



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Growing Together in Faith, Love and Learning

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End of Spring Term Letter 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we complete our final week of the spring term, the children have retold the events of Holy Week in very special ways during collective worship times and RE lessons. I would like to thank Mrs Canavan, all the staff and the GIFT team for their hard work during the season of Lent. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents/carers for your generous support during our Lenten fundraising activities, monies from which will be donated to CAFOD and other local charities. Whether supplying items for the Lenten Markets or donations towards the St B's Got Talent Show, your kindness will go a long way to help transform the lives of people within our Archdiocese and further afield.

The efforts of all the children this term have made me very proud! I could write a very long list of all the things that have happened, but here are just a few highlights: our Mini Medics course for KS2 children; dressing up for Rock Star Day and World Book Day; our class worships with parents and carers; class visits to Shevington library; the opening of our very own new school library; our successful RE inspection and sporting events/competitions to name but a few experiences! Thank you for supporting your children in everything they do here at St. Bernadette's.

Please see below for Mass times at St. Bernadette's and St. Marie's Church:

HOLY WEEK

Stations of the Cross & Confessions

Monday 25th March: 9:45 am (St. M)

Tuesday 26th March: 9:45 am (St. B)

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday: 28th March

no Services today until:

Mass of the Lord's Supper

6:30 pm (St. B)

Good Friday: 29th March

Stations of the Cross

11:00 am (St. B)

Confessions

9:30 – 10:15 am (St. M)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3:00 pm (St. M)

Holy Saturday: 30th March

The Easter Vigil

6:30 pm (St. M)

Easter Sunday Masses: 31st March

9:30 am (St. B) 11:00 am (St. M)

Goodbye and Thank You

As we say goodbye to Mrs Heapy, after an incredible 22 years (in fact one week short of 23!), at St. Bernadette's I would like to share the impact and unwavering support she has given to our school. She has been more than a Business Manager; she has been a pillar of strength for me as Headteacher and an invaluable source of wisdom and knowledge for the entire staff. Mrs Heapy has been the backbone of our school for so long and will leave an indelible mark on the hearts and minds of all who have had the privilege to work alongside her.

Throughout her dedicated service, she has exemplified unparalleled commitment, offering guidance and expertise that has undeniably shaped the foundation of our school's success. Her wealth of experience, coupled with her compassionate nature and professionalism, has not only allowed the school office to run like clockwork, but also created a place of trust, reliability and support for our parents and carers.

Please join me in extending our heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Mrs Heapy for her outstanding dedication and service to our school community. Her legacy will forever remain an integral part of the fabric of St. Bernadette's history, and she will be missed. Thank you Karen, and enjoy your retirement. You deserve it!

Mrs Fisher will be our new School Business Manager after Easter and has been working alongside Mrs Heapy over the past two weeks to ensure a smooth handover. Mrs Fisher joins us with an experienced background of schools and will be an excellent fit in our office team. Please do take a moment to introduce yourself to Mrs Fisher over the coming weeks and help us welcome her into the St. Bernadette's family.

Friends of St. Bernadette's (FOSB)

I would like to personally thank each member of the FOSB for their hard work and enthusiasm for organising the events so far this year. A lot of hard work and preparation time goes into events which raise vital money for school projects as well as having fun activities for the children to enjoy.

We would love to add to the group of parents who are currently members. To find out more information, please come and join us for the next meeting on **Monday 22nd April 2024 at 7:00pm** in The Plough and Harrow Pub.

Uniform

The majority of the children wear full PE Kit and the correct school uniform, which is wonderful - thank you. However, there are a number of children coming into school in clothes that are not school uniform or PE kit. Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school. [School Uniform | St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School \(saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk\)](https://www.saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk) Sports brands are not our uniform. We understand that there may be the odd day, when your child's uniform hasn't dried after being washed, or has vanished overnight and just can't be found! If this happens, let someone on the gate know in the morning and of course, we will be understanding.

Absence

After Easter we will be issuing our attendance letters again to inform you of your child's ongoing attendance. Reminder: If your child is absent for a genuine reason, you must inform school as soon as possible and this can be done by phone call, email or using the Parent APP. If you would like support with any aspect of attendance or punctuality, please speak to me.

Parking

Please can I respectfully ask parents and family dropping children off at school to park safely, with consideration and good manners to our neighbours, other parents, pedestrians and road users.



I must also ask that parents do not double park or park on double yellow lines at drop off or collection time. This is not safe for children and families arriving at school during such busy times. Our new pedestrian crossing is due to be completed soon and will provide an area where children can safely cross the main road and minimise the risk of accidents. Wigan Council have assured me that Mick, our school crossing patrol, will remain in post.

Swimming and PE Days

After Easter, invited children *only* will be attending catch up swimming lessons. These letters have been sent out to parents/carers. We would like these children to come to school in their PE Kit on their swimming day to make changing easier. Their first lesson will be in the first week after Easter – Tuesday 16th April 2024.

PE days will change for some of the children. Please see below for the new PE days for the summer term:

Year Group	PE Days
Reception	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 2	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 5	Monday and Tuesday
Year 6	Monday and Tuesday

Reception Places for September 2024

Reception primary offers will be sent out by email and available to view online on Tuesday 16th April 2024. We will communicate with families this week, sharing our transition and induction process to Reception and welcome those children into the St. Bernadette's family.

Summer Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please see the new extra-curricular timetable below for the first half of the summer term 2024. 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 tomorrow morning, **Thursday 28th March.** **A message will go out when they are live.**

Social Media

Please like and follow our new school Instagram page for all the latest news, photos and updates:

@stbernadetteshevington

<https://www.instagram.com/stbernadetteshevington/>



On behalf of all the staff and governors at St. Bernadette's, we wish you all a happy, holy and restful Easter. We look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back on Monday 15th April 2024 at the usual start times.

Yours Faithfully,

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Mrs Helen Crowder
Headteacher



Provisional Dates Summer Term 2024 (more information to follow)

* These dates will be loaded on to the School APP but please keep checking for updates / changes *

Children return to school – Monday 15th April

DT Week – w.c. Monday 15th April

EYFS Healthy Week – w.c. Monday 15th April

Year 4 First Holy Communion Preparation Session - Monday 15th April – after school, parents to join at 4:20pm.

Year 5 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 16th April

FOSB Meeting – Monday 22nd April – Plough and Harrow Pub 7:00pm

Year 4 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 23rd April

Year 1 Cake Sale – Friday 26th April – after school on the playground

Year 5 Fire Safety Workshop in Bury – Tuesday 30th April (full day)

Year 3 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 30th April

Year 1 May Procession (parents and families invited) – Friday 3rd May at 9:10am

BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED – Monday 6th May

SEND parents Coffee Morning with SENDCO and Headteacher – Tuesday 7th May 8:30am

Onwards

Year 2 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 7th May

Year 2 Fire Safety Workshop in Bury – Tuesday 7th May (half day)

KS2 SATS – w.c. Monday 13th May

Year 1 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 14th May

Year 3 Pentecost Celebration (parents and families invited) – Friday 17th May 9:10am

Cricket taster sessions in school – Friday 17th May

Reception Cake Sale – Friday 17th May – after school on the playground

Year 6 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 21st May

New Starter Evening – Tuesday 21st May 6:00pm

Year 5 and Year 6 Water Safety Presentation - Wednesday 22nd May in school time

Year 6 Road Safety Workshop – Thursday 23rd May in school time

Finish for Half Term – Friday 24th May

Children return to school – Monday 3rd June

Art Week – w.c. Monday 3rd June

Reception attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 4th June

Year 5 and Year 6 Money Matters Workshop – Thursday 6th June in school time

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – w.c. 10th June (over 2 weeks)

Year 6 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 11th June

Reception Father's Day Celebration – Friday 14th June 2:30pm

Sports Week – w.c. Monday 17th June (over 2 weeks)

Year 5 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 18th June

Year 6 Bikeability – Wednesday 19th June – Friday 21st June

KS2 Sports Day afternoon – Monday 24th June

Year 4 Going Forward in Faith Mass – Tuesday 25th June 9:10am

KS1 and Reception Sports Day afternoon – Tuesday 25th June

Nursery Sports Day afternoon 1:30pm – Wednesday 26th June

INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED – Friday 28th June

Year 6 Mini Olympics at St Peter's – Tuesday 2nd July

Year 3 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 2nd July

Year 2 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 9th July

Nursery Teddy Bear's Picnic (parents and carers invited) – Thursday 11th July

End of School Reports out – Friday 12th July

Moving Up Day (whole school) – Monday 15th July

Parent's Evening Drop In – Tuesday 16th July 3:20pm – 5:45pm

Year 6 Leaver's Mass – St Bernadette's Church – Tuesday 16th July 6:00pm

Nursery Gradulation – Wednesday 17th July 2:00pm

Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – Thursday 18th July 9:10am (parents and carers invited)

Finish for Summer – Friday 19th July 2:00pm

Extra-Curricular Activities**St Bernadette's Primary School****Summer Term 1 2024**

Day	Club	Leader	Year Group	Dates	Collection point and time
Monday 3.20pm	Football Team (max 20 children)	Mr Davies (outside)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	22.04.24-20.05.24	4.20pm main entrance
Tuesday 3.20pm	Multi-sports (max 16 children) (£10 for 5 weeks)	Mr Davies (hall)	YR, Y1 & Y2	23.04.24-21.05.24	4.20pm main entrance
Tuesday 8.00am-8.45am	Maths	Mrs Canavan	Y6 invite only	16.04.24-06.05.24	No collection needed
Wednesday 3.20pm	Rounders (max 20 children)	Mrs Farrell (School Field)	Y5 & Y6	24.04.24-22.05.24	4.20pm main entrance
Thursday lunchtime	Choir	Mrs Edgar (Y6 classroom)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Weekly	No collection needed
Thursday 3.20pm	Art Club (max 12 children) (£10 for 5 weeks)	Miss Quellan (Y1 Classroom)	YR, Y1 & Y2	25.04.24-23.05.24	4.20pm main entrance
Thursday 3.20pm	Drama (£30 for 6 weeks)	Lisa Lundie (Hall)	YR, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	18.04.24-23.05.24	4.20pm main entrance
Friday Lunchtime	Archery (£15 for 5 weeks) (max 30 children)	Coach Matt (outside)	YR, Y1 & Y2	19.04.24-17.05.24	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.