



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 3rd October 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Well done to Year 5 for their Rosary Reflection last week. They worked hard to learn their lines; spoke so confidently in front of an audience and signed 'Hail Mary' beautifully. Thank you to Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Coyle and Mrs Marrow for supporting the children. We look forward to Year 2 Harvest Celebration next week. We are also welcoming Fr Joseph into school next week for our Reception Welcome Mass. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate our newest members to our school family.

Our Pupil Council elections have taken place and congratulations to those who have been elected. We have appointed Sonny as Head Boy and Charlotte as Head Girl, and also William and Alfie H as Deputy Head Boys and Tiffany and Robin as Deputy Head Girls. Rosie and Libby were a perfect fit for the role of Mental Health Leaders. We also have our Year 6 Prefects, Librarians, GIFT Team, Sports Leaders and Eco Council. All the children did extremely well and put so much effort in to the application and interview process.

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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Do you know anyone who is starting Reception / Nursery in September 2025?

St Bernadette's will be offering tours of the school in an Open Day on Wednesday 30th October 2024 (9:30am and 1:30pm).

Masses

Our children love going to Church, enjoying the sense of reflection and peace that it brings. If you would like to attend Church too, please see below for the 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 \(chessck.co.uk\)](#)

TTRS Day / Number Day

Tomorrow is our 'Times Table Rockstar' and 'Numbots' relaunch! Children are invited to come to school in their best Rock Star and Number outfits and will take part in lots of fun activities linked to TTRS and Numbots throughout the day!

Rosary

During the month of October, we will be thinking about Our Lady and Spiritual mother, Mary. Child led Rosary Club will be taking place each Monday during lunchtime. Please encourage your child to attend. Each week the children will pray a different mystery which they can then share as a family at home.

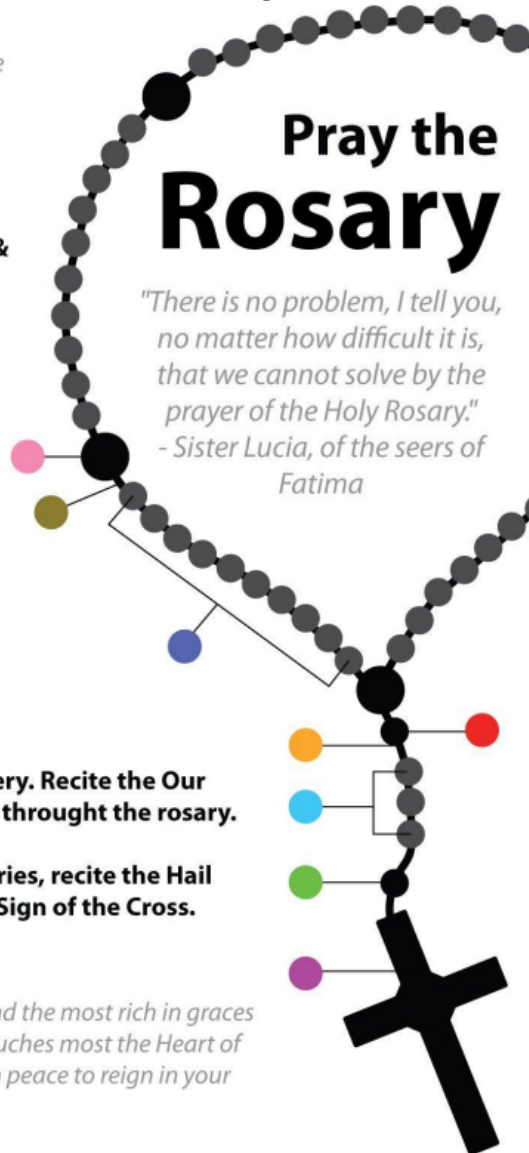
"No prayer is more meritorious for the soul and more glorious for Jesus and Mary than a well recited Rosary."
- Saint Louis de Montfort

- 1 Make the Sign of the Cross & recite the Apostles' Creed.
- 2 Recite the Our Father.
- 3 Recite three Hail Marys.
- 4 Recite the Glory Be.
- 5 Announce the first mystery and recite the Our Father.
- 6 Recite ten Hail Marys.
- 7 Recite the Glory Be and the Fatima Prayer.
- 8 Announce the second mystery. Recite the Our Father and repeat the steps through the rosary.
- 9 After completing the mysteries, recite the Hail Holy Queen & end with the Sign of the Cross.

"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God...and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary."
- Pope Saint Pius X

Pray the Rosary

"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot solve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."
- Sister Lucia, of the seers of Fatima



Harvest Collection

Following on from the success last year we will be supporting The Brick charity, who support vulnerable local people, with this year's Harvest Collection.

We will be collecting donations of dried food goods (packets, boxes, tins and jars) and other non-perishables until Monday 14th October.

We understand that times are tighter than ever for our families who may be struggling themselves. Any donations, large or small, are always truly appreciated.



Parents' Evening

Our Parents' Evening for Reception—Year 6 will be on Tuesday 15th October.

We will be holding

- face to face meetings in the school hall 1:10pm - 4:30pm, where you will see your child's books
- phone calls from 5:00pm onwards.

Nursery Parents' Evening will be on Monday 14th October from 1:00pm onwards.

Appointment slots will be sent through the school APP. Please contact the school if you have any questions or we can help in any way.

Mrs Armstrong will be holding SEND meetings on Tuesday 15th October for children with an individual plan. These are in addition to the meetings with the teachers and will be a chance to discuss any specific SEND questions, or you would like to discuss your child's next steps and development.

All parents will receive a 'Progress Report Card' to keep parents up-to-date and well informed on their child's attendance, attainment and attitudes towards learning.

School Admissions

Applications for primary school and secondary school places for September 2025 can now be submitted via school admissions ([Primary school admissions \(wigan.gov.uk\)](http://wigan.gov.uk))

The deadlines to apply for a school place for September 2025 are:

- ⇒ 15 January 2025 for primary schools
- ⇒ 31 October 2024 for secondary schools.

If you would like to have a tour of our school, please contact our school office — 01257 401125.

Monster's Ball 2024

On Thursday 17th October the children are invited to one of their favourite events of the year.....The Monster's Ball.

Please sign up via our Parent's App and send the £3 per ticket money into the school in a labelled envelope.

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. We will be operating a one-way system, dropping off at the front entrance to school and picking up at the hall door.

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

Please see below for a crafting competition for the Monster's Ball.





Calling All Crafty Critters
Your Monster Ball needs
you!

Could you make a Halloween lantern
to decorate your school's monster
ball?

You will need:

- 1x clean milk carton
- Pens to decorate

Return to school by 17th October 2024.

Glowsticks provided by the FOSB.

PRIZES for entries!



Curriculum Developments

We are excited to let you know about a new development in our RE lessons here at St Bernadette's! We've introduced the RED (Religious Education Directory) from Nursery to Year 3 where the staff and children are really enjoying the meaningful and engaging changes to the curriculum. Year 4-6 use 'Come and See' but will start to use the new RE curriculum as it rolls out from the Archdiocese.



Writing is on our school development plan this year; continuing to build on the new curriculum we started in January. The positive impact is evident in both the quality of the children's work and their enthusiasm for writing. We would love to share the curriculum and the children's work with you and this will be the focus of our autumn 'Growing Together in.....' workshop sessions during week commencing 4th November.

Please follow the link for this year's school development plan: [2024-25 School Development Plan Overview](#)

EYFS Fun!

Earlier this week we were delighted to welcome Nursery parents for our Key Worker sessions. It was a fantastic opportunity for parents, carers and family members to meet their child's key worker and learn more about their learning journey.

Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who came along to the Reception class Tea Party last week. We hope you found it useful to hear about your child's reading, try out some activities and meet your child's Year 6 buddy.



Enhancements and Enrichments

People Who Help Us

A huge thank you to our wonderful Lollypop Man, Mick, who came into Nursery this week to share his job and how he helps all our school community! We really appreciate the wonderful job he does each day.

Year 3 and 4 Road Safety

Wigan Council Road Safety Team visited St Bernadette's and focussed on the importance of being seen and making yourself stand out when near the road—useful in the coming winter months.

Upcoming Trips / Visitors

Please keep your eyes peeled on the School APP for upcoming trips and visitors to enhance our curriculum. Year 3 have our Wigan Life Museum visitor to help the children learn about the history of rugby. Year 6 are very lucky to have Military Medical Living History Group visiting school to bring their World War 2 unit to life with period dress and original vehicles.

I would like to kindly remind you of the voluntary contributions we request for school trips and special visitor experiences at school, which are important to ensure the events go ahead.

Dates Autumn Term 2024 (more information to follow)

Monday 30th September—Harvest collection starts until Monday 14th September

Friday 4th October – Number Day / Timestable Rockstars Day

Monday 7th October—Reception Class Welcome Mass in school 10:30am— *parents and carers invited*

Monday 7th October – Year 4 First Holy Communion first session 6:00pm St Bernadette's Church – *parents and carers invited*

Tuesday 8th October – Year 6 Residential Information Evening 5:30pm

Wednesday 9th October—Wigan Youth Climate Summit Event (invitations will be sent out) during school hours.

Thursday 10th October—World Mental Health Day Assembly (just children)

Friday 11th October– Year 2 Harvest Celebration 9:10am - *parents and carers invited*

Friday 11th October—Year 6 Cake Sale

Monday 14th October—Year 6 visit St Peter's to watch 'Chicago' (during school hours)

Monday 14th October—Nursery Parents' Evening

Tuesday 15th October – Reception to Year 6 Parent's Evening from 1:00pm

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October – Reception and Year 1 Bikeability

Thursday 17th October—Year 3 Wigan Life Museum Visitor

Thursday 17th October—Year 6 Military Medical Living History Group Visit

Thursday 17th October – FOSB Monster's Ball

Friday 18th October - School closes at 3.20pm for half term

Monday 28th October - School re-opens for 2nd half of Autumn Term

Wednesday 30th October – Open Day

Wednesday 30th October—Parent Workshop in School—Understanding Anxiety

Friday 1st November—Parent Workshop in School—Understanding Anxiety

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Friday 8th November – Year 6 Remembrance Reflection 9:10am - *parents and carers invited*

Monday 11th November to Wednesday 13th November – Year 6 Residential

Monday 11th November – Year 4 First Holy Communion second session until 4:20pm. Parents not required

Wednesday 20th November—School Photograph Day

Thursday 21st November—Year 4 trip to Chester

Friday 22nd November – Colour Day!

Friday 22nd November—Year 5 Cake Sale

Wednesday 27th November—CAFOD whole school assembly

Tuesday 3rd December—Whole school trip to a Pantivity at The Edge (Nursery to Year 6)

Thursday 5th December—Year 1 and Year 2 Music Performance— *parents and carers invited*

Monday 9th December—Year 4 First Reconciliation Mass 6:00pm at St Bernadette's Church

Monday 9th December and Tuesday 10th December—Nursery Key Worker Christmas Craft Sessions— *parents and carers invited*

Thursday 12th December – Santa Dash!

Tuesday 17th December – Reception and Year 1 Nativity 2:00pm and 6:00pm

Wednesday 18th December – Year 2 Christingle 9:10am

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch Day

Wednesday 18th December - Nursery Nativity 2:00pm

Thursday 19th December – School Party Day

Thursday 19th December – KS2 Carols Around the Christmas Tree 3:00pm

Friday 20th December - Finish for Christmas 2:00pm (no after school club)



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St. Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

OPEN DAY

Headteacher Tours

Wednesday 30th October 2024

9:30am and 1:30pm

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