



# Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 9th May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

The month of May is always really busy in school, mainly due to the statutory national tests that are taking place. Next week the children will sit their end of Key Stage 2 assessments. Year 6 have shown a fantastic committed attitude to their work since starting the year. To celebrate, and show the children how proud we are of them, they will receive their St. Bernadette's leavers hoodies at the end of next week alongside an end-of-SATs treat! Good luck children, you have worked very hard.

Due to national changes, Year 2 will be taking their KS1 SATs tests with the rest of the school during our assessment week in July.

Year 1 have been working hard on their phonics in preparation for the Phonics Screening in June and Year 4 have been practising their times tables recall in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check, also in June. I thought it would be helpful to prepare you and your child by providing the dates for the upcoming statutory tests:

Year 1 Phonics Screening: w/c Monday 10th June 2024

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Window: w/c 3rd June to Friday 14th June 2024

Thank you for your continued support. As ever, if you have any specific questions, please do get in touch and I will do my best to help you with them.

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

## 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

### Year 3 Pentecost

Pentecost is the birthday of the Catholic Church. The children learn it is when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ.

The children in Year 3 will be celebrating the birthday of the Church in their Pentecost worship on Friday 17th May. Parents and family members of Year 3 children are invited to join us from 9:10am.



### May Procession

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, Mary.

To mark this, last Friday, Year 1 led our annual May Procession and the whole school crowned a statue of Our Lady with a garland of flowers. It was a reverent and moving act of worship.

Thank you to parents and pupils for the beautiful flowers you brought in honour of Our Lady.



### First Holy Communion

All children and staff in the school would like to wish the first group of Year 4 children the best of luck as they make their First Holy Communion this Saturday at St. Bernadette's Church.

The boys and girls have prepared well and are looking forward to receiving the Sacrament. Our thanks to all those who have been involved in the preparation of our children. Any children who are part of our choir are invited to attend to help celebrate the occasion.



### Worry Workshops

Nurturing our children's mental health is very important to us and is something we have developed over this year with our mental health ambassadors and implementing the Zones of Regulations in classrooms. During the summer term Year 5 will have an opportunity, if they choose, to attend a 6-week block of Worry Workshops. The workshops will explore how the children can emotionally equip themselves with the tools needed to navigate transitions in school and further strengthen emotional resilience.



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



The next FOSB 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 summer events have been 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 tuck shop 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.

### 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.



## Our School Grounds

Over the past few weeks there have been improvements aimed at creating a more inviting outside environment for our children.

We've installed new fencing, creating clear boundaries and ensuring a secure environment for all. Additionally, we've introduced an inviting reading shed, providing a peaceful space for children to explore the world of books and our new seating area on the grass encourages connection among the children.

A big thank you to Wickes as they have donated a tool shed to store all our gardening equipment ready for summer!



## Polite Reminder

A little reminder that when children are collected at 3.20pm, they are not allowed to play on the climbing frame or tyres. We politely request that you do not allow children to do this as we cannot guarantee supervision from a member of staff or the safety of the children. Thank you for your support in this.

## Congratulations!

We're thrilled to announce that Miss Quellin has successfully completed her NPQLL (National Professional Qualification for Leading Literacy) qualification.

Her dedication and hard work have paid off, and we couldn't be prouder of her achievement. Miss Quellin's commitment to professional development and enhancing her leadership skills is truly inspiring.

Please join us in congratulating Miss Quellin on this fantastic accomplishment.

## Eco School's Green Flag Award

We've achieved the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award!

It means we've been recognised for our commitment to making our school and community more eco-friendly and sustainable. From making bird feeders, litter picking, tree planting to educating the rest of the school about the importance of protecting our planet, the Eco Club have been working hard to make a positive impact on the environment. Well done everyone!



## The Brick by Brick Distribution Revolution Scheme

We are part of the Brick by Brick Distribution Revolution Scheme which means brand new, high-quality surplus goods (from Amazon, supermarkets etc) are given FREE of charge to families.

This week we were pleased to offer toiletries, cleaning products and household items to our families. We are hoping to continue this on a half termly basis. Please contact the school if there are any particular items you would find helpful going forward.

**THE BRICK**  
QUEENS HALL ACTION ON POVERTY

## Fire Safety Training

Both Year 2 and Year 5 have visited Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service's Community Fire Training Facility in Bury over the past two weeks.

The children came back to school extremely knowledgeable from the interactive experience, which highlighted the dangers of fire and provided safety advice on how to react in the event of a fire.



## Visitor

We welcomed Cath Pealing, Assistant Director-Education for Wigan Council, into St Bernadette's this week. During her visit, she took the time to observe our school in action and meet our staff and children. Cath was thoroughly impressed with what she saw—from our dedicated teachers to the enthusiasm of our children, she had nothing but praise for the efforts and achievements of our school community.

## SEND Coffee Morning

This week we held our first SEND coffee morning. Parents met with Mrs Armstrong and enjoyed a hot drink and a pastry.

This session focussed on those children who receive an individual plan and was an opportunity for parents to give feedback. If you were not able to make it, we have sent a survey home to gain further feedback. Please complete it and return to school to support us in making improvements where we can.

We would like to develop these sessions further and so please look out for our next event.....

## 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/>





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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**

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

**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**

**Year 4 and 5 "Mr Egypt" Ancient Egyptian day in school—Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**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**

**Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – w.c. 3<sup>rd</sup> June (over 2 weeks)**

**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 1 Phonics Screening - w/c Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Year 6 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

**Year 4 trip to Ainsdale Beach—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 1 trip to Maritime Museum Liverpool—Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

**Year 6 Bikeability – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

**Shevington Fete—Saturday 22<sup>nd</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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**\*\*\*CHANGE OF DATE: Year 6 Leaver's Mass – St Bernadette's Church – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 6:00pm \*\*\***

**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**

**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**