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St Bert's News

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7th September 2026

Family Worship

This week's Family Worship will be led by Mr Henaghen.

All parents are welcome!

New Reception

A big St Bert's welcome to our new reception children who start their full-time education today.

St Bert's Day

On Wednesday 9th September 2026, we will be celebrating 44 years since the creation of St Bert's school. Have you ever wondered who St Berteline was? St Berteline was an English prince and was not behaving himself. As a result, he was sent over to the King in Ireland to learn how to behave like a prince. Whilst there he fell in love with the King's daughter and married her. He brought his wife, who was pregnant, back to England to meet his family. On the way back the baby started to arrive, so Berteline went for help and while he was away his wife was attacked by wolves and he returned to find her dead. He was heartbroken and he decided to return to England permanently and lived as a recluse dedicating his life to serving God. We now have a Church and a school named after him, where others are encouraged to follow in his footsteps.

Delamere Residential Meeting

Delamere residential meeting for parents of Year 3 will take place on **Thursday 1st October 2026** and not the 29th September 2026 as stated in last week's newsletter. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Dates for your Diary

Dates for your Diary are attached to this week's newsletter.

Individual School Photos

This Wednesday, 9th September 2026, the school photographer will be in school to take individual photos and photos with siblings. On this occasion, the photographers intend to start taking photographs from 9.00am onwards.

New parents, please be aware that you can bring in younger siblings who are not of school age to join their brothers and sisters for a photograph. In order to do this, you need to come into the school hall at 8.45am along with your toddlers, babies and other siblings.

Victorian Experience

On Friday 2nd October 2026 Y3/4 (Miss Jackson and Mrs Chrisoli's classes) will be taking part in a Victorian Experience. Further details to follow and will be sent out to parents.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will take place for all year groups on Monday 14th September 2026.

Greet your child with a smile not your mobile!

Greeting your child looking at your phone says "I am more interested in using my phone than YOU!!!" Be welcoming! Children love to be greeted by a person who is equally excited to see them after a busy school day. Please put your phone away when on the school premises - this also protects you and your child from any unwanted images!

Homework



At St Bert's, we feel that homework is an important component of our school offer. From an early age, children are encouraged to share their reading books with family and a vital home school link is created. As your child gets older, they will be asked to learn spellings, times tables as well as completing tasks/activities that are designed to engage the children and enhance their learning.

It is a proven fact that children whose parents actively promote and support home learning/homework achieve

greater success in academic learning.

Could we please ask all parents to make a point of encouraging his or her child to complete any home learning/homework, which has been set. If you are ever unsure of how to support your child, then please speak to your child's teacher.

Google Classrooms - Years 1 - Year 6

Google

Classrooms will be up and

running within the next couple of days. An email will be sent out to parents of Years 1 - 6 when they are ready.



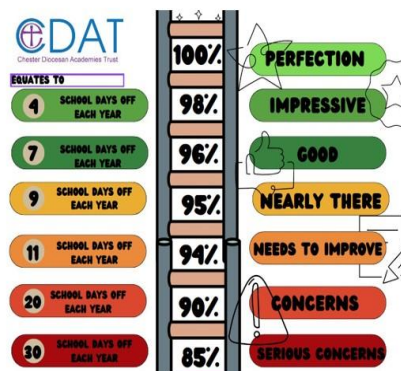
Your child's class teacher will soon be sending you a message to ensure you can access the class page. Please can you respond so the class teacher knows you are receiving class information. Homework, spellings and general messages are posted onto the Google Classrooms weekly and this is a valuable tool for communication with parents. Year 1 parents have already been emailed in July with their child's email address and password.

If you have any difficulties logging on, speak to Gill in the office.

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%



Request for Leave of Absence

Can we please remind parents that a Request for Leave of Absence form **MUST** be filled in before the absence is taken. These are available from the school office.

Please note that any Leave of Absence will only be authorised in "exceptional circumstances"

Residential

We will have a full list of all residentially shortly.

Delamere (Year 3)
14th October - 16th October
2026

Tattenhall (Year 2)
14th - 15th January 2027

Burwardsley (Year 4)
1st February 2027

Menai (Year 5)
w/c 4th May 2027

Leavers Day Out (Year 6)
TBA

In the next few weeks we will have a full list of prices.

Universal Free School Meals

Can we please remind parents of Year 2 children going into Year 3 in September, that your child is no longer entitled to Universal Free School Meals. School meals cost **£3.45** and will need to be paid via School Hub.

MDAs

Do you enjoy working with children? Are you at your happiest when you are busy and purposeful? Are you free to work one and a half hours per day over lunchtime? If so, we would love you to join our team of mid-day assistants. To find out more please contact the school office.

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. Please click the link below:



<https://forms.gle/SjbxB239PwBghJvW7>

Walking home alone

We are aware that some of our Year 5 & 6 children may go 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. Please fill in the form on the link below:

<https://forms.gle/HbZJgTitk9c7kVog7>

Happy Birthday



A happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday this week:

Greyson Walton (5)
Martha Guy (5)
Georgia O'Connell (6)
Natalie Man (6)
Oscar Webster (7)

We hope you have a wonderful birthday.

After School Clubs

Choir

Choir will start on Friday 11th September and run for 7 weeks until half term (inc Friday 23rd Oct).

After half term, it is a 5 week block until Friday 4th December.

All children who want to continue need to email to

helen.oneill@stbertelines.co.uk

confirm their place and make payment for the term of £48 to the usual bank details. Please reference your child's name as Mrs O'Neil uses this for the registrar details.

Any new starters are welcome to trial the club before committing to the full term. Parents will need to sign up by sending an email to me with child's name/class and then payment details will be sent across. There is an expectation to regularly attend each week with the exception of illness and occasional important family events taking precedence over choir.

There is only going to be a Sept and April joining opportunity for choir this year.

I look forward to welcoming lots of you back again and seeing some new faces.

Wraparound Care

Wraparound Care is available from 7.30am - 6pm Monday - Friday.

Our main activities run Monday - Friday 3.20pm - 4.30pm

Monday - Multi-sports, with a different sport each week (netball, basketball, athletics, tennis, tag rugby, football)

Tuesday - Football club

Wednesday - Paper plate craft night, with a new theme each week

Thursday - Playground games night, playing the classics: Stuck in the Mud, What's the Time Mr Wolf, British, Grandmother's Footsteps, Duck Duck Goose, Simon Says, Musical Statues, and Sleeping Lions

Friday - Just Dance night, dancing along to favourite songs on the Just Dance video game

Friends of St Bert's

There will be a Friends of St Bert's meeting taking place over the next week or so (date to be confirmed). This meeting is to discuss future fundraising ideas. If you would like to get involved in fundraising for our school, why not go along?

The Heath Drama Group

The Heath Drama Group presents 'Honk!'

Thursday 1st Oct - 7.15pm

Friday 2nd Oct - 7.15pm

Saturday 3rd Oct - 4.30pm

At the Heath Methodist Church
Tickets available at
ticketsource.co.uk/theheathdramagroup

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Quote of the Week



Prayers

Our prayers this week are for our new reception children who we welcome to our St Bert's family.

God Bless