

# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter 13  
 20 March 2026

*At St Bernadette's Catholic School, you will find us caring, hardworking and co-operative. We follow the ways of Jesus using our talents and gifts to make our school special. We show respect to all and welcome you.*

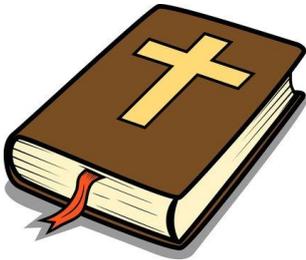
## Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

### John 11:1-45 – The Raising of Lazarus

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we hear the moving Gospel story of Lazarus. In this reading, Jesus shows deep love and compassion for Martha, Mary and Lazarus. When Lazarus dies, Jesus shares in the sadness of those around him and even weeps, showing his humanity and care for his friends.

Jesus then tells Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life," reminding us that hope can be found even in the darkest moments. He calls Lazarus out of the tomb, and Lazarus comes back to life. Through this miracle, Jesus reveals the power and glory of God and helps many people to believe in him.

As we journey through the Fifth Sunday of Lent, this Gospel invites us to reflect on trust, hope and faith in Jesus. It reminds us that Jesus is always with us in our sadness and that his love brings new life and hope.



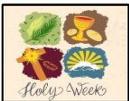
## Holy Family Mass times Holy Week and Easter

### Holy Week & Easter Triduum Timetable



#### Palm Sunday

March 29 - 10.30 am - PARISH MASS



March 30 (Monday) - 9.30 am - PARISH MASS  
 10.00 am - PARISH CLEANING

March 31 (Tuesday) - 10.30 am - PARISH MASS

April 1 (Wednesday) - 9.15 am - PARISH MASS



#### Maunday Thursday

April 2 - 7:00 pm - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER  
 8:30 pm - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND VIGIL  
 10:00 pm - NIGHT PRAYER



#### Good Friday

April 3 - 9:00 am - MORNING PRAYER  
 10:00 am - STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
 3:00 pm - VENERATION OF THE CROSS  
 6:00 pm - FILM VIEWING (THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST)



#### Holy Saturday

April 4 - 9:00 am - MORNING PRAYER  
 8:00 pm - EASTER VIGIL MASS



#### Easter Sunday

April 5 - 10:30 am - EASTER SUNDAY MASS

## Message from Miss Finnegan

What a busy and joyful half term we have had at St Bernadette's. As we have continued our preparations for Easter, the children have enjoyed so many wonderful experiences, including celebrating World Book Day, visits to the book shop, Bikeability for Year 3 and Year 4, Year 5's visit to the Art Gallery and Year 3's residential at Conover. We were also delighted to celebrate Year 3's Sacrament of Reconciliation, which was such a special milestone in their faith journey. As we look ahead to the next half term, please continue to keep our Year 3 children in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their First Holy Communion.

It has been lovely to see the longer evenings and the sunshine beginning to appear — long may it continue. Thank you to all of our parents and carers for taking the time to complete the feedback questionnaires; your views are always greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank our staff, who have worked incredibly hard during what has been a very busy half term, including Parents' Evening and all of the many events and opportunities that have taken place across school.

## Light a candle to offer a prayer

We light a candle and offer our prayers for members of our school community and their loved ones:

We pray for all people who are caught up in conflict across the world.



Hugo and family

Anniversary of Mr McNally (16<sup>th</sup> March)



Eid Mubarak to all of our families, children and staff who are celebrating Eid.

We wish you a joyful and peaceful celebration filled with happiness, love and special time with family and friends.

From everyone at St Bernadette's, we hope you have a wonderful Eid.

## Can you help?



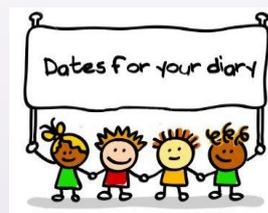
On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March we will be celebrating Mass at Holy Family Church. We are looking for parents to volunteer to walk down to Holy Family Church with us. We will be leaving school at around 8:50am and will return to school at around 10:50am. If you are able to help, please let your child's class teacher know. We would be very grateful of your time and support.

## Staff Update

We are pleased to welcome Miss Edmonds to Nursery and Miss Speers, who will be working in The Hub and supporting SEND children across the school.

We are delighted to have them both as part of the St Bernadette's team and look forward to the positive contribution they will make to our school community.

## Diary Dates



### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

100% Attendance Reward and above 98% - Own clothes  
Bikeability Year 3

Little Dots Play Village in for Nursery

### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Feast of St Oscar Romero (3EG) - Own clothes

Little Dots Play Village in for Reception

### Wednesday 25 March

Whole School Mass at Holy Family Church 9:30am

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

EYFS Easter bonnet parade

Feast St Margaret Clitherow (RLC) Own clothes

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Reading Gold Stars to wear own clothes

School closes for Easter at 2pm

**Newsletter with April dates will be sent to parents and carers**



## Easter Half Term

School breaks up for the Easter holidays on 27<sup>th</sup> March, and children will return to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

## Safeguarding Reminder

Please remember that if you have any concerns regarding the safeguarding of a child, members of the public are able to make an anonymous referral to the safeguarding team within Birmingham City Council. Parents should call 0121 303 1888 and share their concerns with a duty social worker.

## Nursery

We are delighted to announce that applications for our lovely nursery are open.

If you would like your child to attend, please apply at the school office. Our nursery provides a warm, caring, and engaging environment where little ones can learn, play, and grow.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child.



thank  
you

We would like to say a huge thank you to Gill Swinnerton and the staff at Sainsbury's and Argos for their very generous donation to the school.

We were delighted to receive this wonderful donation on Wednesday. For the fourth year in a row, they have shown incredible support for our school community. This year, they donated gardening equipment and benches for our prayer garden, which we are extremely grateful for.

Thank you so much for your kindness and continued support.

**Sainsbury's**  
**Argos**

## We Are So Proud of Our Past Pupil, Rio

Everyone at St Bernadette's is incredibly proud to hear that past pupil Rio has been recognised as Child of the Year and invited to attend Afternoon Tea with the Mayor at the Solihull Civic Suite.

This is a wonderful achievement and a very special honour. It is always lovely to hear about the success of our former pupils, and we are delighted to see Rio being recognised in this way.

Well done, Rio — this is a fantastic accomplishment, and we are all so proud of you!

The Year 1 Charity raised a fantastic

**£496.00!**

♥ **£126.00 Valentine's Disco**

🎟️ **£370.00 Raffle / Hamper**

Raised for

**Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity**

**Thank You for Your Support!**

## 🌟 Dance World Cup Success! 🌟

We are delighted and incredibly proud to share that Tayah (Year 5) has qualified to represent England at the Dance World Cup! Tayah will be travelling to Dublin, Ireland, from 7th–10th July 2026, where she and her two teammates will compete as part of Team England in the Mini Trio Acro category. What an amazing achievement and a wonderful opportunity — we know our whole school community will join us in wishing her the very best of luck. Congratulations, Tayah — we are so proud of you!

### School Meals Price Increase

Please note that the price of school meals will increase from 1 April 2026.

#### Nursery

Per day: £2.45

Per week: £12.25

#### Key Stage 2

Per day: £2.75

Per week: £13.75

This increase is due to the continued unprecedented inflationary rises on food.

If you would like to change your child from a school meal to a packed lunch please notify us via email [enquiry@stberns.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stberns.bham.sch.uk)  
If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please log onto the Free Schools Meals Eligibility Checking

Service [www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham](http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham)



Thank you for your understanding and continued support.



### Early breakfast Club

We are pleased to remind families that, after Easter, our Early Breakfast Club will be available from 7:15am to 8:00am at a cost of £3 per day.

If you would like to book a place or find out more information, please contact the school office.



### SCHOOL FUND FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 TO 2026

Parents are requested to make a donation of £10.00 per child or £10.00 per family to our school fund.

This donation will go directly towards:

- Workshops and hands-on learning activities
- Food tasting and cultural experience days
- Visitors such as authors, theatre groups or scientists
- Whole school events and celebrations

Please donate via [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

Thank you for your continued support.

### Millionaire Reader Success in 4KL

4KL are delighted to announce their first Millionaire Reader of the year!

Debs has read an incredible 1,159,896 words whilst in Year 4 this year, and the class is so proud of this fantastic achievement. Debs loves reading and is rarely seen without his head in a book. His favourite genres are adventure and comedy, and he often has more than one book on the go at once.

Well done, Debs, on this wonderful milestone. May you enjoy many, many more books to come!

## Year 6 Trip to Paris

The meeting for parents of Y6 children travelling on the France trip will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm. It is vital that all parents attend as important travel information will be shared. Passports and GHIC cards will also be collected in at this meeting. For any further information, please speak to Miss Lakin.



Oasis Pantry – Hobmoor



Oasis Pantry Hobmoor is open every Thursday from 12:30pm until 3pm at South Yardlet Methodist Church, adjacent to Iceland at the Swan Island. The Pantry is part of the national network 'Your Local Pantry' which is run by Church Action Against Poverty. They also provide services, training and advice by Birmingham Thrive. Members pay a £5 membership fee each time they visit. They are then able to pick 3 items labelled with a 'heart' and 7 items labelled with a 'diamond' approximately £30 to £35 worth of food. You do not need to be in receipt of benefits to be eligible and you do not need to be referred. Whilst you are there, you will also be provided with a hot meal and hot and cold drinks. Children are welcome.

<https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/pantry-listings/birmingham-oasis-hobmoor-pantry/>



## Garden's Prayer Club Lent Reflections

Last week, Garden's Prayer Club met twice to reflect on the season of Lent. In the first session, the children reflected on Jesus' time in the desert and thought carefully about how they can care for God's creation yesterday, today and tomorrow. It was wonderful to hear how actively they look after their own gardens and local environments, including through litter picking and caring for nature.

Using the Nursery garden, the children created natural collages to tell a story. Michelle shared a lovely memory of planting flowers with her Grandad in Nigeria and returning the following year to see how much they had grown. Other children spoke about time spent at the beach, in their gardens and with their pets. The children used natural materials creatively in their storytelling — leaves became sand, and Alfie carefully unpicked a fir cone to represent the food his pet parrot used to eat.

During the second session, the children continued to reflect on how Jesus might have felt during his 40 days in the desert, imagining the thoughts and prayers he may have had at that time. They also thought about the birds in their environment and listened to the songs of British birds. To end the session, the children made lard bird feeders for their own gardens as a practical way of caring for animals.

Well done to everyone in Garden's Prayer Club for the wonderful creativity they have shown. The children were incredibly mature, thoughtful and reflective throughout both sessions.



From the desk of ...  
[Type your name]

On **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**, Nursery and Reception will gather together to take part in the annual **Easter Bonnet Parade!**

We kindly ask for you to work with your child to create an Easter bonnet that they can showcase at our parade! Bonnets to be sent in on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** (please do not send them in before this)

Please note that this event is for the children only.



**St. Bernadette's Compass**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL • Mental Health Support Team

## Helping Your Child with Fears & Worries

**PARENT WORKSHOPS**

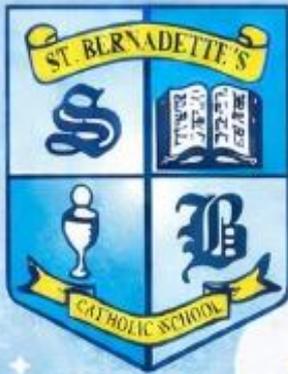
Understanding Anxiety & Fears    Practical Strategies    Building Confidence

**Workshop Dates:**

- Session 1: 22nd April 2026
- Session 2: 29th April 2026
- Session 3: 6th May 2026
- Session 4: 20th May 2026
- Session 5: 3rd June 2026

Sign up via ParentPay to reserve your place!





St Bernadette's  
Catholic Primary School

# Promoting Respect & Reporting Concerns

Let's work together to create a  
caring and safe school environment!

Parents or carers can **report** concerns by:

- ✓ Contact your **child's** class teacher
- ✓ Speak with a **senior leader**
- ✓ Contact the school office



Speak to any trusted adult in school or  
contact us if you have any concerns  
about bullying or unkind behaviour.

# Shining Light Award

CLASS	NAME	How children who have brightened the lives of others through their actions and/or attitude.	CLASS	NAME	How children who have brightened the lives of others through their actions and/or attitude.
Nursery (Blue)	Joe Junior	For using his big voice!	Nursery (Yellow)	Jackson H	For exploring the different provisions around Nursery.
Nursery (Green)	Isla-Mae	For her fantastic name writing skills!	Nursery (Red)	Kobie	For wonderful contributions during group time.
RCB	Joseph	For creating amazing artwork You are an incredibly talented artist Joseph!	4AMJ	Zachary	For excellent perseverance and effort when learning to ride a bike.
	Nahla	For excellent independent sentence writing this week!		Maheen	For excellent perseverance and effort when learning to ride a bike.
REL	Jane	Jane, you are a ray of sunshine. Thank you for greeting your teachers with joy and enthusiasm every day.	4FM	Imaan	For always willing to help others!
	Aziah	Aziah, you are really trying to make good choices in class and on the playground. Your teachers have noticed and say a big well done.		Aiza	For being such a polite member of 4FM!
RLC	Miguel	For always being helpful and polite to everyone around him. Well done!	4KL	Abigail	For being so willing to participate in our Holy Week play.
	Omuraku	For always being polite and kind to everyone around him. Well done!		Mark	For being such a kind friend to others.
ICOT	Kailan	For always using his beautiful manners!	5CG	Adil	Excellent participation during the Harry Potter playscript work in English.
	Taylor-John	For his super counting in IOs work in Maths!		Louis	Amazing contributions during British Science week - a scientist in the making!
IOB	Ethan	For good effort in afternoon lessons.	5ET	Jake	For being such a kind and helpful member of our class.
	Jordan	For excellent effort in Handwriting.		Erin	For being such a kind peer to every member of our year group.
2EOB	Sylvie	Always having a smile on her face.	5MF	Neil	For being such a wonderful reporter in our Holy Week play.
	Hassan	For always starting the day with a chat.		Badar	For always being such a polite and kind member of our class!
2RW	Santiago	For trying his absolute best in all lessons!	6CB	Mollie	For some super verbal answers in RE
	Christothea	For always being such a fabulous role model to all.		Farid	For sharing his fabulous ideas in English lessons.
2SH	Thea	For her beautiful manners and kind actions to all!	6CC	Ibby	For being an excellent book monitor in Maths and class lesson. You are such a great help!
	Azaan	For his resilience and amazing attitude in his lessons!		Edwin	For being an excellent book monitor in Maths and class lesson. You are such a great help!
3DA	Dottie-May	For being a wonderful role model for behaviour and always trying her best	6ZB	Kacie	For being an excellent role model.
	Kylo	For being a great and helper and always having beautiful manners		Harris	For such incredible effort in English lessons.
3DH	Umaima	For always being helpful in class and always with a smile.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shining Light Award</b>  <i>'You are the light of the world.'</i> Matthew 5:14</p>		
	Leela	For always working hard in lessons.			
3EG	Kailan	For always using his beautiful manners!			
	Taylor-John	For his super counting in IOs work in Maths!			

## Attendance update

We continue to track attendance every week and work hard to ensure every child in school demonstrates good attendance and punctuality. If children are to reach their full potential they need to be in school every day, unless they are too unwell to attend. **We will make home visits from time to time, particularly if we have safeguarding concerns or if a child's attendance is causing a concern.** Even if a parent has called the school to give a reason for their child's absence, a home visit may still occur. We aim to offer both support and challenge where needed, but always have the child's best interest at heart.

## Every minute counts

Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life.

- 5 minutes late every day means around 3 days of education are missed.
- A score of 90% in a test would be a good result but 90% attendance means that a child will have missed around 100 lessons over a school year.

Attendance figures can be seen below. Congratulations to 2EOB and \$FM for best attendance in KS1 and KS2! Also a big well done to RLC for the best attendance in the Foundation Stage!

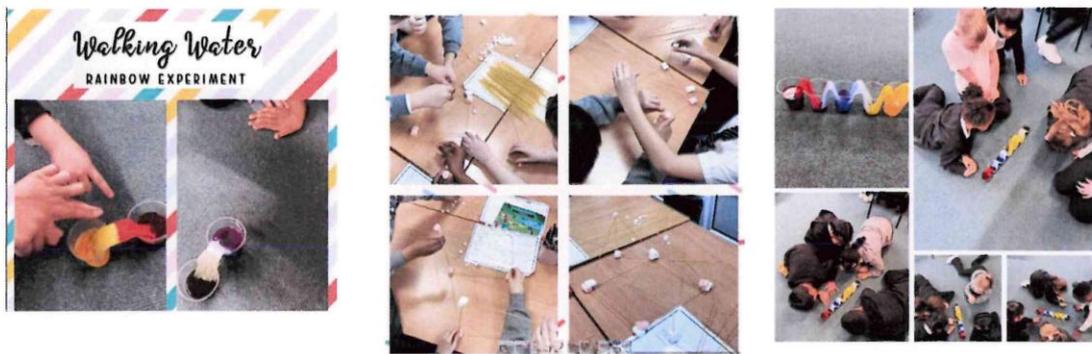
Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93%	RLC 96% 	ICOT 91%	2SH 95%	3DA 95%	4FM 98% 	5MF 97%	6CB 97%
	RCB 88%	IOB 97%	2EOB 99% 	3EG 97%	4AMJ 96%	5CG 95%	6CC 92%
	REL 89%		2RW 93%	3DH 98%	4KL 94%	5ET 96%	6ZB 92%

Whole School Attendance	94%	Currently, the whole school attendance is 94% which is below the 96% that is expected.
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# British Science Week 2026

During British Science Week 2026, the children had a fantastic time exploring science through a variety of fun, hands-on experiments. Throughout the week, they investigated how ice melts, discovered what happens when chocolate changes temperature, and explored different fruits while thinking about how and why they change. These are just a few of the sensational science activities that the children participated in! The children also experimented with density, predicting which objects would float or sink and discussing their ideas with their classmates. It was wonderful to see their curiosity grow as they asked thoughtful questions, made observations, and shared their discoveries. The week was filled with excitement, creativity, and a real sense of scientific exploration.



We continued our British Science Week celebrations with all year bands participating in an assembly with Severn Trent all about saving water. They taught us why water is so important and shared simple ways we can avoid wasting it, like turning off the tap while brushing our teeth and taking shorter showers. It was a fun way to learn how we can all help protect our water and look after the environment.



# Rainbows Wellbeing Support Group

Supporting Children Through Bereavement & Parental Separation

**For Year 5 Pupils**

- A safe and caring space to share feelings
- Small group sessions led by a trained facilitator
- 12 Week Programme During School Time

**Interested?**

Give your consent via ParentPay to apply. Spaces are limited.

For more info, please contact the school.

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# HOLIDAY CLUBS IN BIRMINGHAM

**FOR AGES 4-16**

**Bring it on Brum**

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
bringitonbrum.co.uk

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# HOLIDAY CLUBS IN BIRMINGHAM 2026

**MORE INFORMATION**

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, your child can also access funded spaces at holiday clubs?

Through the Department for Education's Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Birmingham as Bring it on Brum!, children can attend local holiday clubs packed with fun activities, learning opportunities and healthy meals—all at no cost to you.

If your child is aged 4-16 and eligible for benefits-related free school meals, they're entitled to funded places at Bring it on Brum! holiday clubs.\*

Our clubs offer a wide variety of activities, including sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music, and more—so there's something to suit everyone! Each session also includes a nutritious meal to keep children happy, healthy and energised throughout the day.

Every club runs its own unique programme depending on its location, meaning there's always something new to discover.

Not eligible? Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child can still get involved and enjoy the fun.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**SPRING**  
Bookings open: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Holiday clubs open: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**SUMMER**  
Bookings open: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Holiday clubs open: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026

**WINTER**  
Bookings open: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2026  
Holiday clubs open: 21<sup>st</sup> December 2026 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026

All dates exclude bank holidays and weekends.

**HOW TO BOOK**

- 1 Get your unique BIOB/ HAF code from your child's school
- 2 Go to our website bringitonbrum.co.uk
- 3 Follow our handy How to Book Guide
- 4 Subscribe to the Bring it on Brum! Newsletter

\*See website for full eligibility criteria.

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**MORE INFORMATION:**  
bringitonbrum.co.uk

# HOW TO BOOK

**GET YOUR CODE**

- 1 Get your BIOB code from your child's school.  
If you haven't received your code, but believe you are eligible for the programme, please contact your child's school.

**CHOOSE YOUR CLUBS**

- 2 Go to bringitonbrum.co.uk and click **BOOK NOW**
- 3 Enter your criteria E.g Location, participant age, date and click **SEARCH**  
To view the session details click **MORE INFORMATION**
- 4 Once you've found a holiday club you like, click 'BOOK NOW' and choose a date and time that works for you.
- 5 Enter your child's details- you can add more than once child.  
You may need to add 'Supplementary Information' Please write 'none' in any fields that do not apply.
- 6 Repeat to add more sessions.

**CREATE A LOG-IN**

- 7 Once you have chosen all your sessions, go to your cart and click **CHECKOUT**
- 8 To complete your booking, you will need to create a log-in. You can then view/ edit and add any additional bookings at any time by logging in.  
Create a Log-in
  - Add your details
  - Sign up for session reminders
  - Enter your child/ children's details
  - Sign up for the Bring it on Brum! newsletter

**COMPLETE BOOKING**

- 9 Click **COMPLETE BOOKING**

Why not take a photo of these instructions?

**MORE INFORMATION:**  
www.bringitonbrum.co.uk

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Year 2 are selling raffle tickets for a chance to win a fantastic Easter hamper packed full of delicious Easter treats. All money raised will go to the **British Heart Foundation**, helping to support vital research into heart and circulatory diseases. Tickets are **50p each or £2 for a strip**, giving everyone the chance to support a great cause while also being in with a chance of winning a lovely Easter prize. Thank you for your support and good luck in the draw! The raffles will be drawn in the final week of this half-term.



EGG-CELL ENT  
EASTER  
HAMPER!

**Birmingham,  
You're not alone.**

**SIFA  
fireside**

06 March 2026

To supporter,

I am writing on behalf of us all here at SIFA Fireside to thank you for your support and for your recent donation from the Harvest Festival. These donations were vital in ensuring we were able to provide basic resources for people at risk of, experiencing or recovering from homelessness in the colder weather.

Because of generous donations like yours, we were able to support 2032 individuals in 2025. We also completed 32,792 supportive actions which could have included advice and guidance with housing, immigration and benefits or the basics like a hot shower, food or fresh clothes.

Without our Support Centre, we wouldn't be able to offer any of these services to the people who need it the most. Our centre costs £1.7 million a year to fund so we would love to enquire if a financial donation raised by a non-uniform day or similar in-school fundraiser would be something that you would consider to keep our doors open and help us work towards our vision that every adult in Birmingham can live a future without homelessness.

We'd be happy to support too by providing leaflets, slides and logos etc, or even attending an assembly to take about the importance of our work.

If a food drive is more suitable for you, feel free to get in touch to find out which items we need most. By getting in touch, we can also ensure that we have enough room to store your donation and that we are not contributing to any food waste or landfill.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

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“SIFA has been my lifeline” - Scott, a former client

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Yours Sincerely,



**Robb Sheppard**  
Head of Fundraising and Communications

SIFA fireside  
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Digbeth, Deritend  
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Stechford and Yardley  
CHURCHES PARTNERSHIP

# Easter Walk

**Saturday**  
**4<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.30am-12noon**

**Come and  
join the Stechford  
and Yardley Churches  
Partnership for an Easter Walk**

**10.30 Coffee** followed by **Opening Prayer**

**11am Prayer walk** passing St Michael and All Angels and Yardley Baptist to pray for the local area. Those less able to walk are invited to remain at Digbeth-in-the-fields to pray using a map.

**11.45 Closing Prayers** with contributions from different churches in the partnership.

**Digbeth-in-the-fields URC**  
**Moat Lane, Yardley, Birmingham B26 1TW**



# BIRMINGHAM FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE



## AT: WASHWOOD HEATH ACADEMY

BURNEY LANE, STECHFORD, BIRMINGHAM, B8 2AS

### STARTING: WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

**Wednesdays:** Group 1: School Years Reception & Year 1.....5.00pm-6.00pm  
 Group 2: School Years 2 & 3.....6.00pm-7.00pm  
 Group 3: School Years 4, 5 & 6.....7.00pm-8.00pm

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last **25 years**, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in April 2026. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

#### About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by **F.A qualified coaches**, who are **DBS** checked, and hold an advanced premier skills qualification, they are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be fully supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear.
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team and they are fantastic in the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- **Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes, "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

#### Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course, we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY.**
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including '**premier league**' and '**penalty shoot out**' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £9 per week; payment is made every 4 weeks, with the first payment of £36 due on week 1. **Please Note: With a high response expected and limited places available, bookings will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis. Mark Frith (course co-ordinator) [www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk](http://www.soccercoachinguk.co.uk)**

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**WASHWOOD HEATH + CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3)**  
 and receive confirmation by text to:

**07827 322780**