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St. Bernadette's Newsletter

W/B 20th Nov 23- every fortnight

Prayer & Liturgy

In the Gospel this week...

Through the parable of the talents the children will learn that God wants them to experience being loved and choose to love Him in return.



In the Gospel next week...

This week's Gospel reminds us that Jesus is the great King of the universe. We will reflect on how through His Kingship, He unifies nations, heals His people, defeats the enemy and leads His people to join Him in glory.



Please click [here](#) to view the Wednesday Word for this week.



Upcoming events- Save the Date

- **Thursday 23rd November**
Year 6 out at Crucial Crew
- **Sunday 3rd December**
Family Mass at St. Bernadette's Church.
Everyone welcome 10:30am
- **Wednesday 6th December am**
Advent Prayer Trails in School
- **Friday 8th December**
Years 3 & 5 - Advent Mass 11am
Everyone welcome
- **Wednesday 13th December**
FS Christmas Performance TBC
Years 4 & 6 - Advent Mass 11am
- **Thursday 14th December**
KS1 Christmas Performance 9:30am and 2:00pm
- **Friday 14th December**
KS2 Christmas Performance TBC
- **Monday 18th December**
Whole School Carol Service 2pm
Everyone welcome
- **Wednesday 20th December**
Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
- **Thursday 21st December**
Christmas Party Day

Job Vacancies

HARRYTOWN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL currently has vacancies for a Pastoral Manager, Learning Support Assistants and a Food, Art & Design Technology Technician. Please visit the School Website for more details – www.harrytownschool.org



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ASPIRE Stars!

W/B 16th October

FS1 - Chase Bradford
FS2 - Rosie May Dolan
Yr 1 - Aubree-Jae
Pickering
Yr 2 - Lily-May Wilson
Yr 3 - Aaliyah Moulder
Saunders
Yr 4 - Lathan Clegg
Yr 5 - Lily-May
McConnell
Yr 6 - Lincoln Arnold

W/B 13th November

FS1 - Penelope Tello
FS2 - Pearl Bell
Yr 1 - Tallulah Stafford
Yr 2 - Reggie Stewart
Yr 3 - Molly Walker
Yr 4 - Ethan Loftus
Yr 5 - Oscar Challinor &
Tyler Connolly
Yr 6 - Nathaniel Kaliwoh

ASPIRE Stars!

W/B 6th November

FS1 - Finley Hale
FS2 - Edward Cain
Yr 1 - Sophia Todd
Yr 2 - Harper Davies
Yr 3 - Alfie Allcock
Yr 4 - Elliot Pollitt
Yr 5 - Ralphie Wilkins
Yr 6 - Daniel Steele

Superstar Readers!

W/B 16th October

EY/KS1 - Mia-Rose Walker
KS2 - Rob Hollinshead

W/B 6th November

EY/KS1 - Gabia Zvinklyte
KS2 - Sebastian Sanabria

W/B 13th November

EY/KS1 - Dunmade
Oyedokun
KS2 - Eric Lea



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Acts of Kindness

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FS1 - Alicja Malec
FS2 - Harper Thorley
Yr 1 - Poppy Cross
Yr 2 - Harley Scott-Pilkington
Yr 3 - Jack Gaffey
Yr 4 - Bentley Neve
Yr 5 - Mekha Manu
Yr 6 - Hollie Todd

W/B 6th November

FS1 - Eron Mahmood
FS2 - Olivia Bolland
Yr 1 - Enya Miller
Yr 2 - Reggie Stewart
Yr 3 - Daniel Boshir
Yr 4 - Emme-Rose Pickering
Yr 5 - Tyler Connolly
Yr 6 - Poppy Crosby

W/B 13th November

FS1 - Jade Andrade
FS2 - Dulcie-Rae Wilson
Yr 1 - Ivy Allen
Yr 2 - Mabel McConnell
Yr 3 - Khaleesi McMahon
Yr 4 - Jan Sobiegraj
Yr 5 - Ella Sheldon
Yr 6 - Tilly Murray



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The Stockport Harriers

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WOODBANK PARK

SAT 9 DEC 10:30 AM

FREE
Registration

1 Mile
accessible
route

FREE
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St. Bernadette's Sporting Heroes

This week two groups of children were selected to go and represent our school at two different sporting events. Both groups did St. Bernadette's proud by embodying our school values.



Well done to the two teams involved, staff members we very proud of how you represented our school!



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Mini Vinnies Mass

Our newly formed Mini Vinnie group attended a Mass of thanksgiving at Our Lady and the Apostles Church in Edgeley. Two of our children helped with the offertory and reading during the Mass. There were lots of other Mini Vinnies from local schools and members of the SVP there. The group will be working hard to make a difference in our school and in their local community.



All Saints and All Souls Mass

It was lovely to gather together as a whole school to celebrate the feast of All Saints and All Souls. Father Bill was so impressed with how prayerful the children were. Thank you to parents and families who joined us for the Mass. We will be remembering all those who we have lost during this remembrance month of November. All prayer hearts have been placed in our prayer basket in the school entrance.



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MUFC Raffle

A huge thank you to everybody who bought raffle tickets to support the School Council; we managed to raise an impressive £207.50!

Our lucky winners were:



Children in Need

Thanks also for being so generous when donating to Children in Need. We managed to raise £188 for the charity!





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St. Bernadette's at the Police Museum

Class 6 enjoyed a trip to the Manchester Police Museum where they re-enacted a Victorian court case and learnt about the history of policing.



13.11.23: Manchester Police Museum





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Eco Reds Trip to Old Trafford



Five children from our school's Eco-Council spent the day at Old Trafford learning about the EcoRed initiative and becoming Eco-Reds! The children came up with ideas and wrote an action plan for how our school can be more sustainable.



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Diwali Day FS





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Diwali Day KS1

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed celebrating the festival of Diwali by joining in with a dance workshop and Year 1 made diva lamps from clay. They retold the story of Rama and Sita and learnt about how Diwali is celebrated.





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Diwali Day LKS2

Year 3 enjoyed celebrating the festival of Diwali by joining in with a dance workshop and making diya lamps from clay.



Year 4 really enjoyed learning some traditional Diwali dance moves!

Scan the QR code to watch Year 4 in action!





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Diwali Day UKS2

Years 5 and 6 loved dressing up and learning some Bollywood dancing today!



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Year 5 Assembly

We are so proud of Class 5 for writing and performing their class assembly! They did amazingly!





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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

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ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

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