

# St Bertelina's Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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## St Bert's News

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2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

### Family Worship

This week's Family Worship will be led by Mrs Moss. She will be talking to the children about Advent.

It would be lovely to see as many parents/grandparents as possible to join us.

### Celebrate and Praise Worship

Please note there will be no 'Celebrate and Praise Worship' for parents on a Friday afternoon until January. This is due to our Christmas production preparations.

### Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who sent donations in for the school raffles today. We very much appreciate your generosity.

### Tattenhall Meeting

There will be a Tattenhall meeting for all parents of Year 2 children in the school hall this Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 3.30pm. Please do your best to attend.

### Visit to Norton Lodge

Our School Council are visiting Norton Lodge this Friday to deliver Christmas cards to the residents. The children decided they wanted to share Christmas spirit with the community, and this was their idea. We hope they enjoy their visit!

### Christmas at Norton Priory

Our youngest children will be visiting Norton Priory this week to experience a traditional Victorian Christmas around the tree.

### Christingle

Our Christingle Service takes place next Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 9.15am. All welcome.



If any parents would like to volunteer to help the children make their Christingles, please let your child's class teacher know. Christingles will be made on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

### Christmas Party Day

Christmas Party Day takes place on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Orian will be providing a Christmas Party packed lunch for £3.15. Alternatively, if your child wishes to bring in their own packed lunch, then they can do so. On this special occasion, goodies such as crisps and chocolate will be permitted. **PLEASE NO FIZZY DRINKS ALLOWED.** Thank you.

Children can wear party outfits on the day but please remember a coat and sensible shoes as the children will be playing outside.

You can start to book on School Hub from tomorrow.

### Christmas Tree

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Richard Bennett from Bennett's Farm in Warrington for providing St Bert's with an amazing Christmas Tree. Thank you.

### Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas dinner takes place this Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Parents can order and pay for this special dinner (that Zena cooks) on School Hub.



Other options on the school menu are available.

### Stitch Design/Uniform



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\* Offer available from Friday 29th November - Monday 2nd December 2024.

### Clubs

Please check the school website calendar for remaining dates for choir club, football club, Year 6 girls Christmas Production Club and Jam Coding.

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### School Dinners - Orian

Just some pointers for parents

- Don't forget to cancel the meal before 9.30am if your child is ill or you will be charged.
- Parents who are ordering for more than one child, please remember to save for all children.

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### School Comms

Thank you to those parents who have paid their outstanding dinner money on School comms. Can we please that if parents do have outstanding dinner money that this is paid by the end of this week. If you have any questions, please call the office. Thank you.

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### Delamere

We still have an outstanding balance of £622.00.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE ARE STILL USING SCHOOLCOMS FOR OUSTANDING RESIDENTAL PAYMENTS AND EVENTS.**

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### Residentials

**Please note the dates for our residentials.**

### Tattenhall - Year 2

16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 - 17<sup>th</sup>

January 2025

£84

### Burwardsley - Year 4

Group 1 - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Group 2 - 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

£153

There will be a meeting for all Year 4 parents with regards to this residential on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 3.30pm in the

school. Please do your best to attend.

### Menai - Year 5

6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> May

£330

**PARENTS CAN NOW START TO PAY FOR MENAI ON SCHOOL HUB.**

### Year 6 Day Out

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You can start to pay as soon as possible for any of the residentials. By doing this, you will be spreading the cost.

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### Attendance Policy

At St Bert's, high levels of attendance and punctuality are expected in order for children to reap the full benefits of what our school has to offer.

Our target is 96%



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### Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday this week:

Theo Sefton-Rawson (6)

Emily Pritchard (7)

We hope you have a wonderful birthday.

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### Family Hub

Please click on the link below to access help with regards to health, mental health, parenting etc.

<https://www.haltonfamilyhubs.co.uk/>

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### ADDvanced Solutions

You may have already heard of ADDvanced Solutions. They are an organisation who offers support for families living with neurodevelopmental conditions, whose children/young people are pre, during and post diagnosis.

They offer a range of learning programmes face-to-face and online in the Halton area, including a Community Network Group drop-in at Ditton Community Centre, Dundalk Road, Widnes, WA8 8DF at 12.30pm on a Monday (school term time). Families will meet like-minded parents/carers and have a topic they deliver each week and also invite professionals that our families may meet along their pathway journey.

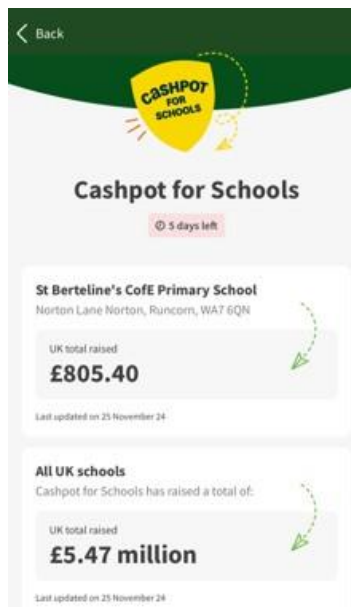
More information about the support they offer is on their newsletter. Please follow the link below:

<https://www.advancedsolutions.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/HAL-Autumn-2-Half-Term-Newsletter-2024.pdf>

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### Joe Wicks and Asda

A massive thank you to all our families who used their Asda rewards card to help raise money for our school. We have received a total of



THANK YOU!!!!

### Supporting Sleep and Managing Screen Time Worship

Halton Health Improvement Team are holding an online session supporting families with sleep and screen time.

#### Workshop Details:

**Title:** Supporting Sleep and Managing Screen Time

**Date:** Thursday 5th December

**Time:** 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

**Location:** Online - TEAMS

#### What you will learn:

- How screens can impact children's sleep and overall well-being.
- The science behind screen addiction and its effects on the brain.
- Practical strategies for managing screen time and improving sleep.
- Confidence in setting boundaries that work for their family.

Book your free place on the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/support-with-sleep-and-screen-time-tickets-925925547237?aff=oddtcreator>

### Kenya Fundraiser: Maisy and Ellie

Two of our former pupils Maisy and Ellie are doing some fundraising to raise money for the trip of a lifetime with Camp International in 2026.

The trip will last 4 weeks and, in this time, they will help build schools, houses, fresh water wells, work to protect local wildlife and teach the children of Kenya to speak some English. The girls are so grateful to have such an amazing opportunity to help a country dealing with poverty.

In order to fund their trip, they have been getting creative! And are selling:

- handmade beaded bracelets £3
- handmade phone charms £5
- Christmas mallow or chocolate wreaths £3 or £5
- Malteser/Terry's chocolate orange characters £10
- mystery boxes £5

There is going to be a stall in the school playground on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at pick-up time** for anyone who would like to purchase these great Christmas gifts.

Maisy and Ellie will also be attending the **Sandymoor High Christmas Fair this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 12-6pm** and also **The Runcorn Town Hall Christmas Fair this Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10-3pm.**

Order forms (with images of the items) are also available in the office for those who would like to purchase something but can't make it.

They thank everyone for the support in advance.

### The Heath Methodist Church



### All Saint's Church

Why not enjoy an evening of festive fun, fellowship and a meaningful reflection on the season!

For children aged between 9-14  
All Saint's Church  
7<sup>th</sup> December  
4pm - 6pm

### Christmas Light Display



Come join us every night from 5pm until 8pm for our Christmas Light Display. We will be running it from 1st December until 31st December. We are raising money for Claire House Children's Hospice. We have a huge raffle with over 50 prizes and every child will receive a little gift for making a donation

We hope to see you at 63 Kingshead Close, Castlefields, WA7 2JG



**Christmas Activities**  
**Christmas Nativity/Production**  
As you are probably aware our Christmas Nativity and Production preparations have already started.

Children from 4 to 11 years of age will be performing in one way or another.

Of course, not everyone can be the star of the show, but we all play an important part - teamwork is imperative!

Below are a few guidelines which we follow when organising the Christmas shows:-

- The older children usually have the main roles, and the younger children take the supporting roles - both in the 'KS2 Production' and the 'EYFS/KS1 Nativity'.
- All children take part and are encouraged to 'shine'. Developing confidence is a key objective.
- We don't have formal auditions but during the practice of songs we look for those who have a natural talent for acting and/or dancing. The whole experience is very positive, with lots of praise and encouragement for all involved. We have less 'main parts' and more group songs/dances.

Everybody enjoys being a part of our Christmas entertainment, including the staff, who get to know children throughout the school as a result of the team effort! It is hard work and the children get very tired but the result is well worth it. The ex-pupils of St Bert's always remember the Christmas shows!

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### Dates for Christmas Production and Nativity

EYFS/KS1 'The Big Little Nativity'  
 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
 1.30pm

KS2 'St Bert's Entertains'  
 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
 1.30pm

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### Costumes

Costumes should be sorted for both productions by now and children can start to bring them into school this week. They should be on a hanger covered in a plastic bag with your child's

name clearly labelled. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December is the last day for costumes to be in.

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### Tickets

Tickets request are now closed. A google form will be issued shortly for spare tickets.

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### Photos/Videos

**We appreciate that parents and grandparents love to take photos and videos of the children. Unfortunately, due to licensing laws and safeguarding, can we please ask that no photos or videoing takes place at the Christmas productions. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.**

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### Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024. This is a special day where all the children and teachers can come into school wearing a Christmas jumper and school trousers/skirts for a donation of £1. All money raised will go towards a charity of the children's choice.

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### Coffee and Carols

There will be a coffee and carols morning on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 9.15am - 10.15am If you have been in school helping or organising events, this is a 'THANK YOU' to you.

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### Donations

As you are aware, we do not charge for tickets to our Christmas production/nativity. However, there will be children at the end of each production with buckets, if parents would

like to donate loose change at the end of each production, it would be greatly appreciated. The money raised will go towards our new sound system for the school hall.

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### Raffles Prizes

We also have a raffle prize to be won on each of the production days. Tickets will be £1 per strip.

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### Quote of the Week



Today the first candle of Advent was lit in school. This candle symbolises

'HOPE'. It represents the hope that Jesus coming was going to offer the world. Today more than ever we need to cling to that promise of hope that Jesus offers.

Hope forever tells us that tomorrow will be better  
 Lamentations 3:22-23

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### Prayers

Our prayers this week are for all those who are sad, lonely, frightened or worried for one reason or another at this Advent time. We hope that they feel God's love and comfort surrounding them. God Bless!

