



St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

Growing Together in Faith, Love & Learning

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End of Spring Term Letter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the spring term, I am writing to express my thanks for your continued support in all that we do in school. From the range of parent workshops this term to the attendance at parents' evening and class events, it has been a joy to see so many of you engaging in your childrens' school lives.

I would also like to thank Mrs Canavan, all the staff and the GIFT team for their hard work during the season of Lent. Easter is the most important feast of the Church's year and we have been able to celebrate it in a variety of ways. Parents were able to join us as the Year 1 children led us beautifully in our Lenten Reflection. We have finished the spring term with an hour-long prayer journey this week. The children visited prayer stations which helped them to empathise with the journey Jesus took to the cross. We also took part in practical activities which helped the children learn about the events of Holy Week through fun and hands-on experiences. We were so proud to invite the Wigan Observer/Post into school to capture the learning taking place and we will be featuring in the newspaper soon (watch this space!). Well done and congratulations to everyone who took part in the 'St. B's Got Talent' show this afternoon. It was a great opportunity for children to showcase their talents in front of an audience and to celebrate the variety of talented children we have in our school!

We raised £630 from Lenten fundraising activities which will be donated to CAFOD. Thank you for your ongoing kindness and generosity.

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

<p><u>HOLY WEEK</u> <u>Monday: 3rd April</u> <u>Stations of the Cross</u> 9:45 am and 7:00 pm (St. M)</p>
<p><u>THE SACRED TRIDUUM</u> <u>Holy Thursday: 6th April</u> no Services today until: <u>Mass of the Lord's Supper</u> 7:00 pm (St. B)</p>
<p><u>Good Friday: 7th April</u> <u>Stations of the Cross</u> 11:00 am (St. B) <u>Confessions</u> 9:30 – 10:15 am (St. M) <u>Service at the Cross in Market Place</u> 1:00 pm (Led by Fr. Joseph) <u>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</u> 3:00 pm (St. M)</p>
<p><u>Holy Saturday: 8th April</u> <u>The Easter Vigil</u> 8:00 pm (St. M)</p>
<p><u>Easter Sunday Masses: 9th April</u> 9:30 am (St. B) 11:00 am (St. M)</p>

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 \(saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk\)](http://School Uniform | St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School (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.

School Improvement

We have had a real buzz around reading this term. Books have been audited and class libraries have had a revamp; our class librarians are working hard and children are enjoying their daily 'reading for pleasure' time on their class novel.

During their meetings, the Pupil Council have requested a school library and we are so lucky that FOSB have agreed to donate funding towards this. As you can appreciate this exciting project needs planning but the children will be able to have an input to the design and we will keep you posted.

Reception class are trialling our "Mystery Reader". The aim of mystery reader is to show children that adults love reading too. We secretly invite parents, grandparents and other family members to come into classes to read a children's story. The children will really enjoy this experience and will look forward to seeing who the Mystery Reader is! Remember to keep it a surprise!

If you would like to be a Mystery Reader in a class please reply to the Parent APP request that will be sent out.

Redistribution Scheme

The Redistribution Scheme has been a great success where brand new, high-quality surplus goods (from Amazon, supermarkets etc) are given FREE of charge to ALL our families. Another HUGE thank you to our parent, Mr Barrow-Hemmings and 3PL for loaning the van and collecting the goods.

We will have another set of goods ready for collection tomorrow, **Friday 31st March, from 2:00pm onwards**. Please come along to school with a bag for life at this time and enter via the school office.

Reception Places for 2023-2024

Reception primary offers will be sent out by email and available to view online on 17th April 2023. We will aim to communicate with families that week to share 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 2023. 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, **Friday 31st**

March. A message will go out when they are live.

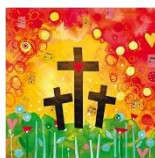
You will notice a NEW Archery club available at lunchtimes (KS2 first after Easter and EYFS/KS1 will open up after May half term). This is delivered by an external coach from 'Archery Education' and is to encourage our children to enjoy learning a new skill! I would like to reassure you that children who sign up to this will go in for their lunch first to allow them to have the full 45-minute lesson. I hope this is a real success and continues to be part of the varied range of extra-curricular opportunities we can offer our children.

Finally, school will close to all pupils tomorrow Friday 31st March at 2:00pm. Can I thank you again all for your continued support and wish you all a safe and restful break with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming all of our pupils back on **Monday 17th April** at the usual start times.

Yours Faithfully,

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Mrs Helen Crowder
Headteacher



Provisional Dates Summer Term 2023 (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 17th April

DT Week – w.c. Monday 17th April

Year 5 and Year 1 attend St Bernadette's Parish Mass – Tuesday 18th April
9:15am

Residential Information Evening for Year 6 parents/carers – Thursday 20th April
6:00pm

Year 4 attend St Bernadette's Parish Mass – Tuesday 25th April 9:15am

Year 1 Cake Sale – Friday 28th April (after school on the playground)

Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED - Monday 1st May

Year 2 KS1 SATS – throughout May

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

King's Coronation Celebration Flash Mob Dance Whole school performance—Friday 5th May 9:10am (playground) ~ Parents/families invited

Bank Holiday Monday—SCHOOL CLOSED - Monday 8th May

Year 6 KS2 SATS—Tuesday 9th May—Friday 12th May

Reception Cake Sale – Friday 12th May (after school on the playground)

Year 6 Outdoor Adventure Residential—w.c. Monday 15th May

Year 6 attend St Bernadette's Parish Mass – Tuesday 23rd May 9:15am

Year 6 Carer Networking Event with St. Peters and St John Rigby –
Thursday 25th May (in school day)

Finish for Half Term—Friday 26th May

Year 3 and 4 Joint Cake Sale – Friday 26th May (after school on the playground)

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Children return to school – Monday 5th June

Year 4 Multiplication Check Window – w.c. 5th June to 23rd June

First Holy Communion Mass (1st Group) – Saturday 10th June 10:00am

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check – w.c. Monday 12th June

New Starters Evening for Reception 2023-2024 – Thursday 15th June 6:00pm

PJ Day! (*bring a bottle*) – Friday 16th June 2023

Reception Father's Day Celebration (Families invited) – Friday 16th June
2:30pm

'Bedtime Stories' Nursery to Year 6 with parents/carers – Friday 16th June
2:30pm

First Holy Communion Mass (2nd Group) – Saturday 17th June 10:00am

Sports Week! – w.c. Monday 19th June

Year 6 Mini Olympics at St. Peter's (in school time) – Monday 19th June

New Intake Evening at St. Peter's – Tuesday 20th June (time TBC)

Sports Days – Reception/Year1/Year 2 – Tuesday 20th June at 1:30pm

Sports Days – Year 3 to Year 6 – Thursday 22nd June at 1:30pm

Sports Day – Nursery – Afternoon of Wednesday 21st June

Year 3, 4 and 5 Outdoor Adventure trip to Haigh Hall – Tuesday 27th June

St. Peter's Summer Open Evening – Wednesday 28th June (time TBC)

Own Clothes Day (*bring chocolate / sweets*) – Thursday 29th June

INSET Day (school closed to all pupils) - Friday 30th June

First Holy Communion Children and families 'Going Forward in Faith Mass'
– Tuesday 4th July 9:15am at St. Bernadette's Church.

'Bernie's Fest' FOSB Summer Fair – Friday 7th July (straight after school)

Collection of Pre-loved uniforms – w.c. Monday 10th July

'Moving Up Days' where children spend time with new teacher – Monday 17th July
and Tuesday 18th July

Year 6 Leaver's Mass – Tuesday 18th July 6:00pm St. Bernadette's Church

Year 6 End of Year Production – Wednesday 19th July 2:00pm and 6:00pm

Drop in Parent's Evening – Wednesday 19th July (after school)

Finish for Summer – Friday 21st July 2:00pm



Summer Term 1 2023

Day	Club	Leader	Year Group	Dates	Collection point and time
Monday 3.20pm	Gardening	Mrs Li (outside)	YR, Y1 & Y2	24.04.23-22.05.23	4.20pm main entrance
Monday 3.20pm	Rounders	Mrs Green	Y5 & Y6	24.04.23-22.05.23	4.20pm main entrance
Tuesday 8:00am	Maths	Mrs Canavan (Y6 classroom)	Y6 Invite only	18.04.23-02.05.23	No collection needed
Tuesday lunchtime	Reading Club	Mrs Ferguson (Y2 classroom)	Y2 Invite only	18.04.23-23.05.23	No collection needed
Tuesday 3.20pm	Football (£10 for 5 weeks)	Mr Davies (hall)	YR, Y1 & Y2	18.04.23-23.05.23	4.20pm main entrance
Wednesday 8:00am	Maths	Mrs Canavan (Y6 classroom)	Y6 Invite only	19.04.23-03.05.23	4.20pm main entrance
Wednesday 3.20pm	French	Mrs Armstrong	YR, Y1 & Y2	19.04.23-24.05.23	4.20pm main entrance
Thursday lunchtime	Choir	Mrs Edgar (Y6 classroom)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	Every week	No collection needed
Thursday lunchtime	Games & Fun	Parent Helper (Butterfly Room)	KS2	Every week	No collection needed
Thursday 3.20pm	Netball (£10 for 5 weeks)	Mr Davies (hall)	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	20.04.23-18.05.23	4.20pm main entrance
Friday lunchtime	Games & Fun	Parent Helper (Butterfly Room)	KS1	Every week	No collection needed
Friday lunchtime	Archery (£14 for 5 weeks)	Archery Education	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6	28.04.23-26.05.23	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 book for the duration of the sessions (you won't be able to book single sessions).

Bookings need to be made via [ParentPay](#) please look out for the details. This only applies to before and after school clubs.