength to love. Oscar has kindly helped with the snack trolley all term long.
Year 6 Mandela Miss Parkinson	Florence	For demonstrating all of the mission statement, every day. You are a fantastic role model who always has a passion to learn and make everyone feel included.

A Surprise Visit from Father Christmas

The children were unaware of the surprise visit that happened this week, many of them just believed they were outside to see a Chinook fly by. But with great excitement they could hardly believe that the Chinook landed and Father Christmas appeared with his very helpful elves.

We would like to say the biggest thank you to RAF Odiham for making this amazing event happen and to Royal Air Force Flying Officer Buckley and his team for bringing Christmas magic to St Bernadette's.



Author of the Month December

Malorie Blackman



Malorie Blackman has written over seventy books and is acknowledged as one of today's most imaginative and convincing writers for young readers. Her best-loved books include the highly acclaimed *Noughts and Crosses* sequence and *Pig Heart Boy*, which also became a major BBC TV series. She has been awarded numerous prizes for her work, including the Red House Children's Book Award, and has also been shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal. In 2005 she was honoured with the Eleanor Farjeon Award in recognition of her contribution to children's books, and in 2008 she received an OBE for her services to children's literature. She has been described by *The Times* as 'a national treasure' and was the Children's Laureate 2013-15.

Books by this author:

