



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 6th March 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have settled back into school life very quickly after their half term break and have been working hard over the last two weeks. Our FOSB Valentine's Ball was a real success and raised over £600. With this money, FOSB have been able to fund our whole school timeline which was installed over half term. The children were so excited to see it on their return!



As part of Book Day, our EYFS and KS1 children were treated to a fabulous staff performance of 'Mary Poppins' today — thank you to Mrs Armstrong who wrote and directed the show! This is becoming a lovely annual tradition for our younger children! Thank you to the kitchen staff who also made tasty book-themed meals at lunchtime.

We are so pleased to report that the book fair raised an amazing £360 in loyalty book vouchers for the school!! A big thank you to everyone who came along and bought books. More books have been ordered for our school library.

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

September 2025 Nursery Places Now Available!

Please see below for our Nursery advert as we are now opening up our admissions for Nursery places September 2025.

St Bernadette's will be offering tours of the school at your convenience. Please call the school for an appointment—01257 401125

Masses and Worships

Year 4 attended church for Mass, and our school gathered for an Ash Wednesday service in school yesterday, marking the beginning of the Lenten season. Children and staff came together to observe this occasion, receiving ashes as a symbol of repentance and renewal.

We look forward to the Lenten Reflection that our Year 1 class will bring to our school in the morning.

As we continue our journey through Lent, we look forward to more opportunities for prayer, reflection and community building.

Parking

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

Please do not double park, park on the zig zags outside of school or across driveways.

Thank you for your continued support with this

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.

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>

It is open until November 2025 and we in with a chance of gaining at least £1000!

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**

Attendance

Thank you for all your support with child's attendance. Children miss so much when they are off school, not only academically but socially too. We monitor children's attendance very closely, particularly if it drops below 90%.

Children are considered to be 'persistently absent' if their attendance drops below 90% and they are then discussed with the Local Authority. In this instance, staff will be in touch with you about how to resolve this.

If you feel that you would benefit from any support with your child's attendance, please get in touch with school as we are keen to help in any way we can.

Every day
COUNTS! 
School success starts
with attendance



Easter Events 2025



Lenten Markets

Our annual Lenten Markets returned today and there was great excitement around school.

It is a great way to raise money for CAFOD whilst also developing entrepreneurial skills. The second Lenten Market will take place on **Thursday 13th March**.

A reminder that the children in Year 3—6 are invited to pair up and create games, stalls, raffles etc. Previous years have seen such creative ideas - we've had cake sales, beauty rooms, lucky dips, beat the goalie to name a few.

Easter WOW Week

The last week of this term sees the return of our annual Easter WOW Week.

The week begins with an hour-long prayer journey. The children will visit prayer stations helping them to empathise with the journey Jesus took to the cross.

Throughout the rest of the week, children will grow a deeper understanding of the Easter story through RE lessons and a range of practical activities such as art and crafts and dance. They will help the children learn about the events of Holy Week through fun and hands-on experiences.

Stations of the Cross

On **Tuesday 1st April**, our Year 3-6 classes will be participating in the 9:15am Mass at St. Bernadette's Church which will focus on the Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross is a solemn and reflective journey that retraces the steps of Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion. It is a powerful and spiritual experience that provides our children with an opportunity for deep reflection and understanding of the significance of Easter.

Parents and family members are invited to join us and are welcome to walk to church from school on this morning.

Easter Lunch

On **Wednesday 2nd April** we will be having a special Easter themed menu at lunchtime. There will be stickers, one for each class, under dinner trays that day. Anyone who finds a sticker wins an Easter Egg!

This is now available to order on the Evolve school meals APP.

St. B's Got Talent

The GIFT Team have been busy behind the scenes planning and organising another fundraising activity – St B's Got Talent!

Children in KS2 are invited to audition and share their talent for a place in the grand final.

Auditions will take place in class and three acts from each class will be chosen to go through. Everyone in school, including EYFS and KS1 children, will be able to pay £1 to watch the grand final on **Wednesday 2nd April**.

Unfortunately, parents aren't able to attend this event.

Spotlight on Learning

Please stay connected with us and keep up to date with all the latest spotlight on learning, updates and news by following our school on Facebook and Instagram.

We have so many exciting things going on in school and our social media pages are a great way to see what's happening, celebrate our childrens' achievements and stay informed about upcoming events.



[stbernadetteshevington](https://www.instagram.com/stbernadetteshevington)



[St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School](https://www.facebook.com/StBernadette's-Catholic-Primary-School)

Enhancements and Enrichments

Jack Traynor Mass—Our school was honoured to attend the Votive Mass for Jack Traynor at Liverpool Cathedral during half term to celebrate the 71st Miracle of Lourdes. The children who attended led a whole school worship, sharing their experience of the Jack Traynor Mass and the incredible story behind his miracle.

Rotary Club Junior Speaks – We have immense pride for our 'Bernie's Bears' public speaking team. Before we broke up for half term they achieved runner-up in the Rotary Club Junior Speaks competition in their first entry with the powerful speech 'A Journey of Hope: Raising Awareness of Brain Tumours'. Charlotte also won 'best speaker' and Robyn best 'vote of thanks' overall. A huge achievement and just the beginning for these confident, wonderful children.

Hrothgar the Viking—Year 5 had an incredible Viking Day with Hrothgar on our first day back. They wielded weapons, engaged in fierce battles, handled real armour and helmets and even performed a drama about the Viking gods. They also discovered the secrets of Viking fire-making! A huge thank you to Hrothgar for an unforgettable day!

Thinking Day 2025—It was lovely to see the children attending school dressed in their uniforms to celebrate Thinking Day.



M&Y Maintenance and Construction – The local building firm visited school to share the exciting new build in Shevington, joined by Louise, a local historian, who shared the fascinating history of Miles Lane Primary School. We are so grateful to M&Y for decorating our school hall over half term as part of their amazing community outreach. Thank you so much!

Dental Assembly—Victoria from Dentaïd, the dental charity, delivered an assembly this week to support children to improve their oral health. She covered names and functions of teeth, healthy eating, good toothbrushing techniques and the importance of regularly seeing a dentist.

E-Bug!

We are so proud of our EYFS e-bug health education programme in school where we embed hygiene messages to our children:

[The e-bug health education programme - YouTube](#)

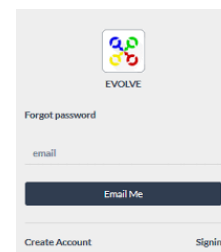


School Lunches

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.



Staffing Updates

We are excited to welcome Mrs. Simmonite, who will be stepping in as the Year 6 Deputy Head Teacher during Mrs. Canavan's maternity leave. Mrs. Simmonite brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and we are sure she will make a positive impact in her senior leadership role.

We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Whalley, our new Office Manager, who has been visiting the school regularly as part of her handover and will officially start soon.

Lastly, we are delighted to have Mrs. Farrell back with us after her knee operation – it's wonderful to see her back in school, and we've all missed her warm presence.

Dates Spring Term 2025 (more information to follow)

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

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

Tuesday 11th March—Year 5 children visit St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass

Thursday 13th March—2nd Lenten Markets in school

Tuesday 18th March—Year 4 children visit St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass

Monday 24th March—Year 4 First Holy Communion preparation session—pick up at 4:20pm after school

Tuesday 25th March—Year 3 children visit St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass

Wednesday 26th March—Fire Service to visit Year 6

Friday 28th March—Reception class Mother's Day Assembly 2:30pm

Tuesday 1st April—Year 3-6 children visit St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass for Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 2nd April—Easter Lunch

Wednesday 2nd April—St B's Got Talent

Thursday 3rd April—Year 1 and Year 2 music performance for parents/carers (9:15am and 9:45am)

Friday 4th April—School closes at 2:00pm for Easter (no After School Club)



St. Bernadette's Nursery

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**Children can join FREE the term after their third birthday
OR paid sessions the day after they turn three.**

What we offer:

- A warm, safe, comfortable environment within a nurturing school community
- Learning based on children's interests and talents
- Extensive grounds to explore and learn
- A place in the heart of the local village
- Educating pupils with skills for life
- 15-30 hours funding available

**Wrap around care
7:30am - 5:30pm**



**FREE NURSERY TASTER
SESSION**

(ring school to book)

**FLEXIBLE
SESSIONS
AVAILABLE**



2024/2025

EASTER PAINTING COMPETITION

Three age ranges:
Juniors (7 - 11 years old)
Intermediate (11 - 14 years old)
Seniors (14 - 18 years old)

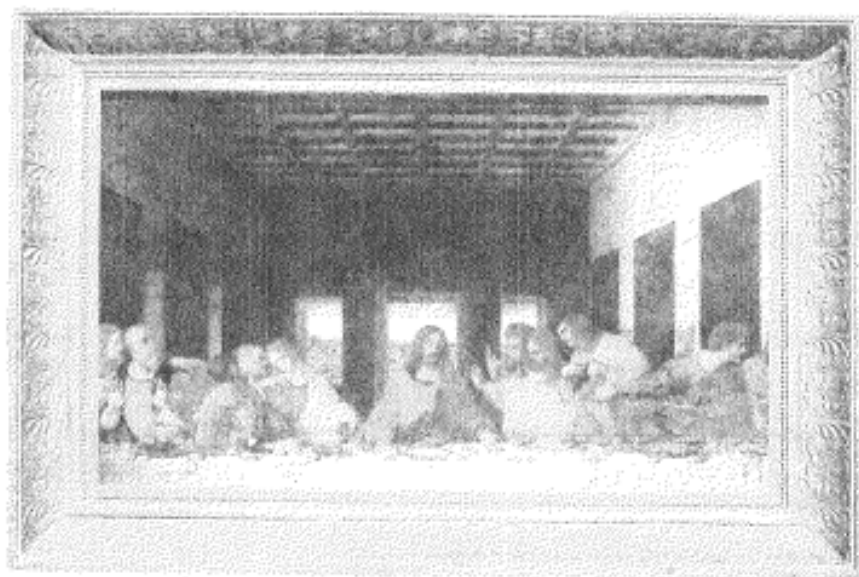


Entries must
be in by:

17th April 2025

Cash prizes for Winners and their schools!
To enter please contact your local KSC Council at:

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Charles Tetlow
Officer for Action and Youth
e-mail : charles.tetlow@sky.com





2024/2025

EASTER PHOTO COMPETITION

Two categories for photographs:



Three age ranges:

Juniors (8-11 year olds)

Intermediate (11-14 year olds)

Seniors (14-18 year olds).

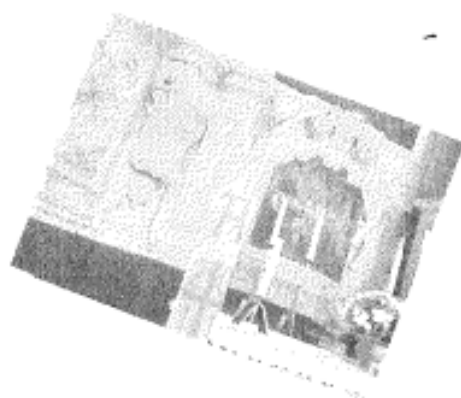
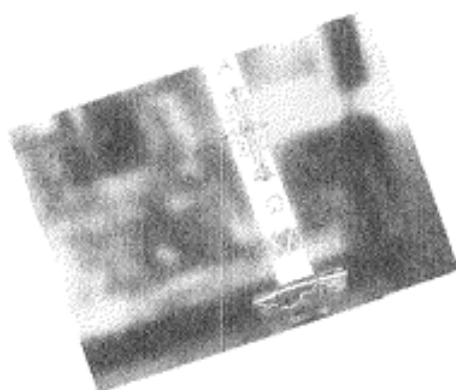
Cash prizes for Winners and their schools!

Entries must
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2nd May 2025

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YOUTH &
YOUNG PEOPLE

2024/25 PRAYER COMPOSITION COMPETITION

Three age ranges (see the rules for details):
Juniors (7 to 11 year olds)
Intermediate (11 to 14 year olds)
Seniors (14 to 18 year olds).



Entries must
be in by:

16th May 2025

Cash prizes for Winners!
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