



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 7th November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to school for the second half of the Autumn Term. We have an exciting and busy half term ahead. The Year 6 children have been busy preparing their Remembrance Reflection for tomorrow morning and it promises to be a very special occasion. We are looking forward to it. Poppy related items are still available for children to buy in school from the school office if you wish to do so.

Please read our newsletter below to keep up to date with everything that's happening in our school.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Helen Crowder

Headteacher

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Parent / Carer Voice

To help us make sure we are providing the best standard of education for your child, we would like to know how you feel about our school by filling in our parent survey.

Please follow the link below to the quick online form: [Parent/Carer Survey November 2024](#)

This will help us to find out what we are doing well, where we could improve and make sure we are meeting the needs of you and your child, so please do take the time to complete it and help make St. Bernadette's be the best it can be.

The deadline is Friday 22nd November.



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

Open Day

We were so proud of the school and our children on our Open Day last week. Our Head Girl and Boy were a credit to you as parents, and our visitors commented on how helpful they were. If you know of someone who missed out on a tour of the school, but wants to see what we have to offer at St. Bernadette's, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

School Admissions

Applications for primary school places for September 2025 can be submitted via school admissions ([Primary school admissions \(wigan.gov.uk\)](https://www.wigan.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions)).

The deadline to apply for a primary school place is **15th January 2025**.

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



Anti-Bullying Week 2024

Advance notice that we will be celebrating Anti-Bullying Week during the week beginning 11th November.

The theme for this year is 'Choose Respect'. As part of the week, children are welcome to come into school in odd socks on **Tuesday 12th November**. Wearing odd socks is a symbol that everyone is unique and is designed to promote acceptance of diversity.



Individual Photographs

Please remember school photographs are being taken on **Wednesday 20th November**.

Younger siblings can come into school from 8:30am – 9:00am for family photos. Please enter school through the main entrance if you wish to have a group family photo.



Please can children come into school in their school uniform to look smart for photos on this day, and bring PE kit in a bag to get changed into for their PE lesson.



Congratulations!

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mrs. Canavan is expecting her second child. Mrs. Canavan plans to begin her maternity leave towards the end of spring term and we are all thrilled for her and her family as they prepare for this exciting new chapter. Congratulations from everyone at St Bernadette's!

COLOUR DAY!

After the success of the colour days last year, the Pupil Council would like to run another '**COLOUR DAY**' in school.

On Friday 22nd November we would love the children to come dressed in their house colour. This could be a full outfit; piece of clothing like a jumper/t-shirt or just an accessory. Below are our house team colours:

Matthew—**BLUE**

Mark—**RED**

Luke—**GREEN**

John—**PURPLE**

On this day, the children will be working in their houses to shape our school values. Through creative activities and team-building exercises, they'll have the opportunity to express what these values mean to them and how they can embody them in our school community.

If your child is unsure of their house, please ask their class teacher or the school office and we will be more than happy to find out.

Co-op Local Community Fund

We have been chosen to be part of the Co-op Local Community Fund!

Please head to our page to support us:- <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/86751>

All you need to do is become a Co-op member to vote. You don't need to be based in Shevington—Co-op members all over the UK can vote for us so please spread the word!

**CHOOSE US
AS YOUR
LOCAL CAUSE**

TESCO Community Grant Scheme

We are pleased to be receiving a grant award of £500 from our recent TESCO Community Grant Scheme. We will be putting the money towards our outside area to enhance our curriculum and extra curricular offer.

A huge thank you to everyone who voted for us!

Growing Together in.....Parent Workshops

Thank you to all the parents/carers who were able to join their children in the 'Growing Together in.....' workshops this week. We hope you found them useful in showing you what children learn in our writing curriculum and to support any home learning.

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



Parking

Thank you for your co-operation this half term with improved parking. It makes a big difference to a safer environment for our children and we appreciate your support.

If families do choose to park in the roads around the school, please be considerate of our neighbours and consider the safety of all pedestrians.

Please remember not to double park, park on the zig zags outside of school or across driveways. Thank you for your continued support.



**Please park
SAFELY**

**We need everyone to play their part in
keeping the roads near schools safe.**

DRIVERS SHOULD NOT:

- park on yellow zig zag markings.
- park on double yellow lines at any time, or on single yellows during restricted hours.
- park or drive on footpaths.
- park within 10 metres of a junction, as this decreases visibility.
- block driveways or dropped kerbs.

Understanding Anxiety Workshops

Yesterday was National Stress Awareness Day which was dedicated to raising awareness about the impact of stress on individuals' physical and mental well-being.

Both staff and parents were involved in Understanding Anxiety Workshops last week to support our children. They were delivered by Sarah Abbott, our Education Mental Health Practitioner from MHST, who works closely with our school.

Thank you to everyone who attended and we hope you found them useful.

Friends of St. Bernadette's (FOSB)

The children thoroughly enjoyed our Monster's Ball before half term. A big thank you to FOSB for all the hard work behind the scenes and on the evening.

We are so lucky to have such a supportive FOSB, and the children have benefited massively over the past few years with a class set of Chromebooks, our beautiful school library, our sensory and music room, and Early Years outdoor area to name a few (but invaluable) things!

We will struggle to organise future events for the children if we do not have volunteers to help set up and run the events so we are looking for more parents or carers to join our FOSB.

Please see Mrs Crowder or the school office if you would like to know more.





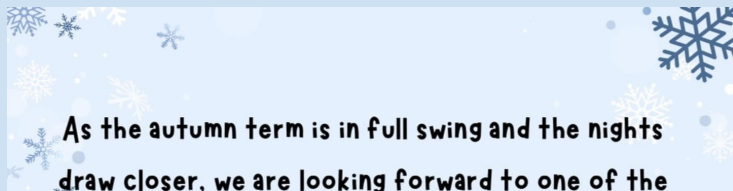
SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2024



As the autumn term is in full swing and the nights draw closer, we are looking forward to one of the biggest highlights in our calendar – Advent and Christmas.

Following the success of our first Christmas card competition last year, we want to bring the competition back for 2024.


We want our schools to put their creativity to the test and design a front cover for our official archdiocesan Christmas card which will be sent out digitally to our parishes, clergy, schools, staff and stakeholders.



Brief

The competition is open to all of our schools in the Archdiocese of Liverpool and there will be two categories – primary school and high schools.

We don't want to be too specific in our brief, but there are a few requirements:

- ★ The design needs to have a religious element
 - ★ It needs to be the own work of the students
 - ★ The design needs to be sent over to us digitally (JPEG format preferred). It will need to fit on an A5 card and can be landscape or portrait
 - ★ The school will gain parent permission for every submission
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Please hand any entries into the school office by Friday 8th November along with the name of your child, age, year group, school and confirmation of parent permission.

Dates Autumn Term 2024 (more information to follow)

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—Water Safety Assembly for children

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

Tuesday 12th November— “Odd Sock” day to mark Anti-Bullying Week

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

Friday 29th November—Year 3 Advent Worship 9:10am — *parents and carers invited*

Monday 2nd December—Year 4 Christmas Tree Lights On Assembly 9:10am—*parents and carers invited*

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*

Friday 6th December—Year 5 Advent Service 9:10am—*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*

Tuesday 10th December—St Marie’s and St Bernadette’s Joint Parish Carol Concert 6:00pm St Marie’s Church

Thursday 12th December – Santa Dash!

Friday 13th December—Year 6 Advent Service 9:10am—*parents and carers invited*

Saturday 14th December—WigLe Christmas Dance Show @ The Edge, Wigan

**Tuesday 17th December – Reception and Year 1 Nativity 2:00pm and 6:00pm—
*parents and carers invited***

Wednesday 18th December – Year 2 Christingle 9:10am—*parents and carers invited*

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch Day

Wednesday 18th December - Nursery Nativity 2:00pm—*parents and carers invited*

Thursday 19th December – School Party Day

Thursday 19th December – KS2 Carols Around the Christmas Tree 3:00pm—*parents and carers invited*

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

