

# Welcome to St. Bernadette's Nursery



## Nursery New Starters

... Growing Together in Faith, Love & Learning

# Our Nursery Blessing...

My Little One...

May you always  
Walk in sunshine

May you never  
Want for more

May Little Angels

Rest their wings

Beside our  
Nursery Door



...Growing together in faith, love and learning

# Welcome to St. Bernadette's Nursery

A very warm welcome to St. Bernadette's! We can't wait for you to become a special part of our Nursery family. You will find all of the information you will require during your child's Nursery years on our Class Webpage. Please download our 'Getting Ready for Nursery' booklet at

<https://www.saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk/children/reception-class-I>

# Starting Nursery

We want to ensure the best possible start for you and your child as we appreciate that starting Nursery is a big step.

## Dropping off and picking up

Nursery children will be dropped off and picked up at the Nursery door.

Morning session – 9am-12pm

Afternoon session – 12pm-3pm

We ask that Parents allow us to dismiss the Morning Session children at 12pm, before the Afternoon Session children start.



# Curriculum

- The Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum gives a guidance on what is expected of children by the end of their Reception year.
- It is broken down into different age categories, and these are used to help us track each child's level of level and where any gaps are.
- “Whatever life experiences and achievements are to be built on, they need foundations that are rich, broad, varied and robust”.
- To access an enriched, broad and balanced curriculum, we highly recommend that your child attends as close to full time as possible.
- Our Nuture Team are – Mrs Speakman

# What is the Foundation Stage?

On Entry to Nursery, children are expected to be working within the 3-4 year old developmental band

There are seven areas of development within the Early Years, these are:

Literacy – reading and writing

Maths

Expressive arts and design – music, art, design

Understanding the world – people who help us, animals, our community

Physical development – fine and gross motor skills, self care

Personal, social and emotional development – making friends, understanding feelings and learning what the right thing to do is

Communication and Language – speaking, listening and attention, understanding

...Growing together in faith, love and learning

# What can you do to help your child as they start at St Bernadette's?

In Nursery, children should mostly develop the 3 Prime areas first:

- Personal, Social and Emotional Development.
- Communication and Language – Talk, Talk, Talk!!!!
- Physical Development

# Daily Routines

Welcome and enter the classroom.

Change our shoes and put our belongings away.

Register, prayers and days of the week.

Daily **phonics** and **maths** activities.

Lunch 12pm – 1pm

Monday – Topic (covers **Understanding the World**, **Expressive Arts and Design**)

Tuesday – Literacy/Story afternoon

Wednesday – Topic (**UTW**, **EAD**)

Thursday – **Heartsmart**/**Come and See**

Friday – Topic

Songs and stories everyday!

...Growing together in faith, love and learning



# Becoming Independent

We encourage the children to become independent from when they first start at St. Bernadette's.

When they first start we ask that you assist your child in the morning but not to do everything for them.

We encourage them to hang up their coat, put their book bag & lunch box away.

Of course your child will be toilet trained when they start Nursery. But can they go to the toilet by themselves?

Can they take their coat, jumper & shoes on & off?

Can they drink from a small plastic glass?

Can they use a spoon?

# Getting Messy!



...Growing together in faith, love and learning

# There are times that your child will need First Aid....

- Major & Complex needs – You will need to complete a Health Care Plan.
- Allergies – Please inform us of any allergy (even if not likely to be in contact with allergen in Nursery)
- Anthisan – Send in a letter if you do not wish us to use this.
- Inhalers – You must send one in to be kept in class.
- Sun cream must be applied before school & will only be allowed out if wearing a sunhat.
- Medicines – Please complete a request Form if you need us to give medicine.
- Rashes – We will ask you to get these confirmed by a Doctor or Nurse.
- Sickness – Your child Must be kept off for 48 hours from the last episode.
- Accidents – Bump letter – MAJOR BUMPS – You will be informed.
- Nit Night!!!! Please check your child's hair once a week.

...Growing together in faith, love and learning



# Class Dojo



Class Dojo is a communication app that you download onto your phone. It can also be used on a computer through your browser.

Dojo is for you, as parents, to send us photographs or videos, wow/star moments of anything big or small that your child has done or experienced. We share these with your class friends each week.

Important information and messages will be posted on the Class Dojo page, as well as fun photographs from our week!

You can contact me via Dojo, messages will be replied to between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

# TAPESTRY Online Learning Journal

We use 'TAPESTRY', an online learning journal.

We will take photographs and videos to collect as evidence of your child's special moments in school. We will attach notes to each photograph or video explaining the context and exactly what learning has been demonstrated.

All children's assessment records are stored in a secure UK 'cloud' which is highly confidential, encrypted and password protected. There will be only you and school who are able to access any of your child's learning information.

We recommend that you download the Tapestry App to your phone. You can access the information through the Tapestry App on your phone and through your home computer. You will receive details and a consent form to complete before starting Nursery. When your account is active you will receive an email. (This may go to your junk mail).

# All About Me

When you receive your Tapestry login, we ask that you complete your child's 'All About Me' page on Tapestry.

You will need to login on a home computer to access this page.

This gives us a wonderful insight into your child & helps us to settle them into Nursery.



All about  
me

...Growing together in faith, love and learning

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

**All About**

Getting to Know My Family and Me

My age on starting at St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School is

I like to be called

My first language at home is

Other languages in my family are

Who lives in my house?

My experience of being away from my family

My experience of playing with other children

Special people in my life

My family and I celebrate

Important events in my life

Interests & Preferences

Things that excite me and make me happy

My favourite books, rhymes, activities, toys and places to go

Things I like doing outside

My weekly routines

Things I can sometimes get angry or upset about

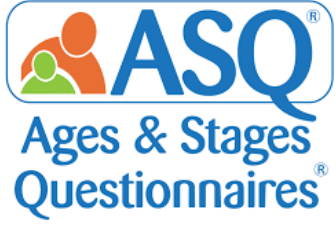
Things that comfort me

Food & Drink

I usually eat

My favourite foods

My favourite drinks



# Ages and Stages Questionnaires

In Wigan we have implemented the Greater Manchester Combined Authority 8 Stage Assessment Model for Early Years, which aims to increase the number of children who are ready for school.

Through the introduction of a series of “Ages & Stages” questionnaires the progress of individual children from birth to 6 years old can be assessed and monitored, enabling targeted intervention to be put in place.

This draws upon parents’ expert knowledge and provides reliable, accurate developmental and social-emotional screening. It has been specifically designed to pinpoint developmental progress and catch delays in young children- paving the way for meaningful next steps in learning, intervention, or monitoring.

The screening will enable us to detect developmental delays in children – and more importantly enable us to celebrate milestones.

...Growing together in faith, love and learning



# Dinner Time



Lunchtime facilities are only provided for children who attend full time. We ask that children do not bring grapes or any nuts/seeds to Nursery .

Nursery Children who attend either the morning or afternoon session do not need to bring a lunch with them.

At lunch time, Nursery children sit together in the Dinner Area. We will inform you at home time if your child has not eaten their lunch. Otherwise your child is having a happy lunch.

Do not worry if your child does not eat all of their lunch initially. As they learn our lunchtime routines and grow in confidence you will find that they will eat more 😊

Fruit, milk and water are provided for all children at snack time.

Please bring a water bottle every day.

...Growing together in faith, love and learning





# School Uniform

Your child will be required to bring a school book bag to Nursery.

You can buy one for £4.50 at the School Office.

- Yellow Polo Shirt with logo
- Grey Trousers or Grey shorts in the Summer
- Bottle Green Sweatshirt or Cardigan with school Logo. Buy a jumper that is big enough or your child to take off & put on by themselves.
- Only Velcro shoes – no laces or buckles!!!
- White or grey socks
- A sun hat for the warmer weather & a warm hat and gloves in the winter.
- Black P.E pumps (bring in their book bag for the 1 st day of Nursery)
- A pair or Wellies (bring in on their first day at Nursery) to enable your child to access the Outdoor Learning Environment.
- A warm waterproof coat, as we go outside in all weathers. Please ensure that **EVERYTHING** is clearly labelled with your child's name!!!



...Growing together in faith, love and learning



## And Finally...

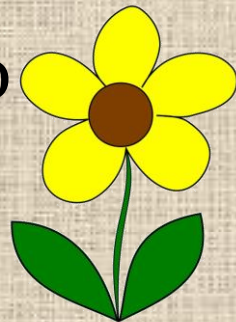
If you have any worries or concerns please call or email the School Office to arrange to speak to the Nursery Teacher



In the morning you can give any messages to the Teacher at the door, such as anyone different who will be picking up your child.

We look forward to working with you and your child throughout their Nursery Journey

Please keep up to date with Nursery information on our web page.



...Growing together in faith, love and learning