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St Bert's News

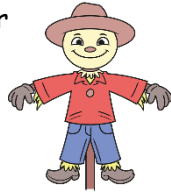
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12th October 2026

Harvest Donations

Thank you so much for all the donations that came into school for our Harvest Festival. We were blown away by your generosity. We have sent your donations to Halton Haven and St. Bert's Church.



Delamere Residential

Our Year 3 children will be visiting Delamere this week from Wednesday - Friday. Can we please remind parents that your child will need a packed lunch in a disposable bag (with their name on it) when they arrive on Wednesday. Any medication should be passed onto Lyndsey with the medical forms, ideally before Wednesday.

At the moment, we currently have £1,305.00 outstanding. Can we please ask that these outstanding monies be paid asap.

MJS Pets and Exotics

On Thursday 22nd October, MJS Pets and Exotics will visit the Year 1 and 2 classes at school. The workshop provides a unique educational opportunity for children to learn about a wide variety of creatures which fits in perfectly with their Science topic this half term. "Animals including Humans". The cost for your child to take part in this workshop will be £7.

Can we please ask that payment be made via School Hub.

<https://www.schoolhub.co.uk/login>

In the event that we do not receive sufficient funds to cover this workshop, unfortunately, we will have to cancel. Thank you for your support.

Parents Evening (Conferences)

We are delighted to share that our recent Parent Conference was a great success. The event provided a valuable opportunity for parents to meet staff, learn more about school life, and gain a better understanding of the support available for their children. It was wonderful to see such positive engagement and enthusiasm from families, helping to strengthen the partnership between home and school. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making the conference such a successful and welcoming event.

Spare Auto-Injector (AAIs)

If you have not filled in the Microsoft Form, please can we ask that you do so asap. Also, please fill out a form for each child. Thank you.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/HvePU0AaxB>

Parent Governors Election

If you wish to stand for election, please click on the link in the letter that was emailed to all parents last week.

You can also hand in a paper copy back into school for the attention of Gill Read, alternatively email to admin.stbertelines@haltonlearning.net by this Friday 16th October 2026.

We encourage nominations from all sections of our school community.

Sickness

At this time of the year, we do experience a bout of vomiting and diarrhoea. Can we please remind parents that your child should remain at home for 48 hours from the symptoms disappearing.

Please notify the school on the first day of absence.

Thank you for your support. We are encouraging all the children to make sure that they wash their hands properly, please can we ask the same at home.

Academy Photographs

Just to let you know that although the school photograph deadline has passed, parents can still place an order directly with Academy Photographs via their website.

Children's Showcase

An email was sent to all parents last Friday regarding changes to Mothers' Games event. As you are now probably aware, the event has been renamed

'Children's Showcase' and will take place on Friday 23rd October 2026, starting at 2.00pm. The afternoon will begin with an informal opportunity for parents, carers and family member to come into school and meet members of the Senior Leadership Team. Following this, you will be invited to visit your child's classroom, where you can look through their books, celebrate their achievements and talk with them about all the fabulous learning they have been doing so far this year.

Please complete the form below if you wish to attend.

[Children's Showcase Attendance Form – Fill out form](#)

We are very excited for Christmas at St Bert's

Christmas Nativity and Productions

Please find below the dates for our Christmas Nativity and productions.

EYFS and KS1

Tuesday 1st December - 9:30am
Tuesday 1st December - 2:00pm

KS2

Tuesday 8th December - 9:30am
Tuesday 8th December - 1:30pm
Wednesday 9th December - 1:30pm

Choir – Date for your Diary

On the morning of Friday 11th December 2026 the choir will be singing at Runcorn Shopping City as part of the community Christmas events. Further details to follow for choir children and families from Mrs O'Neil.

Whole School Pantomime

On the 10th December 2026 ALL St Bert's children and staff will be visiting The Brindley to watch Snow White. The cost is £22.00 and a wallet in School Hub has now been opened for payments.

Open Day

Are you looking for a Primary place for September 2027? There are still two more dates to visit St Bert's.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Pn5sA5hOhUSU4MxCZ7XH71jz7vsMFdtBnUGQ3-CgpsdUMudGRIJVQIQwTkVCQjM1TFhNOTIRUFBBUC4u&route=shorturl>

Admission to Primary/Secondary Schools

If your child is due to transfer from Primary to Secondary or starting Primary School in September 2027, the Admissions to Secondary School Booklet and the Admissions to Primary School Booklet that explains the arrangements are available at <https://www.halton.gov.uk/education-and-families/schools/halton-local-authoritys-school-admissions> (There are no hard copies)

It is highly recommended that you read the booklet that is relevant to you and then complete the online application available on the above website.

If you do not have access to the internet, please visit a Halton Direct Link Office to obtain a form, where you will be given a receipt once you have submitted the form.

Supplementary Forms for Receptions

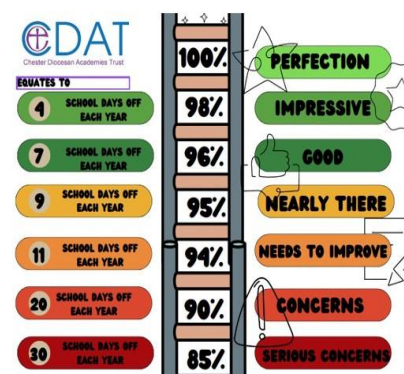
If applying for St Bertelene's Primary School under the Church criteria, then supplementary forms confirming church attendance will be available on the school website or alternatively, from the school office. The form needs to be returned directly to St Bert's school office.

https://spaces.schoolspider.co.uk/uploads/100/page/8611863_page_file.pdf?ofn=supplementary-application-form.pdf

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 actual attendance as of 12/10/2026 is 96%. 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 due to government legislation any Leave of Absence during term time **WILL NOT BE AUTHORISED**.

Residentials

We will have a full list of all residentials shortly.

Delamere (Year 3)

14th October - 16th October
2026

£145

Tattenhall (Year 2)

14th -15th January 2027

£94

Burwardsley (Year 4)

1st February 2027

£140

Menai (Year 5)

w/c 4th May 2027

TBA

Don't forget you can top up your wallets for future events.

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:

Arwen B (7)

Maddie M (7)

Sebastian S (11)

Ralph D (6)

Finley D (5)

Jude D (8)

We hope you have a wonderful birthday.

After School Clubs

Choir

Choir will continue until Friday 23rd Oct 2026.

After half term, it is a 5 week block until Friday 4th December 2026.

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

Parkrun

In assembly today, Tom from Parkrun talked to the children about this week's up and coming junior parkrun event which takes place this Sunday. If you would like to register, please click on the link below:

www.parkrun.org.uk/register

DR Sports Coaching



Online Safety

Please take a look at the poster attached to this week's newsletter giving advice and information about online safety. This will be a regular feature every week in the newsletter.

Quote of the Week

"Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common... Celebrate it every day."

Winston Churchill

Prayers

This week we pray for unity and respect for all people.
God Bless!



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IMAGE-ALTERING FILTERS

From playful puppy ears on Snapchat to 'beauty mode' on TikTok, image-altering filters are now a routine part of how young people communicate online. While many are harmless, others subtly reshape people's faces and bodies. This can blur the line between reality and edited content, potentially influencing how children and young people see themselves and others.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ALTERED BEAUTY STANDARDS

Many 'beauty' filters smooth skin, reshape facial features, or adjust body proportions. Over time, repeated exposure to these filters can shift a child's idea of what is 'normal' or attractive, creating unrealistic expectations about their own and others' appearances.

PRESSURE TO LOOK PERFECT

Filtered images can often attract more 'likes' and positive comments. This can encourage children and young people to rely on editing tools to gain others' approval, rather than feeling confident in their natural appearance.

LOW SELF-ESTEEM

Regularly viewing heavily filtered content can lead to comparisons with unrealistic images. This is linked to body dissatisfaction and reduced self-esteem, particularly among children and teenagers.

HIDDEN ADVERTISING

Some filters are linked to beauty products or brands, subtly promoting third-party brands. Children and young people may not recognise this as advertising, while also sharing personal data – such as facial images and usage habits – with apps and third parties.

BLURRED REALITY

As filters become more advanced and natural-looking, it can be difficult for children and young people to distinguish edited content from real life, especially when filters are used in everyday photos and videos.

SEXUALISED EDITS

Certain tools can make users appear older or more sexualised. This may attract unwanted attention, increase the risk of images being shared without consent, and expose young people to unsafe interactions.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Talk regularly about filters, such as how they work and why people use them. Ask the children and young people in your care how filtered images make them feel and encourage honest discussion without judgement.

REINFORCE WHAT'S REAL

Help children and young people understand that filtered images are digitally altered and are not an accurate reflection of real life. Emphasise that they don't need to meet these artificial standards.

CHALLENGE 'PERFECT' POSTS

When viewing content together, gently point out the signs of editing, filters, or posing techniques. This builds critical thinking and helps children and young people question unrealistic images.

PROMOTE OFFLINE CONFIDENCE

Encourage activities that build self-worth beyond appearance, such as sports, hobbies, friendships, and creative interests, so that confidence isn't tied solely to online validation.

Meet Our Expert

Ferren Kaur is a digital parenting expert and founder of Kids N Clicks, a platform dedicated to helping parents navigate the online world alongside their children. She is an expert contributor for Internet Matters, offering practical guidance on emerging online safety issues. Her insights have been featured by the BBC, The Telegraph, TalkTV, and other major media outlets, supporting families across the UK.



#WakeUpWednesday

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