



# Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 15th February 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Well done to all our children and staff on working so hard over the first half of the spring term – it really has been an excellent start to 2024 and it is now time for a well-earned rest. We hope that you found parents' evening to be celebratory and also informative this week. 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.

A heartfelt thank you for your incredible support during our recent 'Break the Rules Day' in aid of the Alder Hey Children's charity. Your generous donations have not only allowed our children to have a day of rule-breaking fun but have also made a significant impact on the lives of those supported by Alder Hey. We raised a staggering £858! Your kindness and generosity are truly commendable, and we are grateful to have such a caring community. Together, we've shown our children the power of giving and making a positive difference in the world.

A reminder that school reopens to all children on Monday 26th February. I hope that you have a wonderful half term holiday and enjoy some quality time with your family and friends.

Take care,

Mrs Helen Crowder

Headteacher

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## Masses

Our children love visiting St. Bernadette's Church and feel very much at home there. If you would like to visit Church and attend Mass, 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



[Please see below for all the services during Lent and Easter.](#)

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

**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 \(chessck.co.uk\)](#)

**PARISH OF OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION  
AND ST. BERNADETTE**

**SERVICES FOR LENT AND EASTER**

**ST. BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, SHEVINGTON  
ST. MARIE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, STANDISH**

**Stations of the Cross**

(19<sup>th</sup> Feb– 25<sup>th</sup> Mar)

After Mass on Mondays (St. Marie's)

After Exposition on Tuesdays (St. Bernadette's).

**Exposition during Lent**

15<sup>th</sup> Feb– 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar

**St. Bernadette's: Thursdays**

9:45 – 10:15 am

**St. Marie's: Fridays**

9:45 – 10:45 am

**Holy Hour St. Marie's: Saturdays**

24<sup>th</sup> February & 23<sup>rd</sup> March

10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Confessions during Lent**

15<sup>th</sup> Feb– 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar

**St. Bernadette's: Thursdays**

9:45 - 10:15 am

**St. Marie's: Fridays**

9:45 – 10:30 am

Also during the Holy Hour at St. Marie's.

**HOLY WEEK**

**Monday: 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Mass 9:15 am (St. Marie's)

**Stations of the Cross with Confessions**

9:45 – 10:15 am (St. Marie's)

**Stations of the Cross**

7:00 pm (St. Marie's)

**Tuesday: 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Mass 9:15 am (St. Bernadette's)

**Stations of the Cross with Confessions**

9:45 – 10:15 (St. Bernadette's)

Ecumenical Service 7:00 pm: St. Wilfrid's

**Wednesday: 27<sup>th</sup> March**

Ecumenical Service 7:00 pm: Standish Methodist Church

**The Chrism Mass**

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

7:30 – 8:30 pm

**Good Friday: 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Stations of the Cross**

11:00 am (St. Bernadette's)

**Confessions**

9:30 – 10:15 am (St. Marie's)

**Ecumenical Open Air Service at the Cross in Market Place,**

**Standish:** 1:00 pm

**Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

3:00 pm (St. Marie's)

**Holy Thursday: 28<sup>th</sup> March**

no Services today until:

**Mass of the Lord's Supper**

6:30 pm (St. Bernadette's)

**THE SACRED TRIDUUM**

**Holy Saturday: 30<sup>th</sup> March**

*The Church waits in silence until:*

**The Easter Vigil**

6:30 pm (St. Marie's)

**EASTER  
SERVICES**

**Easter Sunday Masses: 31<sup>st</sup> March**

9:30 am (St. Bernadette's)

11:00 am (St. Marie's)

**Seeds of Hope**

Our parishioners have formed a group called 'Seeds of Hope', which focuses on caring for God's creation.

Please come along to join the training and information at St. Bernadette's Church on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February** and **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March: 6:30pm – 9:00pm.**

For more information please email: [maryhill17@btinternet.com](mailto:maryhill17@btinternet.com)

## Thinking Day 2024

The Scout and Guide Associations celebrate Thinking Day in February when they think of other children around the world.



This year, due to half term, it will be celebrated on Monday 26th February where, any children who attend Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts, can wear their uniform to school on the first day back.

## Year 3 Swimming

Swimming lessons are starting on Tuesday 27th February for children in Year 3. Children will need a swimming costume / swimming trunks and a swimming hat for their lessons. Children are allowed to take goggles if they wish.



## Masses and Worship

Our school gathered for Ash Wednesday Mass in school yesterday, marking the beginning of the Lenten season. Children and staff came together to observe this occasion, receiving ashes as a symbol of repentance and renewal.

Thank you to Year 4 for leading us in a meaningful worship in honour of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes last week and we look forward to the Lenten Reflection that our Year 1 class will bring to our school in the morning.

As we continue our journey through Lent, we look forward to more opportunities for prayer, reflection and community building.

## Catholic Schools Inspection

The outcome and report from our recent Catholic Schools Inspection will be shared with the school community after half term. We want to extend our sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and co-operation throughout the inspection.

As we await the official feedback, we want to express our immense pride in the amazing efforts of our children; the hard work of all our staff and parishioners, and the continual support from Governors, parents and carers. We eagerly anticipate sharing the results, which reflect the collective achievements and values that make St. Bernadette's truly special.



## Parking

If families choose to park in the roads around the school, please be considerate of our neighbours and consider the safety of all pedestrians.

Please do not double park, park on the zig zags outside of school or across driveways.

Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Please park  
**SAFELY**

We need everyone to play their part in keeping the roads near schools safe.

### **DRIVERS SHOULD NOT:**

- park on yellow zig zag markings.
- park on double yellow lines at any time, or on single yellows during restricted hours.
- park or drive on footpaths.
- park within 10 metres of a junction, as this decreases visibility.
- block driveways or dropped kerbs.


## Extra-Curricular Activities

Please see the new extra-curricular timetable which will start after half term for 5 weeks. Please sign up using Parent Pay. A message will go out to parents and it will be on a 'first come, first served' basis. Bookings will be open from tomorrow **Friday 16th February**.



## St. Bernadette's Football Team

Thanks to the requests from children and parents/carers, we are thrilled to announce the exciting addition of a brand-new football team to our school's extra-curricular activities. Both boys and girls can sign up, however, being part of the team requires dedication to attend weekly practices. Scott will focus on skill development, teamwork and will prepare children for competitions with local schools.

Our school football team promises to be a source of pride for our school family, and  we look forward to witnessing the growth and success of our budding athletes on the field. Go Team St Bernadette's!

Next STAGE Performing Arts  
AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA CLASS

5 Weeks Block

Every Thursday 3:20 - 4:20  
29th February - 28th March

Learn New Performance Skills  
Grow in Confidence  
Great Fun!

£25 per Child for the block of 5

For further information contact:  
Lisa.Lundie22@outlook.com

## School Levy

As you are aware St. Bernadette's is a Catholic Voluntary Aided school. This means that while the Government provides money for staff wages, books and equipment, the building costs and repairs are paid for by the Archdiocese of Liverpool.

All Catholic schools in the diocese are requested to pay an equal share of money towards the building fund.

Therefore we respectfully request parents to pay a voluntary contribution of £10.00 per year per child, or per family if you have more than one child.

This week we have sent home leaflets which explains the 'levy' in more detail and envelopes for you to return your contribution. Alternatively you can make your contribution via your Parentpay account.

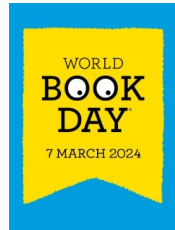
Thank you for your generosity.

## **World Book Day 2024**

Advance notice that children are very keen to dress up again for World Book Day this year on **Thursday 7th March 2024**.

It is important to celebrate World Book Day without incurring significant costs for parents so please do not feel that you need to buy a specific costume as this is unnecessary.

We are very lucky as the children from Year 3 and Year 4 have been invited to visit Shevington Library on this day to meet the author Dan Worsley (more information to follow).



To celebrate World Book Week we are also holding a World Book Day Lunch on Thursday 7th March. Please order lunches via the "My Evolve Hub" website or through the school office.

## **Book Fair**

The Usborne Book Fair will be in school on **Thursday 7th March** and **Friday 8th March** from 1:00pm onwards. Parents and carers are welcome to come into school with their children to purchase brand new books.

Children will be bringing home a book token. Each token is worth £1 and can be used at the book fair or used to purchase specific books that are priced at £1, sold at participating retailers.

## **Our School Library**

During the week of World Book Day we will be officially opening our beautiful new school library. We are very lucky that Father Joseph will bless our new library in this week.

So parents and carers can also visit our library and find out how it will be used, we will be hosting class tea parties where you can read together and share in our lovely new space in school. The sessions will be a real joy and I recommend you try and attend if you can:

Nursery—9:00am Thursday 7th March

Reception—2:30pm Monday 4th March

Year 1—2:30pm Friday 15th March

Year 2— 2:30pm Thursday 7th March

Year 3—2:30pm Friday 8th March

Year 4—2:30pm Tuesday 5th March

Year 5—2:30pm Wednesday 6th March

Year 6—2:30pm Monday 11th March







You're invited to our

# Usborne Book Fair

on 7th and 8th March at 1 - 4.30pm

You'll find us in

School Library

Our Independent Usborne Partner is

Lauren Ferguson-Platt

You can contact them on

07884470435

plattsweebookshop@gmail.com

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## Children's Mental Health Week

Sarah from our MHST (Mental Health Support Team) delivered training to our Mental Health Ambassadors during Children's Mental Health Week. These are children from each class who have shown real interest in championing positive mental health and wellbeing. They will be helping the rest of the children in school to develop their calming strategies in school and delivering a school assembly later this year.

Year 5 had a fantastic time during Children's Mental Health Week when they visited Shevington Library and took part in a "My Voice Matters" drama workshop. They performed thoughtfully when asked to improvise how they might act in different emotionally difficult situations. Well done children and thank you to 'Next STAGE Performing Arts'.



## Important Dates (more information to follow)

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 9:10am – Year 1 Lenten Reflection (*parents and families invited*)**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Children return to school**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024—Year 3 class start swimming**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Year 5 children attend 9:15am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Reception children collective worship at St. Bernadette's Church**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024—World Book Day and lunch**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024—Year 3 and 4 author visit at Shevington Library**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March—Reception class Mother's Day Celebration (*parents and families invited*) 2:30pm**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024—Year 6 children attend 9:15am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024—WigLe Dance Festival**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024—First Lenten Market**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024—Tri-Kids Triathlon Day**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024—Year 5 children attend 9:15am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024—Second Lenten Market**

**w.c 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024—Holy Week**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024—Easter WOW day in school**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024—Year 4 children attend 9:15am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024—St B's Got Talent**

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024—Easter Lunch**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024—School closes for Easter 2:00pm. (No After School Club on this day)**





## 2023/24 LENT PAINTING COMPETITION

Full Rules  
here:



Entries must  
be in by:

**15/03/2024**

Enter here:



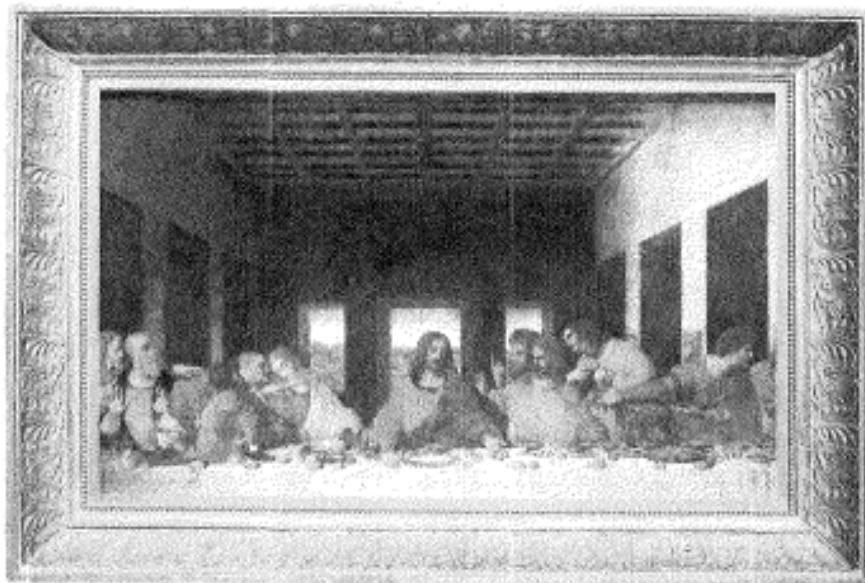
Paint a scene of an incident recalled from Ash Wednesday through to Holy Thursday. Include the Biblical passage that relates to your art work.

Three age ranges:  
Juniors (7 - 11 years old)  
Intermediate (11 - 14 years old)  
Seniors (14 - 18 years old)

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](mailto:charlestetlow@sky.com)**





**Extra-Curricular Activities      St Bernadette's Primary School**



**Spring Term 2 2024**

Day	Club	Leader	Year Group	Dates	Collection point and time
Monday 3:20pm	Laudato Si' Eco Club	Mrs Crowder	Y2 - Y6	26.02.24-25.03.24	4.20pm main entrance
Monday 3.20pm	Football Team (max 20 children)	Mr Davies (outside)	Y4, Y5 & Y6	26.02.24-25.03.24	4.20pm main entrance
Tuesday 3.20pm	Tri-Golf (max 16 children) (£10 for 5 weeks)	Mr Davies (hall)	YR, Y1 & Y2, Y3	27.02.24-26.03.24	4.20pm main entrance
Tuesday 3.20pm	Easter Crafts (max 8 children)	Miss Chivers (Nursery)	YR & Y1	27.02.24-26.03.24	4.20pm main entrance
Tuesday 8.00am-8.45am	Maths	Mrs Canavan and Mr Doyle	Y6 invite only	27.02.24-26.03.24	No collection needed
Wednesday 8.00am-8.45am	Fencing (£15 for 5 weeks)	Coach Phil (hall)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	28.02.24-27.03.24	No collection needed
Wednesday 3.20pm	Card Club (max 15 children)	Mr Doyle (Y3 classroom)	Y3 & Y4	28.02.24-27.03.24	4.20pm main entrance
Thursday lunchtime	Choir	Mrs Edgar (Y6 classroom)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Weekly	No collection needed
Thursday 3.20pm	Dance (max 25 children) (£10 for 5 weeks)	WigLe (hall)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	29.02.24-28.03.24	4.20pm main entrance
Thursday 3.20pm	Drama (£25 for 5 weeks)	Lisa Lundie	YR, Y1 & Y2	29.02.24-28.03.24	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 ParentPay please look out for the details. This only applies to before and after school clubs.