Newsletter - Summer 1

"Learning with CHRIST as our guide".

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Welcome back to the summer term! I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break spent with family and friends.

St Bernadette Feast Day

We have had a lovely day celebrating our Patron Saint. Unfortunately, we were unable to attend Mass as Fr Mathew is unwell.

The day began with a whole-school assembly focused on the life of St Bernadette. We reflected on her deep commitment to God and how this aligns with our school mission to "Learn with Christ as our guide," taking inspiration from the teachings of the Gospel.

Today also provided an opportunity to gather feedback from the children about how we live out our mission as a school community—watch this space for their thoughts!

As a school community, we have taken time to review our values: caring, honesty, inspiration, respect, and tolerance. We asked the children to consider whether these remain the best values for our school. We will also be consulting with staff, parents, and governors as we look ahead to the new academic year—more updates to follow.

KEY DATES

Wednesday 22nd April - Little Recyclers

Thursday 23rd April - 3B Liturgy 8.55am

Link to: School Calendar

Dignity of the worker



This half-term our Catholic social teaching theme focuses on the dignity of the worker. We are fortunate to have a committed staff to the mission of our school and who want the very best for all of our children. I would like to take the opportunity to shine a light on our staff.

I would like to shine a light on Mrs Galvin and Mr Gabriel.

Mrs Galvin leads our lunchtime and wraparound care provision. She is always greets everyone with a smile and offers support whenever it is needed.

Mr Gabriel goes above and beyond to support both children and staff.

He is always willing to help and is especially skilled at fixing things and offering practical solutions on a daily basis!

KEY INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

Year Group	This week's attendance
Nursery	92.6%
Reception	93.8%
Year 1	94.3%
Year 2	97.6%
Year 3	95.3%
Year 4	95.9%
Year 5	94.0%
Year 6	96.9%



SPORT

This week in sport, we attended the district cross country event. It was a challenging competition, but every child gave it their absolute best and represented the school with determination and pride.

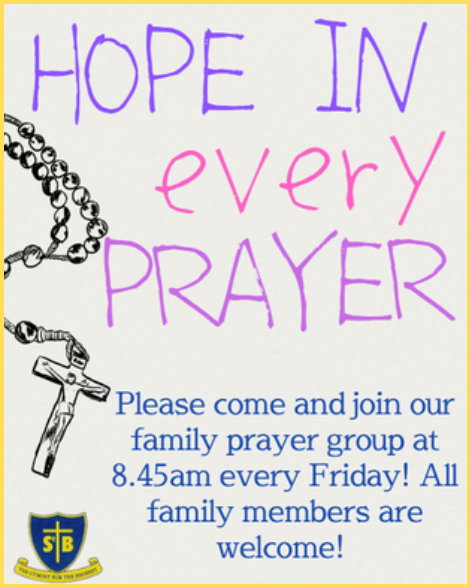
The boys' team performed brilliantly, finishing second overall. A huge well done to Sean Lucas, Mateo, Leo, Jesse, Kaya, Tommy, and Malachi for their fantastic effort.

The girls' team went one step further, securing first place and becoming overall winners of the event. Congratulations to Lillie, Emily C, Amanda, Gabriela, Bathsheba, Isla, and Nikol on their outstanding achievement.

Mr Willingham was incredibly proud of all the children for their dedication, perseverance, and team spirit throughout the event.

Well done once again to everyone at St Bernadette!







Applications are now open to join the Royal Ballet and Opera's Youth Opera

Programmes. We are inviting young singers aged 8-11 (on 1 September 2026), living in and around London, to apply to join our Young Voices programme and Youth Opera Company this September.

Applications close at midnight on Sunday 10 May.

Both programmes are free and offer an exciting opportunity for young people to develop their singing, performance skills, and confidence.

Find out more and apply here: RBO Youth Opera Programmes



A Journey Around the World – Celebrating St Bernadette School's Diverse Community







Monday 11th May: Whole-school homework project - written and oral presentation to the class. (See Google Classroom for further instructions)

Friday 15th May: own clothes day, wearing the traditional clothing or colours of your country, or culture.

Friday 15th May: Parents - Come and celebrate our school's diverse community by viewing the children's homework in their classroom and ending with a celebration in the school hall. (More details to follow)

Scan the QR code if you'd like to participate in our after-school celebration event:

