

# Bernards Heath Junior School Newsletter

## Autumn Term – 26<sup>th</sup> September



### Head Teacher's update

Welcome to our latest newsletter, capturing just some of the highlights from the past fortnight here at school. As always, it's been a busy and happy time, full of learning, creativity, and community spirit.

This week, we have been focusing on how we keep children safe at school. Through my whole school assembly and circle time assemblies in class, pupils have reflected on what safety means to them and created some thoughtful and eye-catching posters. We are looking forward to displaying these around the school—two lovely examples are included below.

We have also had plenty of activity beyond the classroom. Our Boys B Football and Cross Country teams have been out representing the school with great enthusiasm, and we were pleased to welcome Father Richard for a special assembly. We ended the week with our much-loved mini-marathon, a wonderful tradition that brings our whole school community together in celebration of perseverance, teamwork, and fun.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy this snapshot of school life and look forward to sharing more in our next edition. *Mrs Gilbert*



### Dates for your diary

Date	Event
26.9.25	Mini Marathon
1.10.25	Individual photos AM
14.10.25	Harvest Assembly
15.10.25	Flu immunisation Parents Evening 4-7.30pm
17.10.25	Yr 4 Bhakdivitidanta Manor trip
23.10.25	Parents Evening 4-7.30pm
24.10.25	Year 3 Celtic Harmony Trip
27.10.25-31.10.25	Half Term
03.11.25	<b>INSET Day</b>
13-14.11.25	Yr 3 Cathedral Trip
12.11.25	Yr 4 Egyptian Day
17.11.25	Yr 6 Duxford trip
01-5/12/25	Year 6 Bikeability
05.12.25	Yr 3 Verulamium Museum

### Mini Marathon 26<sup>th</sup> September

Thank you to everyone who has already made sponsorship contributions for the mini marathon via the School Gateway. Please note that payments can still be made after event! Your generosity and continued support are greatly appreciated. Luckily the weather has been kind to us today. We hope the children have enjoyed this fantastic annual event (and sleep well tonight!)



09.12.25	Yr 3 & 4 Carol Concert
15.12.25	Year 5 Production
19.12.25	<b>TERM ENDS 1:30</b>

**Useful Links:**

**Website:** [Bernards Heath Junior school](http://BernardsHeathJuniorSchool.org.uk)

**Instagram:** [Bheathjuniors](https://www.instagram.com/bheathjuniors)



**Lead our School's PTA as Chair!!**

Sadly, our wonderful current Chair has had to step down, and we are now looking for someone enthusiastic to take on this rewarding role. If you are passionate about supporting our school community and would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you! There is already a fantastic loyal core team of volunteers in place working towards some great initiatives; we are just looking for someone or a partnership to steer the helm and liaise with the school.



We would like to thank Kerry for the fantastic work she has done for the PTA in the last year.

Please contact our School Business Manager (Mrs Helen Regan) on [sbm@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk) if you are interested in finding out more.

**Sport**

**Cross Country**



On Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 12 Year 6 students went to Colney Heath Primary School to take part in the first of five cross country races.

The girls ran first with special mentions to Stevie for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> and Grace finishing 6<sup>th</sup>. Lauren finished 11<sup>th</sup> with 2 other girls finishing with top 20 places. The boys also ran very well. Shina finished 9<sup>th</sup> with Jasper in 16<sup>th</sup> place. Two other boys finished with top 30 places. It was a very competitive afternoon and fun was had by all.

The next race is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October at Fleetville.

### Bernards Heath Boys B-Team Kick Off the Season with a 2–2 Draw

On Thursday 18th September, the Bernards Heath Junior School Boys' B-Team played their first football match of the season in an away fixture against St Columba's. With the sun shining, spirits were high as the boys took to the pitch.

St Columba's opened the scoring early in the match, but the teams were well matched and Eddie quickly responded with a fantastic goal to bring the score level. The BHJS boys showed great communication and teamwork throughout the game.

St Columba's went ahead again with a second goal, but our boys didn't give up. In the final moments of the match, James scored a dramatic equaliser just seconds before the final whistle, securing a well-earned 2–2 draw.

A big thank you to Mr Kakouris for training the team, to Mr Bagshaw for his expert coaching on the day, and to all the parents, grandparents, and siblings who provided transport and cheered from the sidelines. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The team are now looking forward to their next match, which will be away against Prae Wood on Friday 3rd October



## News

### Year 3 Dance Workshop

The Year 3's had a fantastic time at a dance workshop with Mrs Leeds, where they explored movement and coordination in preparation for their upcoming mirroring project in art.

A big thank you to Mrs Leeds for such an inspiring session!



### Buddy Meetings

Last Friday, our Year 3 pupils met their Year 6 buddies for the first time. Each Year 6 child brought in a book to share, sparking lovely conversations and helping to build new friendships. Since then, our older pupils have been wonderfully supportive-checking in with their buddies during break and lunch to help them feel settled and confident in their new environment. They are all looking forward to enjoying a game together soon.



## Secondary school applications

The portal for Secondary applications is now open. **The deadline for submission is 31st October 2025.** [Click here to visit the Hertfordshire admissions page.](#)

If your child is taught in Year 5 but a deferred entry as they were summer born, you should make a Secondary Transfer application this year and contact the schools they are interested in applying for to check that they will accept an application for their child next year, outside of their chronological year group.

If agreed, their application can be withdrawn and they can re-apply next year. School admission arrangements available at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/schoolsdirectory) will also outline the application requirements for children educated out of year group.



## Just Giving Donation Page

We are sharing the Just Giving link below on behalf of a family in our school community. Please also see the attached flyer for a cake sale taking place **after school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.**

[Click here for Just Giving page](#)



### SATS 2025 Data

We have recently published our 2025 SATS data on the website. The results can be found [here](#).

We are incredibly proud of our SATS results last year, which reflect the hard work of our pupils and staff. However, at Bernards Heath, we know that success comes in many forms. We value the rich and varied learning experiences our children enjoy every day and celebrate the progress each child makes—academically, socially, and emotionally. SATs are just one snapshot; what matters most is nurturing curious, confident learners who thrive in all aspects of school life.

### Hall Hire

We currently have availability to hire our school hall on selected weekday evenings.

If you know of any clubs or organisations that might be interested, please contact Mrs Helen Regan at [sbm@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk](mailto:sbm@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk) for more details.



## Reminders

### Safeguarding

Should you have a **safeguarding** or **e-safety** concern, our **Designated Safeguarding leads** (DSLs) are:

- Hayley Gilbert (Head Teacher, Lead DSP and Designated teacher for looked-after and previously looked-after children)
- Fae Honeybell (Assistant Head Teacher and SENDCo) [senco@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk)
- Jeanette Nicholas (Assistant Head Teacher)

To alert a DSL to a safeguarding concern, you can speak to a DSL directly or email [safeguarding@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk)

The school has a separate email address for reporting e-safety issue: [besafe@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk](mailto:besafe@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk)

Once alerted, a DSL will respond to you as soon as possible.

**Reminder e-mails:**

The school office receives a large volume of e-mails. Please can you ensure that you put the child's name and class in the subject header to ease burden on the school office.



**admin@bernardsheathjnr.herts.sch.uk**



**01727 856262**

**School Nurse**

Please see the following if you would like to contact the school nursing team.

Duty line: 0300 123 7572 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm). The referral website, which also has information about the service – scan the QR code.

