



'Living and Learning through Christ'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

03.02.26

I hope this finds you all well.

**Fundraising**



You will have received a list of events and activities that have been supported by your fundraising efforts as organised by the Friends of St Bernadette and the team of helpers. The children thoroughly enjoyed the most recent event, the Snow White Pantomime. A big thank you from the children for an amazing experience!

**National Year of Reading**



Mrs. Gregory has organised a variety of events to mark the National Year of Reading. Don't forget the book swap event tomorrow. Please see the attached poster for further information.

**International Week and E-Safety Day**



Next week looks to be a very busy end of term with International Week events and the E-Safety day on Tuesday 10th. Please come along on Wednesday (2:30pm) to share your signature dish and to taste some delicious food from other families.



**Parish News - First Holy Communion 2026 Reminder**

First Holy Communion 2026 will be celebrated in each of the Parishes this year. Application forms are available to collect from the Priest or Deacon after Mass.

**Volunteers / Parent Governor**

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer for Forest School, Reading Buddy or parent governor, please contact the school office.



**Finally**

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, information and/or ideas for our school. Tuesday, between 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. is an open session so that you can use to pop in to see me or Mrs. Palmer without making an appointment.

Thank you, as always for your support.

Kind regards

Mrs. B P Lee  
Headteacher



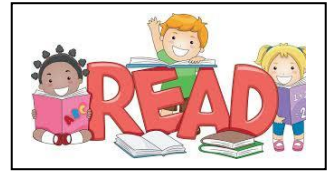


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## **2026 is the National Year of Reading!**

To celebrate this special year and to encourage a lifelong love of reading, we will be running a range of exciting reading-focused activities throughout the year.



### **National Storytelling Week - Monday 2nd February – Friday 6th February**

To mark National Storytelling Week, we will be holding a Book Swap Event on Thursday 5th February.

Children are invited to bring in any good-quality, pre-loved books during the week. They will receive a swap token, which they can use to 'buy' a new book to take home.

### **Story Time with Parents**

We will be inviting parents to join their child's class for special story times. As we can only accommodate a small number of parents at a time, this will run throughout the year.

A timetable will be shared via your child's Google Classroom, where you will be able to sign up.

### **International Week - Monday 9th February – Friday 13th February**

As part of International Week, we would love parents to share traditional stories from your childhood with the children.

You are welcome to visit school to read to the whole class or a small group, or send the story in with your child for the class teacher to read aloud.

### **Bedtime Stories Evening - Tuesday 24th February**

Children are invited to return to school at 4:30pm, wearing their pyjamas or onesies, to enjoy a cosy bedtime story and hot chocolate with their class.

### **Book Fair - Thursday 26th February – Thursday 5th March**

The Book Fair will be visiting our school during this time. Book tokens will be sent home and can be exchanged for selected books or used towards the cost of other titles.

### **World Book Day - Thursday 5th March**

Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

We will also be running reading-themed competitions, so please keep an eye on Google Classroom for ways you can support us in helping your child develop a lifelong love of reading.





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**INSET DATES - 22.05.26 03.07.2026 22.07.26**

Dates	
05.02.26	Book Swap
05.02.26	Reception classes 'Dress Like a Pirate' day
06.02.26	Number Day – non-uniform. £1 donation for NSPCC
09.02.26	International Week: look out for information on activities that involve parents, e.g. food share/stories from other countries.
10.02.26	E-Safety Day
11.02.26	Family Food Share in class
13.02.26	Last day of Term 3
23.02.26	<b>Term 4</b>
24.02.26	Bedtime Stories, children return to school in PJ's with cuddly toy for story time
25.02.26	Year 3 Forest School Sessions begin
26.02.26	Book Fair Starts
27.02.26	Reception classes Family Drawing Club
02.03.26	Story Box Competition week
05.03.26	World Book Day
09.03.26	Science Week
12.03.26	Reception Children Height and Vision screening
16.03.26	Computing Assembly and workshops for pupils
17.03.26	Computing workshop for parents
19.03.26	Reception classes Family Collective Worship
24.03.26	Mid-year parent /teacher meetings
25.03.26	Mid-year parent /teacher meetings
26.03.26	Year 4 Stations of the Cross presentation in St Bernadette's Church (parents are welcome, time TBC)
27.03.26	Rock Steady Concert 9:30
01.04.26	Reception classes Family Easter crafts
02.04.26	Last day of T4
20.04.26	<b>Term 5</b> Swimming starts for Y3 and Y4
01.05.26	Year 6 Life Skills Trip
11.05.26	Year 6 SATs week
21.05.26	Outdoor classroom day
22.05.26	INSET Day and last day of Term 5
01.06.26	<b>Term 6</b>
17.06.26	Sports Day and family picnic weather permitting. Alternative date 24.06.26
19.06.26	Year 6 Leaver's Mass at S.S. Peter and Paul Cathedral
24.06.26	Contingency date for Sports day should the weather prevent it going ahead on 17 <sup>th</sup> June
03.07.26	INSET day
21.07.26	Last day of Term 6 for pupils
22.07.26	INSET Day

