



# Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 30th January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have officially begun our Jubilee Year and are on our journey as pilgrims of hope. The children have been learning about what a Jubilee Year is and what it involves; writing and making pledges for the coming months and identifying how they bring hope to those around them through acts of kindness.



I am sure this will be a very special year for us all!

This week St Bernadette's had the privilege of hosting Liverpool Archdiocese RE subject leaders for their termly meeting. It was a great opportunity to support local colleagues in sharing good practice.

We have been lucky enough to receive a large donation of willow whips which will be used to create a willow tunnel and willow dome for our outside area. We are asking for volunteers.....if you can spare an hour or two in the morning of **Saturday 15th February** to join us at school for a 'planting party' please let the school office know. No specific skills needed and refreshments will be provided. Everyone welcome!

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

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

## Spring Term Parents' Evening

Our parent's evening for Reception—Year 6 will be on Tuesday 11th February (*not including Year 4*).

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 appointments are from 5:00pm onwards.

There will be a paper-based booking system for this term only whilst we move over to a new office system.

Nursery parent's evening will be held on Wednesday 12th February (1:30pm—5:00pm). Again, a paper-based booking system will be used for this meeting.

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

## Staffing and Welcome

We are pleased to inform you that we have successfully recruited Mrs. Deborah Simmonite to join us on a 12-month secondment, as our Year 6 teacher and school's Deputy Headteacher. Mrs. Simmonite, who will join us after the half term break, comes to us with a wealth of experience as a leader from a local Wigan Catholic School. She will work closely with Mrs. Canavan to ensure a smooth handover before her maternity leave.



Please join us in wishing Mrs. Farrell a speedy recovery as she undergoes a routine knee operation. She is expected to be away from school for a couple of weeks to allow for a full recovery. If you have any questions or concerns during this time, please contact school.

## 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>

**CHOOSE US  
AS YOUR  
LOCAL CAUSE**

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

## Punctuality

It is important that your child attends school every day and on time. We are seeing an increase of children coming late through the office entrance in the mornings. We are happy to support families with reasonable adaptations, but arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts the start to their day.

Did you know? 10 minutes late every day = 33 hours lost learning each year.

Please ensure you arrive at school between 8:40am and 8:50am when the playground gates are open.

Please come and speak to a member of staff if you need support with this.



School success starts  
with attendance

## **Dog Fouling Report**

We are aware of an ongoing issue with dogs fouling outside the school grounds. To ensure the safety and well-being of our children, we have reported this concern to Wigan Council. They will be increasing signage in the area as a reminder to dog owners to clean up after their pets.

Please come into school if you have further concerns and we will continue to chase this up on your behalf.



## **FOSB Updates**

We'd like to thank you for your continued support of the Friends of St Bernadette (FOSB) and their fantastic fundraising efforts, particularly through the cake sales. This year, the money raised from each cake sale is going back into the class. We have asked the children how they would like the money to be spent and they would like to develop calm areas in the classrooms, equipped with fidget tools etc to support the Zones of Regulation and well-being.

Looking ahead, FOSB's next project is to install a large history timeline in school, reflecting our entire history curriculum. This project will be designed by the children and will include QR codes to showcase their work and bring the timeline to life. We're excited to see how this will enhance the childrens' learning experience.

Thank you again for your continued support!



## **Valentine's Ball**

**Thursday 13th February**

**EYFS & KS1 - 5:30-6:30**

**KS2 - 6:45-7:45**

**£3 per ticket from  
the school office**

## **Childrens' Mental Health Week 2025**

Childrens' Mental Health Week 2025 is taking place from 3rd to 9th February.

This year we're exploring the theme "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself". Our Mental Health Ambassadors will be working with Sarah Abbott our Education Mental Health Practitioner to receive their termly training. The children will then go into classes to share their learning and activities with all the classes throughout the school.



## **Enhancements and Enrichments**

**Year 4 RE**—Last week Year 4 welcomed very special visitors to class. Our parishioners talked to the children about their important roles within the parish as Year 4 have been learning about how people serve the parish within their RE lessons.

**Year 6 St Peter's Transition**—Mr Santus from St Peter's Catholic High School visited our Year 6 class with three of our lovely past pupils. The visit gave the children an insight into how transition works. They discussed overcoming challenges, what to expect at high school as well as hopefully alleviating a few concerns.

**Year 3 'The Brick' Stadium**—To revisit their local unit on the history of Wigan rugby, Year 3 class explored 'The Brick' stadium yesterday and discovered the significance of rugby in our local community.

**Happy Smiles ~ Hate Crime Workshops**—Happy Smiles CIC visited St Bernadette's today to run Hate Crime workshops with our Key Stage 2 children. The sessions were linked to the protected characteristics, helping the children explore diversity and develop a deeper understanding of how to create a positive and respectful community.

## **Jam Coding**

Next week, Jam Coding will be visiting us to run workshops with all classes as part of Safer Internet Day 2025. The sessions will focus on teaching children how to stay safe online, understand potential risks and make positive choices in the digital world.

We're looking forward to this valuable opportunity as we are keen to help our children build the skills they need to be responsible and stay safe when using devices.



## **School Lunches**

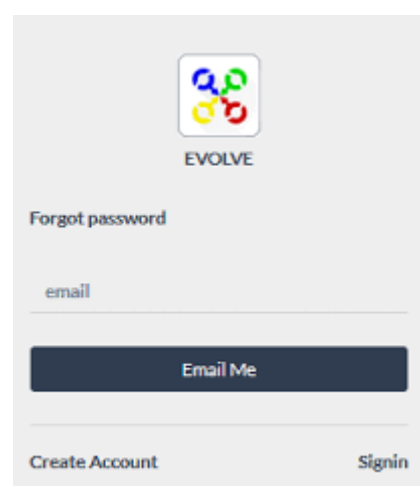
To help avoid any confusion and make lunchtime easier, we kindly ask that you place your child's school lunch order in advance.

Ordering ahead helps us to manage lunch orders more efficiently and make the school mornings run smoothly.

If you need any assistance logging into My Evolve Hub, please don't hesitate to contact the school office. We are happy to help you with the process.

To place your orders: [Home - My Evolve Hub](#)

Thank you for your support.



## **Dates Spring Term 2025 (more information to follow)**

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Year 4 Mini Medic Course in school time**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Year 2 children visit St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February—'Jam Coding' workshops throughout school focus on Internet Safety**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Year 1 visit Shevington Library 'National Storytelling Week' workshop**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February—Year 1 Local Area Fieldtrip**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Year 3 Mini Medic Course in school time**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – FOSB Year 3 Cake Sale**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Nursery Key Person Storytime 2:30pm**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Year 1 children visit St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Evening Reception – Year 6 (not Year 4) 1:10pm onwards**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Nursery Parents' Evening**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – EYFS to Year 6 - Runshaw College Theatre Performance in school time**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – FOSB Valentine's Disco 5:30pm – 6:30pm and 6:45pm – 7:45pm**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February—Year 2 visit from 'Another Way' Climate Change workshop**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February—Break the Rules Day reward—Matthew house ONLY**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term at 3:20pm. After school club open.**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February—Planting Party—all volunteers welcome!**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Children from Nursery to Year 6 return to school**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February—Year 5 Viking Day with Hrothgar the Viking**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February—Reception children visit St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March—Book Fair in school to purchase books**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March—Year 6 children visit St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March—Ash Wednesday Mass for children in school (Year 4 only St Bernadette's Church 9:15am Mass)**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March—World Book Day**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March—1st Lenten Markets in school**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March—Year 1 Lenten Reflection 9:10am (parents/carers invited)**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March—Year 4 First Holy Communion preparation session—pick up at 4:20pm after school**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March—Year 5 children visit St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March—2nd Lenten Markets in school**