



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 7th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to school! A big well done to all our children who have settled quickly back into school life and are enjoying their new classes. A special welcome to our new children and parents who have joined our school family this year. We hope that your time at St. Bernadette's is very happy.

Class newsletters containing helpful information will be sent home at the end of this week and our 'Meet the Teacher' evenings will be held on **Wednesday 13th September at 6:00pm** (*Year 6 will be the week after*). These are an ideal opportunity to speak face to face to your class teacher and learn all about the routines in class. Alternatively, please speak to staff at the end of the day with questions about your child's new school year.

Exciting things have been happening in the Year 3 and 4 classrooms over the summer holidays and the children have returned to newly decorated rooms with a refurbished art area outside. A big thank you to Mr Heaton and the cleaning staff who have made the school a beautiful place to return to. Mrs Armstrong has also been working hard creating a sensory space within the school which will help children self regulate, so they can be better prepared for learning and interacting with others.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation. I wish everyone a happy and successful new school year.

Mrs Helen Crowder

Headteacher



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St Bernadette's Children's Liturgy group

We are very lucky to have such friendly and welcoming liturgy leaders who lead Children's Liturgy in the **9:30am Sunday morning Mass at St. Bernadette's Church.**

Children from Nursery upwards are able to attend to explore and reflect on the meaning of the liturgy that grown-ups in the main body of the church read or listen to.

If you would like your child to attend but are not sure how they will be in the group, please speak to one of the leaders. All children are welcome, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities. Extra support can be agreed with the leaders, if this is needed.

It is an excellent way to help children to develop confidence in becoming an important and valued part of our parish. Our children are the Church of tomorrow.

Education Sunday

Education Sunday takes place on September 10th this year, where it provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved at our school and all Catholic schools as places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation to the year ahead.

We are looking forward to taking the children to Church throughout the year. If you would like to attend Mass yourselves, please see below for the current Mass times:

Saturday Vigil Mass

St. Bernadette's - Saturday 4:45 pm / St. Marie's – Saturday 6:15 pm

Sunday Morning

St. Bernadette's - Sunday 9:30 am / St. Marie's - Sunday 11:00 am



Free School Meals



Universal free school meals are an automatic entitlement for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you get any of the qualifying benefits, we can get extra funding, called pupil premium. If your child is in Year 3 or above, your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the qualifying benefits. If your financial circumstances have changed and you think you may be eligible, please visit:

[Free school meals, pupil premium, and EYPP \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk) to check eligibility and apply.

Staffing

We are very pleased to welcome our new teachers to St. Bernadette's - Miss Bailey into Year 2 and Mrs Parr who has joined Year 5. They have thoroughly enjoyed meeting their new classes this week and we hope they will enjoy being part of our beautiful school community.

Mrs Speakman has decided she will not be returning after the summer break. She has enjoyed her role in the pastoral team, supporting a variety of children and parents and also teaching the various classes throughout the school. We would like to thank her for all her dedication and compassion she has shown to many children over her time. Meg Jones, Education Mental Health Practitioner, has enjoyed working with our school in the past year and she looks forward to continuing this role this year.

It is very important that children are in school as much as possible so that they do not miss out on the wealth of activities and experiences that take place each day. In line with Government guidance, we are not able to authorise holidays within term time. [Attendance | St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School \(saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk\)](https://www.saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk)



We are proud that our attendance figures for 2022-2023 were above national and we look forward to continuing on this positive trend this year.

Do you know anyone who is starting school/nursery in September 2024?

St Bernadette's will be offering tours of the school in an Open Day on **Wednesday 1st November 2023 (9:30am and 1:30am).**

Please call the school office for an appointment.

KS2 Healthy Snack

In Year 3 - Year 6 children may bring their own healthy snack to school for morning break. We are promoting healthy eating so snacks can include fruit (fresh or dried) or toast. No cereal bars or cakes/biscuits please.

It is also important that all children remember to bring water to school in their bottle each day.

Pencil Cases

The children in Year 5 and 6 are allowed to bring their own pencil cases into school if they wish but please can they be of a sensible size. This is a privilege for the older children. Younger children in lower KS2 and KS1 are provided with all the equipment they need in class.



Extra-Curricular Timetable

Please see the new extra-curricular timetable below for the first half of the autumn term. Each half term we will be offering a range of activities for different year groups, before school from 8:00am, lunchtime and after school until 4:20pm (*there will be a small charge for those clubs run by an external provider as stated*).

Please sign up using Parent Pay from tomorrow morning onwards. A message will go out to parents and it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis. It is important that your child attends all the sessions as there are limited places.



Bernie's Bears 'Stay and Play' Sessions

We are re-starting our Bernie's Bears 'Stay and Play' sessions every Wednesday 9:30am – 10:45am (term time).

If you have a child under school age, or know anyone who does, why don't you come along, get to know our Nursery staff and join in the fun! Please see the poster below. If you would like any further information or to book your session, please contact the school office on 01257 401125.



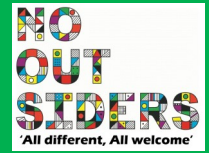
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[\(1\) St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School | Facebook](#)

School Development

At St. Bernadette's we believe in the importance of equality and everybody having the same opportunities.

On Wednesday the whole school were inspired by Andrew Moffat MBE, the author of 'No Outsiders' scheme. Each class had a story time session with Andrew where he used picture books to teach children about accepting differences, accepting the views of others and treating each other with respect. We will be sharing the resources with parents/carers later this term and rolling out lessons throughout the school.



This work built nicely upon the training Mrs Armstrong planned and delivered for staff in our INSET on Monday. It focussed on adapting activities, and the way of teaching, so all children can access their learning.

For more information on our school development plan for 2023-2024, please see the school website: [PowerPoint Presentation \(saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk\)](https://www.saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk)

Important Dates (more information to follow)

- w.c. 11th September 2023 – Extra-Curricular Clubs start (*WigLe Dance and Judo start later*)
- Tuesday 12th September 2023 – Year 6 attend St. Bernadette's 9:15am Mass
- Tuesday 12th September 2023 – Year 6 swimming starts
- Wednesday 13th September 2023 – Stay and Play returns
- Wednesday 13th September 2023 – 'Meet the Teacher' evening at 6:00pm (*Reception to Year 5*).
- Thursday 14th September 2023—Year 3 Wigan Museum visitor in school
- Monday 18th September 2023—CAFOD Workshops in school
- Tuesday 19th September 2023—Year 5 attend St. Bernadette's 9:15am Mass
- Wednesday 20th September 2023— Year 6 Magistracy workshops in school
- Wednesday 20th September 2023 – Year 6 KS2 SATs Information Evening at 6:00pm (*staff from St. Peter's will be attending*)
- Tuesday 26th September 2023—Year 4 attend St. Bernadette's 9:15am Mass
- Tuesday 3rd October 2023—Year 3 attend St. Bernadette's 9:15am Mass
- Tuesday 3rd October 2023 – Reception Tea Party at 2:30pm— *parents and carers invited*
- Wednesday 4th October 2023—STEM competition at Bolton School
- Wednesday 4th October 2023 - Provisional date for flu vaccinations
- Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October – Reception and Year 1 Bikeability
- Wednesday 18th October—Parents' Evening from 1:10pm onwards
- Friday 20th October 2023 - School closes at 3.20pm for half term
- Monday 30th October 2023 - School re-opens for 2nd half of Autumn Term
- Wednesday 1st November 2023—OPEN DAY (9:30am and 1:30am)
- Wednesday 8th November 2023—School Photographer in
- Tuesday 12th December 2023—Joint Parish Singing Concert at St. Marie's Church
- Tuesday 19th December 2023—Reception and Year 1 Nativity at 2:00pm and 6:00pm (parents/carers invited)
- Wednesday 20th December 2023—Christingle Celebration 9:15am (parents/carers invited)
- Wednesday 20th December 2023—Nursery Nativity 2:00pm
- Thursday 21st December—Party Day!
- Thursday 21st December—KS2 Carols Around the Christmas Tree at 2:45pm
- Friday 22nd December—School closes for Christmas 2:00pm



Bernie's Bears

Under 4s 'Stay and Play' Group

Every Wednesday 9:30am-10:45am during term time

St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
Church Lane, Shevington, WN6 8BD

£2 per family – refreshments included

Babies and toddlers welcome

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Please phone/email the school office for bookings to avoid disappointment.

Come along and join your child in experiencing different craft activities, small world play, role playing in our Nursery and outdoor area.

Extra-Curricular Activities St Bernadette's Primary School



Autumn Term 1 2023

Day	Club	Leader	Year Group	Dates	Collection point and time
Monday 3.20pm	Girls' Football (£10 for 5 weeks)	Mr Davies (outside)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	11.09.23-9.10.23	4.20pm main entrance
Tuesday 3.20pm	Multisports (£10 for 5 weeks)	Mr Davies (hall)	Y1 & Y2	12.09.23-10.10.23	4.20pm main entrance
Wednesday 8.00am-8.45am	Judo (£15 for 5 weeks)	Mr Lawton (hall)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	20.09.23-18.10.23	No collection needed
Wednesday 3.20pm	Benchball (max 20 children)	Mrs Green (hall)	Y3&Y4	13.09.23-11.10.23	4.20pm main entrance
Wednesday 3.20pm	Book Cafe	Mrs Parr (Y5 classroom)	Y1 & Y2	13.09.23-11.10.23	4.20pm main entrance
Thursday lunchtime	Choir	Mrs Edgar (Y6 classroom)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Weekly from 14.09.23	No collection needed
Thursday 3.20pm	Dance (max 25 children) (£10 for 5 weeks)	WigLe (hall)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	21.09.23-19.10.23	4.20pm main entrance
Thursday 3.20pm	Sports Fun Club	Miss Quellan (Y1 classroom)	Y1 & Y2	14.09.23-12.10.23	4.20pm main entrance
Friday 3.20pm	Computing	Mr Doyle (Y3 classroom)	Y5 & Y6	15.09.23-13.10.23	4.20pm main entrance

Please note there will be a small charge for some clubs as they are delivered by an external provider. Places are limited so will be on a first come, first served basis, please note you will only be able to book for the duration of the sessions (you won't be able to book single sessions)

Bookings need to be made via our Parent Pay please look out for the details. This only applies to before and after school clubs.