

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

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## St Bert's News

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16th March 2026

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### Family Worship

This week's Family Worship will be a special assembly led by Vicar Danny. We are also hoping to link up digitally with our 7 CDAT cluster schools.

All parents, grandparents and aunties welcome to join us.

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### Young Carers

Today Ashleigh and Vikki from Young Carers came to talk to our children about what it means to be a young carer. See the link below:

<https://haltonsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/professionals/young-carers>

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### SIAMs inspection

Last Monday we had our SIAMs (Statutory inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection. The inspection went very well. When we receive the official report, we will let parents know. Thank you to everybody who took time to speak to the inspector.

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### Lent Appeal

During the Lent period, here at St Bert's our children spend time thinking about what we can do to help others - caring about the troubles of others and doing something to help. We call this courageous advocacy. This year our school community has chosen two charities to support that

have affected our families over the last year.

The EYFS and KS1 children will be supporting the Stroke Association. Children are invited to complete small acts of love and kindness in their homes, school and communities as part of a sponsored challenge to raise money. Each act - such as helping a friend or doing chores without being asked - earns sponsorship from family and friends.

The KS2 children will be supporting the Children's Brain Injury Trust. The children will be completing a sporting challenge on Thursday (19th March). Y3/4 and some Y5 children will be completing a 'Sportathon' in the morning. This will be a test of stamina as they enjoy a carousel of sporting activities including football, basketball, running, skipping and rugby skills.

The children can wear something sporty for school for this day. Y6 and the remaining Y5 children will be competing in a football competition during the afternoon. These children will change into P.E kits ready for the afternoon. All children will have already brought a letter home which includes a slip and request for financial donations. All donations (big or small) will go directly to the charity. We are all looking forward to a fun day supporting a very worthy cause. Thank you for your support.

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### Residentials

Please note the dates for our residentials.

Menai is our most expensive visit, so we like to give you plenty of time to pay.

**Menai - Year 5**  
**5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
**£355.00**

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### Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place this week on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March (late) and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March (early). You should all have your appointments now booked. Any problems, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Liz Tudor (SENDCo) will be around school on both evenings for any parents who would like to speak to her.

Please note that Mrs Dix will be holding her Parents Evening in Mr Ellis' classroom.

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### Menai Residential Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Year 5 on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 3.30pm in the school hall with regards to the forthcoming residential. Please can you make sure that you have completed the paperwork ready for the residential.

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### Forest School

Mr. O'Neill's class will be having forest school on a Friday this half term. Can we please ask that the children have the appropriate footwear. Thankyou

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### Swimming

Mrs. Chriscoli's class will be continuing with swimming lessons on a Tuesday morning. They will be walking to Brookvale swimming baths.

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### Comic Relief



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March is Comic Relief Day or Red Nose Day. We are asking the children to dress up in bright colours - the brighter and more neon the better - in exchange for a £1 donation for Comic Relief.

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### Odd Sock Day (Down Syndrome Day)

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March is Odd Sock Day in support of Down Syndrome Day. We will be selling gingerbread sock biscuits all week in exchange for £1. All proceeds will go towards this worthy charity. Also, the children can come into school wearing odd socks on the day.

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### School Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March to do class and Year 6 leavers photographs.

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### Dinners

Please remember to order your child's lunch in advance. **We had 19 special dinners today** due to people not ordering lunches in advance. Children find this very upsetting, please try to remember to order your child's lunches.

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### Walking home alone

We are aware that some of our Year 5 & 6 children may come home without an adult. Obviously

as parents you will have considered whether this is appropriate for your child and talked about any risks attached. As a school, we feel we need to know whether you have given permission for your child to walk home alone. If this is the case, could you please complete the link below. Thank you for your support.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdS3v3y3ikHm3-IT2Iw\\_sTNG6oNH0AeNnX7MLQ8ctKD1rcSgA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdS3v3y3ikHm3-IT2Iw_sTNG6oNH0AeNnX7MLQ8ctKD1rcSgA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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### Mobile phones in school

Can we please remind parents that should your child be required to bring a mobile phone on the school premises, you need to fill in a Mobile Phone Permission Agreement (Link below).

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1\\_VrAzWTexAka5xs\\_SE42RFhFwwdOTLqwrNNuc5BXo9o/edit](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1_VrAzWTexAka5xs_SE42RFhFwwdOTLqwrNNuc5BXo9o/edit)

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### Mobile Phone, Smart Watches, Tablet and Camera Policy for Pupils - Link below.

[www.stbertelines.org.uk/serve\\_file/19690793](http://www.stbertelines.org.uk/serve_file/19690793)

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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%**



[https://www.stbertelines.org.uk/serve\\_file/30709892](https://www.stbertelines.org.uk/serve_file/30709892)

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### Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their

birthday this week:

Jace-David Woodward (5)  
Lila Speakman (6)  
Albie Bullock (7)  
Ralph Williams (7)  
Paisley-Faith Ellis (7)  
Frankie Dudley (8)  
Oliver Higginson (9)  
Max Rustchynsky (10)

We hope you have a wonderful birthday.

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### Rock Steady Concert

Children have been busy practising for their Easter Concert on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 10am, all welcome.

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### Clubs

#### Wraparound

Breakfast Club runs 7:30am - 9am Monday to Friday.  
Afterschool Club runs 3.20pm - 6pm. Bookings can be made on the day via Ipal. You will need to register your child before making a booking. If your child is booked in wraparound, they automatically have a choice to join the sports clubs below.

<https://stbertelines.ipalbookings.com>

### **Multi Sports Club**

Mondays 3.20pm -4.30pm  
All year groups

### **Football Club**

Tuesdays 3.20pm - 4.30pm  
All year groups

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Wednesdays 3.20pm - 4.30pm  
All year groups

Did you know you can get support with funding on the below links for wraparound -

[Universal Credit Childcare - Best Start in Life](#)

- [Help paying for childcare: Help with childcare while you study - GOV.UK](#)

[Discover My Benefits - Royal Navy](#), [Discover My Benefits - Army](#), [Discover My Benefits - RAF](#)

### **Choir**

Friday's 3.20pm - 4.30pm

### **Choir Concert**

The choir are busy practising for a concert on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 6:30/7pm start till 8:30/9pm

The concert will be held at Ormskirk Street United Reformed Church St Helens WA10 2JZ

Tickets will be available from Mrs O'Neil £10 for adults £5 for children. All proceeds are

going to the Nazareth Orphanage in Uganda.

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### **Book Fair**

The Book Fair will be in the school hall after school each day from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 until Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

The Book Fair will also be available after the Easter holiday on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

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### **Easter Egg Competition**

It's that time of the year again when we hold our Easter Egg Competition. The competition will be judged on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. You have a few weeks to come up with some eggciting, eggshibits. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for each year group. So, get your eggstraordinary ideas eggsercized!!

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### **Grandparents Afternoon Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

We will be holding our annual Grandparents Afternoon. Grandparents are welcome to come along to school at 2.00pm. There will be a raffle and brief entertainment prior to being able to visit the children. The children will be doing guided tours of the school and will be able to share their schoolwork with their Grandparents. Grandparents will be allowed to take the children home from 3pm. We hope as many Grandparents will be able to join us.

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### **Easter Bunny Secret Stash Raffle**

Raffle tickets for our forthcoming East Bunny Secret Stash raffle will be handed out

soon. We have a KS1 stash and a KS2 stash. If you require any more, please contact the office. You have to be in it to win it! Tickets are £1 per strip. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

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### **Water Bottles**

Can we please ask parents to make sure their child has a water bottle in school. They can be refilled as much as they like.

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### **Road Safety**

As the days get longer, we encourage the children to get active. This may involve travelling to school by bike. If this is the case, could you please ensure that your child wears a helmet and that they are made aware of potential dangers. Norton Lane and the roundabout get very congested at the start and end of the day - please be careful. Bicycles must not be ridden on the school playground. They can be secured to the school fence by the book shed.

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### **Football Club**



**Heath Rangers JFC Sunday Soccer School**

- ✓ Open to Reception aged kids : 4 & 5 yrs old
- ✓ Excellent inclusive sessions, where football is all they will do....
- ✓ Fun and interactive football drills
- ✓ Every kid has a football
- ✓ FA Qualified Coaches
- ✓ No Obligation, just turn up & pay as you play
- ✓ Only £2 per session

11:00 every Sunday @ Runcorn Boys Club, Boston Avenue.

Give your kid **THE BEST** introduction into Grassroots football....

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### **Hand Hygiene**

Hand hygiene remains a key preventative action for all children and adults in school. Could we please ask that you help us in encouraging children to wash their hands regularly at home.




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**Quote of the Week**

MAY THE ROAD  
 RISE TO MEET  
 MAY THE YOU  
 WIND BE ALWAYS AT  
 YOUR BACK  
 MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM  
 THE UPON YOUR FACE  
 THE RAINS FALL UPON YOUR  
 SOFT FIELDS  
 AND, UNTIL  
 WE MEET AGAIN  
 MAY GOD HOLD YOU  
 IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND

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**Prayers**

Prayers this week are for all those people who are affected by the troubles in the world.  
 Amen