



# St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter Week 18

23rd January 2026



### Message from Mrs Baxter

This week, our Virtue to Live By is **Friendship**. Through classroom discussions and daily interactions, children are learning that friendship means showing kindness, respect, and care for others, just as Jesus teaches us. We encourage families to continue these conversations at home by talking about how children can be good friends—by including others, using kind words, and helping those in need. Together, we can support our children in building strong, caring friendships grounded in our faith.

#### Diary Dates

**27.01.26** Yr 4 Swimming Lessons

**28.01.26** St. Gerard's v St. Bede's football match

**03.02.26** - Yr 4 Swimming Lessons

**06.02.26** - Number Day 2026

**10.02.26** - Yr 4 Swimming Lessons

**10.02.26** - Safer Internet Day

**13.02.26** - Break up for Half Term

**23.02.26** - Return to School

**24.02.26** - Yr 4 Swimming Lessons

#### Next School Mass

Our next school Mass will be on Tuesday 20th January at 10am



#### Football Training

Thank you to Mr. Watts who has kindly volunteered to help with the football coaching sessions.

A special thank you to Mike Harrison who has sponsored our new St. Gerard's football kit. Good luck to the team who play St. Bede's away next Wednesday. We will share photos on our Facebook page.

#### National Story Telling Week

Every child is invited to enter our exciting story competition!

One winner to be chosen from each class.

Deadline: 6th February

Children can share their story in any creative way they choose, including making a story box, drawing a storyboard, creating a short drama, recording themselves telling their story or writing it down!

#### St. Bernard's Work Experience

A big thank you to Betty, Olivia, Bella, Isabelle, Eleanor and Florence who have completed their two week placement. They have been a credit to their families and school. We all agree you would all be wonderful teachers!

#### This weeks special mentions

**Golden Stars:** Isaac, Ronnie, Bonnie, Cassius, Vinnie, Izzy, Kacper, Dan

**Achievement:** Ben, Nancy, Pasher, Ruben, Judd

**Sports Award:** Samuel, Myles, Patrick, Isla

**Birthdays:** Teddy, Isla & Oakley

#### After School Clubs

Please head over to book your child onto this term's after school clubs.

Please note Irish Dancing begins on 20th January.