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The Relics of  
St. Bernadette

October 2022





Ready to welcome friends  
from 10 schools across  
Hertfordshire to join with us  
prior to welcoming the relics  
to St Joseph's on Monday.  
So looking forward to joining  
with others for this special  
event! *Watch a virtual tour  
here*

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1581404398281904128>







Inset day, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

School Parliament represented the school in welcoming the relics of St Bernadette to Stevenage.





All ready to greet our friends from schools across and beyond the deanery who will be joining together in joyful friendship for a very special St Bernadette UK Relic tour welcoming event.







Having a wonderful morning.  
Thank you to The Saint John Henry  
Newman School Head boy  
Head girl team for helping  
the children from nine deanery  
schools gathered today to  
engage with activities.  
The children were very excited  
about welcoming the relics in  
the afternoon.







A day filled with new connections and friendships  
between our schools, brought together by  
ST BERNADETTE;  
prayerful moments interspersed with much  
laughter.

Thank you to our family of schools and to  
Amanda Crowley for joining with us too.



The children of our Hertfordshire Diocese of  
Westminster local schools  
did an amazing job in welcoming the  
ST BERNADETTE relics to Stevenage.

*Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette ... pray for us ...*







The arrival of the relics of St Bernadette welcomed by the children - some very special moments on Monday afternoon





St. Margaret Clitherow School  
tweeted:

*A beautiful day spent with our  
Deanery friends to welcome the  
Relics of St. Bernadette to  
Stevenage!*

*Thank you St. Vincent de Paul  
School  
for organising such a memorable  
day.*



A huge thank you to  
Mrs Loakes for helping  
us with transport to  
be part of the  
welcoming ceremony  
today!

Some great photos

St Margaret Clitherow School





The Holy Family School also tweeted:  
*A very special day for our Chaplaincy Team  
being part of Hertfordshire schools that  
welcomed and venerated the relics of  
St. Bernadette.*  
*Thank you to St. Vincent de Paul school for  
hosting us.*





Year 3 enjoying their  
reflective time and thinking  
about St Bernadette.  
We even spotted our own  
artwork.





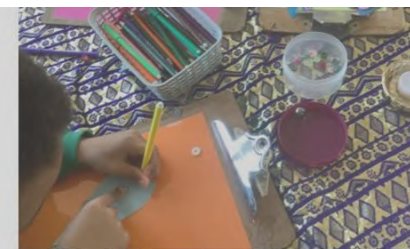


Year 5  
pupils were  
very busy  
exploring  
our St.  
Bernadette  
prayer  
stations





Lovely to see  
our Year 4  
pupils  
engaging  
with their St.  
Bernadette  
prayer  
stations with  
such  
individuality,  
enthusiasm  
and  
creativity.



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Here is the link to the video about the deanery gathering together to prepare to welcome the relics:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cjmVWpWe8ZE>

You can also watch the official video of the tour (St Bernadette UK Relic Tour - A Pilgrimage Of Faith) here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3HY8iT2GioM>



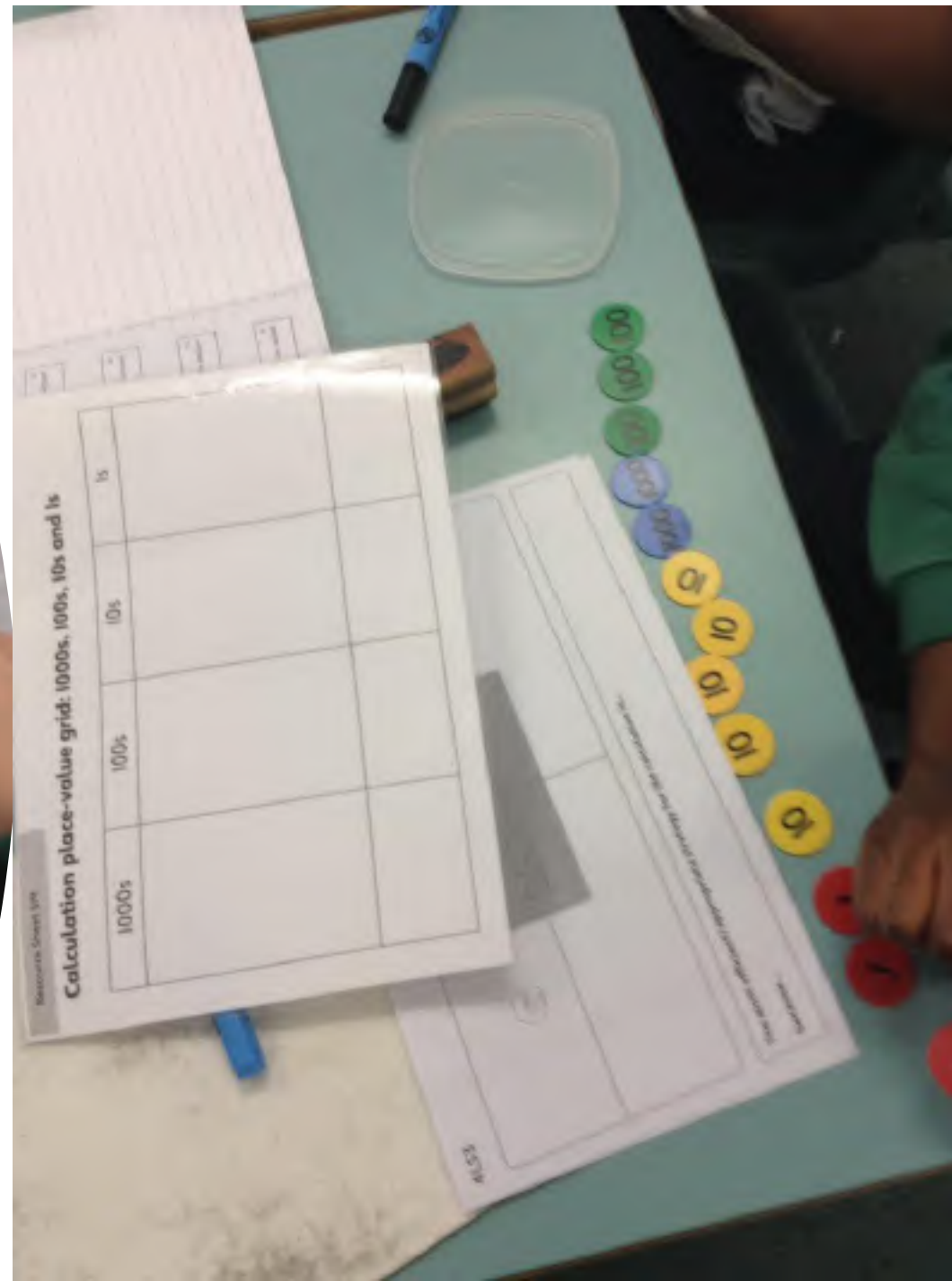


It is such an exciting time in Reception as the children are beginning to experiment with writing.





Year 4 solving  
calculations using  
different working  
methods.







Reception were busy this week making collages of their family.





Year 4 used  
chrome books to  
research ancient  
Egyptian Gods.







In RE Y3 explored their RE table book whilst Y4 are learning about Judaism





Reception are learning the story of Noah's Ark this week in RE and working together to make a new display of Noah's Ark.





Lots of lively learning in Reception comparing amounts using the language more and less.







In choir with YVETTE MURPHY

the children are getting used to the difference of singing with the piano vs the organ!

Watch and listen here: <https://twitter.com/i/status/1583375677520166912> and  
<https://twitter.com/i/status/1583375677520166912>





Meet our POPPY LEGION  
team who will be coordinating the school poppy  
appeal.

They'd like you to make a small poppy cross to  
put in our field of remembrance when we return  
after half term.

They will be selling poppies and other items after  
the break.





Goodies have arrived for Y3 Hildegard following cake sale profits.  
Thank you **SVdP PSA** for organising and to everyone for buying cakes!





21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

### Autumn Half Term News

It has been a busy and fruitful half term – thank you for all that you have done in partnership with the staff team to make this half term so successful and exciting. Your children, as always, have been a credit to you and this has been commented on by various visitors to the school.

In September **Caroline Luck**, a **Herts for Learning EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) Adviser**, visited as we seek to ensure that our provision is the very best that it can be. Caroline gave us much to think about but commented on how well the children in Nursery and Reception had settled into new routines and how their relationships and behaviour were something to be proud of. Caroline has three further visits with us this year and we look forward to making use of her many great ideas.



In October we were visited by **Sarah Jane Ferguson**, a **Herts for Learning Adviser**, commissioned by Herts County Council to get a flavour of **wellbeing** in schools across Hertfordshire. Sarah Jane acknowledged the many issues that we, like other schools are dealing with in relation to wellbeing but was 'blown away' by the provision that we have in place for all pupils. She described our children as being 'wrapped in a carefully considered protective bubble' that allowed them to 'develop the necessary independent skills' enabling them 'to thrive and to deal with the issues of everyday life.' Sarah Jane suggested that we should be held up as an example of best practice locally in the promotion of positive wellbeing and mental health. The children were great ambassadors for the school on this visit as they guided her around the site, pointing out the things that helped.

Next week we look forward to welcoming two **RE Advisers** from the Diocese of Westminster on a pre-inspection advisory visit. We are looking forward to sharing with them all the amazing work that has been completed by pupils, carefully guided by staff. Our RE provision has been completely transformed over the past three years so that rigorous RE skills and creativity are at the heart of all that we do.



# Our latest newsletter ... enjoy!

On Friday, Y6 arrived back from three days of activities at **PGL Liddington**. The pictures on Twitter demonstrated the amazing time that they had. A sincere thank you is offered to Mr Crump, Mrs Glover, Mr Richardson, Mrs Mooney, Mrs Whitty and Mrs Adeyemi all of whom gave of their own time to support the children on this memory making residential trip.



The Bedwell branch of the St Vincent de Paul Society approached the school last week, explaining that their cupboards would soon be empty. School Parliament representatives have agreed to hold a Food Bank appeal to fill their cupboards throughout the first week back to school as our Harvest offering. The trolley will be available outside St Joseph's workshop each day next week ready for your donations. Any food items that can be kept will be welcomed (tins, packets, cereals, sauces, pasta, biscuits, long life milk, squash, custard etc) as will toiletries and other personal items (deodorant, sanitary products, nappies, plasters, shower gel, shampoo) and cleaning items (polish, detergent, washing powder, washing up liquid etc). On Food Bank Friday (4<sup>th</sup> November), the children from our School Parliament will sort the items and bring them over to St Joseph's, filling the cupboards, ready for distribution.



Staff look forward to meeting you to celebrate your children's successes at the forthcoming **parent consultations** which occur during the first week back after half term. Appointments can be made via your Arbor account. If there are any problems with this, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

I am attaching to this letter a link to our **School Development Plan** for the year ahead, which has recently been approved by Governors. As you will see, we have much planned as we continue to ensure that we achieve the very best for each of your children academically, socially, spiritually, and emotionally. Thank you for your partnership in helping us to realise such great ambitions. The plan can be accessed here: [School Development Plan 2022](#)

## Family Prayer

God be with our family,  
From the youngest to the oldest,  
Lighting up our relationships,  
Sowing grace into our troubles.

God be with our family,  
Working love into our work,  
Ourselves and our play.

Amen

Wishing you all a wonderful half term. I look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 at 8.45am.

May God bless you and those most dear to you.

Yours sincerely

Jon White  
Headteacher





## A NEW CAKE SALE RECORD!

Year 2 raised a whopping  
£390.58!

Absolutely amazing effort. A  
huge thank you to all the  
families who  
supplied/bought cakes and a  
special big thank you to all  
the fab volunteers who made  
this possible.

*We wonder what Y2 will buy  
with their funds?*





Little Trips		Herts		
Carve a pumpkin	Use leaves for autumn crafts	Visit Howard Park and Gardens	Play in the park at Bancroft	Discover new parks around you with Parkalerts
Pick up pinecones	Spend the day at The British Schools Museum	Visit Hitchin Market	Pick up a second hand bike at a Reuse Shop	Spot the Meerkats at Cedars Park
Explore Heartwood Forest	Walk the Sculpture Trail in Broxbourne Woods	Sign up for a library card	Go Geocaching	Visit Herts Archives
Listen to an Audiobook through the Borrowbox app	Go for a bike ride	Explore the Alban Way	Make your own Halloween costume	Take a ride at East Herts Miniature Railway
Have an adventure at Leadenham Country Park	Uncover Doughtonhead Common	Spend the day at the Natural History Museum in Tring	Check out an activity at your local library	Visit a local museum
Do some DIY Street Orienteering	Walk around the Lee Valley Sculpture trail	Make your own bird feeder	Attend a Family Fun Event with Herts Family Centres	Go fly a kite
Spend the day at Cassiobury Park	Find a Dragonfly at Amwell Nature Reserve	Play Posh Sticks at Aldenham Country Park	Visit the historic St Albans Cathedral	Take part in the Nature Scavenger Hunt
Visit Stevenage Museum	Make pumpkin soup	Discover Berkhamsted Castle	Explore Panshanger park	Make your own playdough
Unearth the Roman Ruins	Walk the Wheathampstead Heritage Trail	Discover the woods of Chipperfield	Sign up for a SaverCard	Find new places to visit on TripAdvisor
Go bird watching	Have an arts & crafts day	Play Disc Golf at Lee Valley	Search local area with Rights of way Google Map	Get crafty with conkers

Worth  
taking  
a  
look  
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## **PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2022**

COURTESY OF MONEY SAVING CENTRAL

### ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend until the end of 2022

### TOBY CARVERY

The Kids Eat For £1 offer will be available from October 24th to 28th with the App

### FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Adults Eat Free with every under 11 child throughout all the UK Half terms

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### FUTURE INNS

Under 12's eat for free with any adult meal. During the school holidays

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### TESCO CAFES

Kids Eat Free with any purchase of fresh fruit by an adult throughout all the UK Half Terms

### MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 after 3pm daily & get one free kids meal (usually all day during half term)

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat breakfast free with every adult breakfast, daily from 9am - 12pm.

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto during Half Terms

### FARMHOUSE INNS

Kids eat for £1 when you sign up to their email list before October 26th 2022

### YO! SUSHI

Kid's eat free all day, Monday to Thursday until 29th October 2022

### SA BRAINS PUBS

Children can eat for £1 with any adult main. Only valid Wednesdays but on all day

### IKEA

From October 11th kids get a meal for 95p or £1.50 from 11am - All day, every day.

### ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

One free children's meal per paid adult meal 12-5pm daily throughout the holidays

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Monday to Thursday