



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 19th October 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had a busy end to our half term. The children are very excited as tomorrow is our Monster's Ball and they are bursting with excitement as they compare costume ideas!

We hope that you found Parents' Evening to be celebratory and also informative. It was great to see such a good turnout. Progress reports were given to parents to share how your child is achieving and also ways in which you can help at home.

Year 2 led us in a Harvest Celebration last week with beautiful singing and such confident speaking. A huge thank you to all the families who sent in harvest donations for The Brick. Margaret and Tony Quinn were so grateful and touched by the amount of food.

Thank you for your ongoing support this half term. We hope you all have an enjoyable and restful half term break. We look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 30th October.

Take care,

Mrs Helen Crowder

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SCAN ME

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 1:30pm). Please call the school office for an appointment.

School Admissions

Applications for primary school and secondary school places for September 2024 can now be submitted via school admissions ([Primary school admissions \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk))

The deadlines to apply for a school place for September 2024 are:

- ⇒ 15 January 2024 for primary schools
- ⇒ 31 October 2023 for secondary schools.

If you would like to have a tour of our school, please contact our school office — 01257 401125.

THE WEDNESDAY WORD: You can enjoy the Wednesday Word as a family by [following the link to this week's edition.](#)

OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION AND ST. BERNADETTE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER: Our parish weekly newsletter can be found on: [Our Lady of the Annunciation and St Bernadette's P - Newsletters \(chessck.co.uk\)](#)

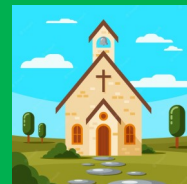
If you would like to attend Mass yourselves, please see below for the current Mass times:

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



Mrs Jennings has been leading our Rosary Club on Monday lunchtimes during this month of October.

Each week we pray together and focus on a different mystery of The Rosary. The club is very popular and is a lovely way to start our busy school week.



Last week we welcomed Father Joseph and parishioners into school as Year 6 led a Welcome Mass for their buddies in Reception.

During Mass we prayed that our Reception children and their families stay strong in their faith and experience the blessings, love, and graces poured out to them by God the Father.

First Holy Communion

Our Year 4 children are preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion. On Monday evening parents/carers, parishioners and children joined together at St. Bernadette's Church for their first "treasure hunt" session. It was an enjoyable and interactive session. Thank you to all the volunteers who made it run so smoothly.

The next session will be on Monday 13th November after school. Parents/Carers, please pick up your child at 4:20pm, where the children will share their learning with you.



Mass Attendance

As a school, we have very close links with St. Bernadette's Parish. One way we work together is when our children attend the 9:15am Tuesday Mass at St. Bernadette's Church. We are going to extend our attendance at this Mass to our younger children in Key Stage 1 so now each child will attend Mass once a half term in school time.

We are opening this invitation to you to and family members to attend Mass with your child/children and, to help with this, are the dates below for the remainder of this term.

9:15am Tuesday Mass at St. Bernadette's Church	
Date	Year Group
Tuesday 17 th October	Year 5 (<i>rescheduled</i>)
Half Term	
Tuesday 31 st October	Year 2
Tuesday 7 th November	Year 1
Tuesday 14 th November	Year 6
Tuesday 21 st November	Year 5
Tuesday 28 th November	Year 4
Tuesday 5 th December	Year 3
Tuesday 12 th December	Year 2
Tuesday 19 th December	No Attendance at Mass due to Nativity productions in school

World Mental Health Day

We celebrated World Mental Health Day last week with our 'Supporting Anxiety' assembly delivered by Meg and Sarah our Education Mental Health Practitioners from MHST.

Each of our classes have selected a Mental Health Ambassador who has an important role to play in school as a buddy to others. Other children will also have this opportunity throughout the year as we work together to raise awareness of young people's mental health and support each other in our school community.



Enhancements and Enrichments

Fr Joseph in School

Fr Joseph has been visiting school and spending time with each class over the past few weeks. These occasions are very special for children and staff. Thank you to Fr Joseph for making these visits possible.

Police Visit

There was great excitement when the children went out for their break and discovered a police car on the playground last week! PC Smith and her colleague came to visit our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 class. They spoke to the children about their work; how they help people and also how to make an emergency phone call using 999. In Year 6 the children are thinking about vocation and commitment in RE. The children prepared some thought provoking questions for the officers about their dedication to their job, what training is required to join the police and the challenges that they face.



Mission Statement Art Project

We are currently working with Victoria Hough who is a local artist. She is working with children to create a large art piece for our school entrance, based on our mission statement, "Growing Together in Faith, Love and Learning". She has collected the pupils' voice on the meaning of our mission statement. They gave beautiful and thoughtful answers which were used towards their design. We can't wait to start creating after half term!



Liam Marshall

Liam Marshall very kindly came into school to see our Year 3 class and helped them with their learning on their topic 'History of Rugby'. He did a question and answer session with the children and offered some advice to our budding sportspeople. We like to think our good wishes contributed to Wigan's Grand Final win at the weekend!! Congratulations to Wigan Warriors!



Autumn Extra-Curricular Clubs



Please see the new extra-curricular timetable below for the second half of the autumn term 2023. You are able to sign up using your Parent Pay account. It will be on a 'first come, first served' basis and places will be available to book from tomorrow.

You will notice a new FREE group clarinet club, which includes the loan of the instrument, available at lunchtimes. (*Those families who already pay for clarinet lessons, please contact the school office to discuss the options available to you for this half term*). These are being funded by Wigan Music Service to encourage childrens' interest in the clarinet, lessons will be continued to be offered after Christmas but with a charge.



Swimming Year 5

After half term, children in Year 5 will be the next class to attend Hindley Swimming Pool for swimming lessons. They will be taught by a professional swimming teacher and supported by our school staff. The children will work towards various levels and also complete a survival skill programme of learning.

Details of costs, dates and arrangements will be sent out to Year 3-6 parents as a reminder, but below is the class schedule for your information.



Year 5	Autumn 2 (Oct – Dec)
Year 4	Spring 1 (Jan – Feb)
Year 3	Spring 2 (Feb – March)
Catch up lessons	Summer 1 (April – May)
Catch up lessons	Summer 2 (June – July)



Balance Bikeability

Balance Bikeability has given our Reception and Year 1 children the basic balance and coordination skills they need to learn to ride a bike this week. The children had such good fun!



Breakfast / After School Club Payment

After October Half Term we will be using ParentPay for all bookings made for Breakfast and Afterschool Club. This is to ensure that we can regulate the numbers for attendance and make it easier for parents to keep track of sessions they have booked.

If you do not currently have a ParentPay account, please contact school for your log on details.

Bookings can be made up to 6:00pm the night before. Cancellations will need to be made via the School Office at least 24 hours before the start time to avoid charges being incurred. There will be two payment options to choose from, 'Pay Now' or 'Pay Later'. The 'Pay Later' option is for those families who use the childcare voucher schemes. Any outstanding balances will be transferred across to your ParentPay account. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Poppy Appeal

We will be supporting the British Legion Poppy Appeal once again this year by selling poppies and other small gifts in school.

If you would like your child to buy one please send them into school with your donation.



Entries handed in to the school office by Friday 17th November.

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YOUTH &
YOUNG PEOPLE

2023/24 NATIVITY PAINTING COMPETITION

Full Rules
here:



Paint a scene of Our Lord's Nativity, and include the Bible passage that inspired your painting.

Two age ranges:
Infants (4-7 year olds)
Juniors (7-11 year olds).



Cash prizes for Winners and their schools!
To enter please contact your local KSC Council at:

*Standish Council 577 / Province 8
Charles Tetlow
Officer for Action and Youth
e-mail : charlestetlow@sky.com*



INFANT 3RD PLACE 2022/23



JUNIOR 3RD PLACE 2022/23

Tel: 01418 835700



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Important Dates (more information to follow)

Friday 20th October 2023—Monster’s Ball 5:00pm - 6:00pm and 6:45pm—7:45pm.

Friday 20th October 2023—Fire Brigade visit in Year 6.

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

Tuesday 31st October 2023—Year 2 Mass at St Bernadette’s Church 9:15am

Wednesday 1st November 2023—OPEN DAY (9:30am and 1:30pm)

Wednesday 1st November 2023—Year 4 Trip to Deva Roman Experience, Chester

Wednesday 1st November 2023—Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Information Evening 5:00pm

Wednesday 1st November 2023—Year 6 Residential Meeting 6:00pm

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd November—Creative Writing Days in school

Tuesday 7th November 2023—Year 1 Mass at St Bernadette’s Church 9:15am

Wednesday 8th November 2023—School Photographer

Wednesday 8th November 2023—Year 3 Visit to Wigan Warriors DW Stadium

Friday 10th November 2023—Year 6 Remembrance Assembly 9:15am (parents/families invited)

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Monday 13th November 2023—Year 4 Second First Holy Communion Session

Tuesday 14th November 2023—Year 6 Mass at St Bernadette’s Church 9:15am

Monday 20th November 2023—Wednesday 22nd November 2023—Robinwood Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 21st November 2023—Year 5 Mass at St Bernadette’s Church 9:15am

Thursday 23rd November 2023—Year 5 Magistrates Visit in school

Friday 24th November 2023—COLOUR DAY!

Friday 24th November—Year 5 Cake Sale

Monday 27th November 2023—Year 4 Third First Holy Communion Session

Tuesday 28th November 2023—Year 4 Mass at St Bernadette’s Church 9:15am

Friday 1st December—Year 3 Advent Worship 9:15am (Parents / families welcome)

Saturday 9th December—WigLe Dance troop Pantomime! (arrive at 6:00pm for a 7:00pm start)

Monday 4th December 2023—Year 4 Christmas Lights Turn On 9:15am (Parents / families welcome)

Tuesday 5th December 2023—Year 3 Mass at St Bernadette’s Church 9:15am

Tuesday 5th December 2023—Year 4 First Reconciliation Mass 6:00pm St Bernadette’s Church

Thursday 7th December 2023—Santa Dash

Friday 8th December 2023—Year 5 Advent Assembly 9:15am (parents/families welcome)

Tuesday 12th December 2023—Year 2 Mass at St Bernadette’s Church 9:15am

Tuesday 12th December 2023—Joint Parish Singing Concert at St. Marie’s Church

Wednesday 13th December—School Christmas Lunch

Friday 15th December 2023—Year 6 Advent Assembly 9:15am (parents/families welcome)

Friday 15th December 2023—Year 4 Cake Sale

Tuesday 19th December 2023—Reception and Year 1 Nativity at 2:00pm and 6:00pm (parents/ carers invited)

Wednesday 20th December 2023—Year 2 Christingle Celebration 9:10am (parents/carers invited)

Wednesday 20th December 2023—Nursery Nativity 2:00pm

Thursday 21st December 2023 —Party Day!

Thursday 21st December 2023 —KS2 Carols Around the Christmas Tree at 2:45pm

Friday 22nd December 2023 —School closes for Christmas 2:00pm

Extra-Curricular Activities St Bernadette's Primary School



Autumn Term 2 2023

Day	Club	Leader	Year Group	Dates	Collection point and time
Monday 3.20pm	Football (£10 for 5 weeks)	Mr Davies (outside)	Y4, Y5 & Y6	06.11.23-04.12.23	4.20pm main entrance
Monday 3:20pm	Laudato Si (Eco Club Group)	Mrs Crowder	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	06.11.23-04.12.23	4.20pm main entrance
Tuesday 3.20pm	Multisports (£10 for 5 weeks)	Mr Davies (hall)	Y1 & Y2	07.11.23-05.12.23	4.20pm main entrance
Wednesday 8.00am-8.45am	Judo (£15 for 5 weeks)	Mr Lawton (hall)	Y1 & Y2	15.11.23-13.12.23	No collection needed
Wednesday lunchtime	FREE Clarinet Club	Wigan Music Service (Y6 classroom)	Y4, Y5 and Y6	01.11.23-13.12.23	No collection needed
Wednesday 3.20pm	Craft Club	Miss Chivers	Y1 & Y2	08.11.23-06.12.23	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	09.11.23-07.12.23	4.20pm main entrance
Thursday 8.00am-8.45am	Maths Club	Mrs Canavan (Y6 classroom)	Year 6 (invite only)	09.11.23-07.12.23	No collection needed

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 ParentPay please look out for the details. This only applies to before and after school clubs.