



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 14th March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

We were totally amazed by the efforts that children, parents and staff went to for World Book Day 2024. Our EYFS and KS1 children were treated to a fabulous staff performance of 'Wind in the Willows' — thank you to Mrs Armstrong who wrote and directed the show! This is becoming a lovely annual tradition for our younger children! Thank you to the kitchen staff who also made tasty book-themed meals and to all our families, who have joined their children for our library tea parties over the last two weeks.

Last week Father Joseph joined us in school with our class librarians and was kind enough to bless our new school library. It was a very special occasion and supports our children to have a further connection with their faith. We are so pleased to report that the book fair raised an amazing £370.00 in loyalty book vouchers for the school!! A big thank you to everyone who came along and bought books. More books have been ordered for our school library. All books ordered from the book fair are on their way and we will let you know when they have been delivered.

Thank you for your continued support and please contact school if you feel you need support in any way. Take care,

Mrs Helen Crowder

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SCAN ME

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

(19th Feb– 25th Mar)

After Mass on Mondays (St. Marie's)

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

Exposition during Lent

15th Feb– 22nd 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

24th February & 23rd March

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Confessions during Lent

15th Feb– 22nd 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: 25th 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: 26th 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: 27th March

Ecumenical Service 7:00 pm: Standish Methodist Church

The Chrism Mass

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

7:30 – 8:30 pm

Good Friday: 29th 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)

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday: 28th March

no Services today until:

Mass of the Lord's Supper

6:30 pm (St. Bernadette's)

Holy Saturday: 30th March

The Church waits in silence until:

The Easter Vigil

6:30 pm (St. Marie's)

Easter Sunday Masses: 31st March

9:30 am (St. Bernadette's)

11:00 am (St. Marie's)

**EASTER
SERVICES**

September 2024 Nursery Places Now Available!

Please see below for our Nursery advert as we are now opening up our admissions for Nursery places September 2024.

St Bernadette's will be offering tours of the school at your convenience. Please call the school for an appointment—01257 401125



Easter Events 2024



Lenten Markets

Our annual Lenten Markets returned today and there was great excitement around school.

It is a great way to raise money for CAFOD whilst also developing entrepreneurial skills. The second Lenten Market will take place on Thursday 21st March.

A reminder that the children in Year 3—6 are invited to pair up and create games, stalls, raffles etc. Previous years have seen such creative ideas - we've had cake sales, beauty rooms, lucky dips, beat the goalie to name a few.

Easter WOW Week

The last week of this term sees the return of our annual Easter WOW Week.

The week begins with an hour-long prayer journey. The children will visit prayer stations helping them to empathise with the journey Jesus took to the cross.

Throughout the rest of the week, children will grow a deeper understanding of the Easter story through Come and See lessons and a range of practical activities such as art and crafts and dance. They will help the children learn about the events of Holy Week through fun and hands-on experiences.

Holy Week Mass

On Tuesday 26th March, our Year 4-6 classes will be participating in the 9:15am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church which will focus on the Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross is a solemn and reflective journey that retraces the steps of Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion. It is a powerful and spiritual experience that provides our children with an opportunity for deep reflection and understanding of the significance of Easter.

Parents and family members are invited to join us and are welcome to walk to church from school on this morning.

Easter Lunch

On Wednesday 27th March we will be having a special Easter themed menu at lunchtime. There will be stickers, one for each class, under dinner trays that day. Anyone who finds a sticker wins an Easter Egg!

This is now available to order on the Evolve school meals APP.

St. B's Got Talent

The GIFT Team have been busy behind the scenes planning and organising another fundraising activity – St B's Got Talent!

Children in KS2 are invited to audition and share their talent for a place in the grand final.

Auditions will take place in class and three acts from each class will be chosen to go through. Everyone in school including KS1 children will be able to pay £1 to watch the grand final on Wednesday 27th March.

Unfortunately, parents aren't able to attend this event.

Litter Picking Equipment Loan

As part of our commitment to keep Shevington clean, we are excited to announce a new initiative at our school – the Litter Picking Equipment Loan Programme.

Simply visit the school office to check out the equipment. Please return the items once you have completed your litter picking efforts, ensuring they are in good condition for others to use.

- A hi-vis vest
- Gloves
- Wigan Council blue bin
- Bags
- Bin bag stickers
- Litter pickers
- Bag hoops



Let's work together to make our community a cleaner and greener place for everyone!

Enhancements and Enrichments

Wigan Borough Dance Fest— Our VERY talented dance group took part in a Wigan Borough Dance Fest last night. They looked incredible and did absolutely brilliantly. The parents and staff were blown away with their talents. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to WigLe Dance, who helped to choreograph it.

Inclusion Champions—Congratulations to our group of Inclusion Champions! They completed their 6-week training last half term and will now support further inclusion work in our school community.

Cricket Multi-Skills—Following on from our cricket coaching sessions before Christmas, our Year 3 and 4 children were invited to a Cricket Multi Skills Festival. Well done children!

Girl's Football Festival—During International Women's Day, our KS2 girls attended a football festival and impressed everyone with their skill, determination and team work.

Author Library Visit—Year 3 and Year 4 had an amazing time at Shevington Library on World Book Day. The children met author Dan Worsley who shared his love of reading and storytelling to all our children.



Tri-Kidz Triathlon

Tomorrow children from Year 1 to Year 6 will be taking part in a Triathlon Day organised by TriKidz. Swimming is replicated by using resistance bands; the children will cycle on adapted exercise race bike (children do not have to be able to ride a bike) and will take part in running. There is no charge to parents but children in these classes will need to wear their PE kits to school.





St. Bernadette's Nursery

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**Children can join FREE the term after their third birthday
OR paid sessions the day after they turn three.**

What we offer:

- A warm, safe, comfortable environment within a nurturing school community
- Learning based on children's interests and talents
- Extensive grounds to explore and learn
- A place in the heart of the local village
- Educating pupils with skills for life
- 15-30 hours funding available

**Wrap around care
7:30am - 5:30pm**



**FREE NURSERY TASTER
SESSION**

(ring school to book)

**FLEXIBLE
SESSIONS
AVAILABLE**

Governor Involvement

This term's Curriculum and Standards Governors meeting started with a Governor Network Event. This was an opportunity for staff, children and Governors to get together, ask questions and celebrate our curriculum subject areas.



Are you interested in making a difference.....?

The Governors of St. Bernadette's would welcome interest from any potential new Foundation Governors committed to raising educational outcomes of all children.

Potential new governors should have a willingness to:

- Work positively with others as part of a team to provide strategic leadership and challenge to the head teacher.**
- Develop their knowledge and understanding of their role and of the key issues and priorities facing primary schools by attending training, reading papers, attending meetings and visiting the school.**

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Governor and how to apply for a vacancy, please contact the school office for more information.

Important Dates (more information to follow)

Friday 15th March 2024—Tri-Kids Triathlon Day

Friday 15th March 2024—Year 1 Library Tea Party 2:30pm. Parents and carers invited

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

Thursday 21st March 2024—Second Lenten Market

Thursday 21st March 2024—Year 1 (9:10am) and Year 2 (9:45am) xylophone concert in school (parents and carers invited)

w.c 25th March 2024—Holy Week

Monday 25th March 2024—Easter WOW day in school

Tuesday 26th March 2024—Year 4, 5 and 6 children attend 9:15am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church (Take part in the Stations of the Cross—parents and carers invited)

Wednesday 27th March 2024—St B's Got Talent

Wednesday 27th March 2024—Easter Lunch

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

