



# Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 25th April 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a lovely restful Easter break and are looking forward to the summer term as much as we are! Key events over the summer term are below and we will keep you updated with more details throughout the term.

A special welcome to our new children and their families who have joined us over the break; we hope that you soon feel part of St. Bernadette's family. We also welcome Mrs Fisher, our new School Business Manager, in the school office and Mrs Sixsmith, Teaching Assistant, in Year 5.

The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed DT Week last week. They have continued to develop many new skills using their creativity and imagination—designing and making delicious food projects this term.

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



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

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

## 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**

### Reception and Nursery New Starters

Congratulations to all those children offered a place at St. Bernadette's for September 2024.

We can't wait to meet our new starters as we prepare for September - it will be on us before we know it. Letters have been sent out explaining the induction process with an invite to our New Starters Evening for Reception on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

We look forward to working with you and hope your children have a bright future with us.



### Year 6 SATs Breakfast

Year 6 SAT's are taking place between 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May and Mrs Canavan will be running a SATs breakfast club all that week. We are asking that all Year 6 pupils arrive at the school office at 8:15am and they will be provided with a free healthy breakfast to prepare them for the day.

### May Procession

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, Mary. To mark this, on Friday 3rd May, Year 1 will lead our annual May Procession.

Parents and family members of Year 1 children are invited to join us from 9:10am to watch the ceremony.

We are asking children throughout the school to kindly bring in a potted plant that day, as we all will have an opportunity to crown our statue of Our Lady with a garland of flowers.



### Year 2 and Year 5 Fire Training

Over the coming weeks, Year 2 and 5 will be visiting Greater Manchester Fire Training and Safety Centre in Bury. It is promised to be a state-of-the-art interactive experience, highlighting the dangers of fire and providing safety advice on how to react in the event of a fire.



### SEND Coffee Morning

Our next SEND Coffee Morning has been organised for Tuesday 7th May 2024 8:30am onwards. Invite letters have been sent home to those parents whose child/ren have an individual plan.

It will be a relaxed session with Mrs Armstrong, our SENDCO, and will be a great opportunity to share experiences, ask questions and give feedback to school.



## SPOTLIGHT ON..... Friends Of St. Bernadette's FOSB



A huge thanks to our amazing FOSB (Friends of St Bernadette's) for their incredible dedication and hard work! Thanks to their efforts over the past two years we're thrilled to announce that we've raised enough funds to revamp our Early Years Foundation Stage outdoor area, establish a brand-new music room and create our beautiful new school library!

Your support has truly made all the difference in making these projects a reality. Whether you attended our events, donated, or volunteered your time, your contributions have enriched the learning environment for all our children.

The next project is underway, and they are aiming high once again with a goal to equip our classrooms with a brand-new set of Chromebooks! We need your support to make this vision a reality. Whether it's through donations, volunteering, or spreading the word, every contribution counts.



Our FOSB Meeting took place earlier this week. Here, our summer events were organised:

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Own Clothes Day. Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for either a donation of a bottle OR bag of sweets/chocolate. These items will support our very popular tombola!

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Cake Sale (after school on the playground).

Sports Days – FOSB are kindly running a tuckshop during this year's sports days.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 Colour Run! (in school time).

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – "Bernie's Beach Party" Summer Disco (EYFS and KS1 5:30pm – 6:30pm / KS2 6:45pm – 7:45pm).



### "Bernie's Beach Party" Summer Disco

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July the children are invited to a summer disco. This will replace the Summer Fair for this year.

The office will inform you when tickets will be released and you will be able to sign up via our Parent's App.

Nursery and Reception parents must stay with their children during the party. The KS1 and 2 children can be dropped off and picked up at the end of the party.

**Nursery, Reception and KS1 – 5:30pm – 6:30pm**  
**KS2 – 6:45pm – 7:45pm**



## KS2 Colour Run!

FOSB will be hosting an exhilarating Colour Run for all Key Stage 2 children. It's going to be an unforgettable event filled with fun, laughter, and, of course, plenty of vibrant colours!

More information to follow.

## Preloved Uniform

Week Beginning 1<sup>st</sup> July – Preloved school uniform donations can be donated to school. This week 'uniform wish list order forms' can be filled in.

Week Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> July – Preloved uniform packages sent home.



## Earth Day 2024

This week we celebrated Earth Day with an inspiring assembly led by our incredible Eco Council and GIFT team where they shared important messages about environmental conservation and the actions we can take to protect our home.



Their efforts have not gone unnoticed - thanks to their hard work, we will now be able to apply for both the CAFOD Live Simply Award and Eco Green Flag status during this term. Wish us luck and we will keep you posted!

## EYFS Healthy Week

We wrapped up an exciting week in Early Years last week with a special focus on health and well-being!

Throughout the week, our EYFS team planned a variety of engaging activities to promote healthy habits and active lifestyles. From yoga sessions and handwashing to teeth cleaning, each day was filled with opportunities to learn the importance of taking care of our bodies and minds.

## Thank you

Mrs Heapy is thoroughly enjoying her retirement and, despite the weather, she has been able to work on her allotment and spend time with her family and her beautiful dogs. She has asked that we pass on her heartfelt thanks to everyone for their cards and gifts. She was overwhelmed by the kind words and messages she received.

Happy Retirement Mrs Heapy!



# St. Bernadette's Nursery

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[www.saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk)

**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**

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

The Governors of St. Bernadette's would welcome interest from any potential new parent 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 one of our vacancies, please contact the school office for more information. A letter has also been sent out separately.

### School Library

Our brand new school library is officially open and children have started taking books home. A letter has been sent home to explain how the children will borrow and return books.

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a vibrant reading culture within St. Bernadette's. If you have any questions or concerns regarding our library, please do not hesitate to contact us.



### Attendance

Being in school every day is the best way to ensure children are able to thrive socially, emotionally and academically so we really appreciate your support with this.

To secure excellent attendance, we regularly monitor and review children's attendance at school. As per the policy, parents will shortly be receiving a letter highlighting their child's level of attendance. The purpose of this is to prompt discussion and offer support in terms of removing barriers and improving your child's attendance.

A little reminder that we are unable to authorise holidays in term time, in compliance with national and local authority guidance. Our attendance policy and documentation from the DfE can be found on our school website: [Attendance | St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School \(saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk\)](https://www.saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk/Attendance)

Thank you for your continued support in following our attendance policy.

### 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/>



## **Dates Summer Term 2024 (more information to follow)**

Year 1 Cake Sale – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – after school on the playground  
Year 5 Fire Safety Workshop in Bury – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April (full day)  
Year 3 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April  
Year 1 May Procession (parents and families invited) – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 9:10am  
**BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May**  
SEND parents Coffee Morning with SENDCO and Headteacher – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 8:30am onwards  
Year 2 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 2 Fire Safety Workshop in Bury – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May (half day)  
KS2 SATS – w.c. Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 1 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
Year 3 Pentecost Celebration (parents and families invited) – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 9:10am  
Cricket taster sessions in school – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Reception Cake Sale – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – after school on the playground  
Year 6 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May  
New Starter Evening – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 6:00pm  
Year 5 and Year 6 Water Safety Presentation - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May in school time  
Year 6 Road Safety Workshop – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May in school time  
Finish for Half Term – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Children return to school – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Art Week – Week Beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June  
Reception attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 5 and Year 6 Money Matters Workshop – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June in school time  
Own Clothes Day (in exchange for a bottle / sweet / chocolate donation) – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – w.c. 10<sup>th</sup> June (over 2 weeks)  
Year 6 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June  
Reception Father's Day Celebration – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm  
Year 4 Cake Sale – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – after school on the playground  
Sports Week – w.c. Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June (over 2 weeks)  
Year 5 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 6 Bikeability – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
KS2 Sports Day afternoon – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June  
Year 4 Going Forward in Faith Mass – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9:10am  
KS1 and Reception Sports Day afternoon – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June  
Nursery Sports Day afternoon 1:30pm – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
KS2 Colour Run! - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June (in school time)

**INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

Preloved school uniform donations to school—Week Beginning 1st July  
Year 6 Mini Olympics at St Peter's – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Year 3 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
"Bernie's Beach Party" Summer Disco—Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July  
Year 2 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Nursery Teddy Bear's Picnic (parents and carers invited) – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July  
End of School Reports out – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Moving Up Day (whole school) – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Parents' Evening Drop In – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 3:20pm – 5:45pm  
Year 6 Leaver's Mass – St Bernadette's Church – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 6:00pm  
Nursery Graduation – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2:00pm  
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 9:10am (parents and carers invited)  
Finish for Summer – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2:00pm