



# Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 20th March 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

We've had another busy fortnight where the children have been very busy enjoying lots of different activities. Please see our social media channels and Class Dojo to find out more about your child/ren's learning.

With just two weeks to go until Easter, it's hard to believe how quickly this term has flown by! Thank you for your continued support, we're looking forward to the exciting activities ahead as we approach the break.

Mrs Helen Crowder

Headteacher

## Are you interested in making a difference.....?

The Governors of St. Bernadette's would welcome interest from any potential new Foundation Governors committed to raising educational outcomes of all children.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Governor and how to apply for a vacancy, please contact the school office for more information.

✉ [enquiries@admin.saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@admin.saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk)

☎ 01257 401125



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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 in September 2025.

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



### **Retreat Day 2025**

The GIFT team joined our cluster schools for a special retreat day last week, where we reflected on the "Pilgrims of Hope" theme for the Jubilee Year.

The children took part in fun activities that helped them think about hope, kindness and supporting each other, making it a really meaningful day for everyone.

Thank you to Miss Phillips at St Teresa's for organising the day.

### **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>

**CHOOSE US  
AS YOUR  
LOCAL CAUSE**

**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!

### **Play Equipment**

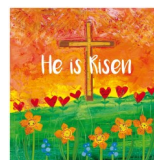
We kindly ask that children refrain from using the play equipment at the end of the school day. This helps ensure the safety of all children, as the equipment is not supervised after school hours.

Additionally, it allows for a smooth transition as the school grounds are cleared for after school clubs. Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping our school a safe environment for everyone.





# Easter Events 2025



## **Year 1 Lenten Reflection**

The Year 1 children led a beautiful Lenten reflection last week, where they focussed on the themes of kindness and giving, fasting and prayer. They shared ways in which they could show care for others and make small sacrifices throughout this season. It was a thoughtful reflection that brought the school together and inspired us all.

Thank you to all the children who took part in our second Lenten Market and the support they received from home. They came together to support each other and raise funds for CAFOD. We look forward to continuing our fundraising efforts throughout Lent.

## **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.

## Year 5 ~ The Big Lent Walk Update

Thank you so much for our donations so far, each day Year 5 are building up their kilometres.

We would be very grateful if you would consider sponsoring the children for the event. If you would like to make a donation please can you follow the link for our Just Giving page which is posted below:

[Year 5 St Bernadettes is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

We can't wait to see the difference we have made!



## Sporting Events



### Year 3 and 4 Girls' Football

The girls had an amazing afternoon at the Year 3 and 4 girls' football event. They played with great teamwork, passion and determination.

### KS1 Disney Football Event

Our KS1 children had an amazing time at the Disney Football Festival this week. They learned new skills and had so much fun!

### WigLe Dance—Wigan Borough Dance Festival

Our VERY talented dance group took part in a Wigan Borough Dance Festival. They looked incredible and danced absolutely brilliantly. The parents and staff were blown away with their talents. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to WigLe Dance, who helped to choreograph it.



## Medical Appointments

We understand that medical appointments are sometimes necessary for children; however, in order to minimise disruption to their learning, we kindly ask that, where possible, all appointments be scheduled outside of school hours.

If an appointment must take place during the school day, we now require parents/carers to provide evidence of the appointment. This can be in the form of a hospital letter, appointment card, text confirmation, or other relevant documentation. This policy will take effect from 24th March.

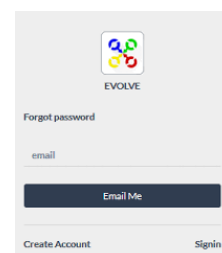


## School Lunches

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.





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

**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**

Church Lane, Shevington  
WN6 8BD

● 01257 401125 ●

[www.saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk](http://www.saintbernadettes.wigan.sch.uk)

**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)

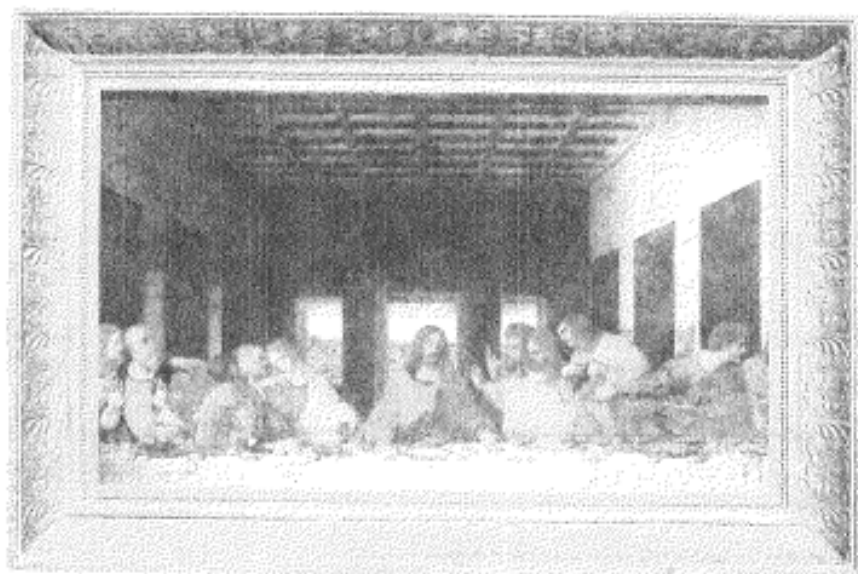


Entries must  
be in by:

**17<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

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

**Standish Council 577**  
**Charles Tetlow**  
**Officer for Action and Youth**  
**e-mail : [charles.tetlow@sky.com](mailto: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).

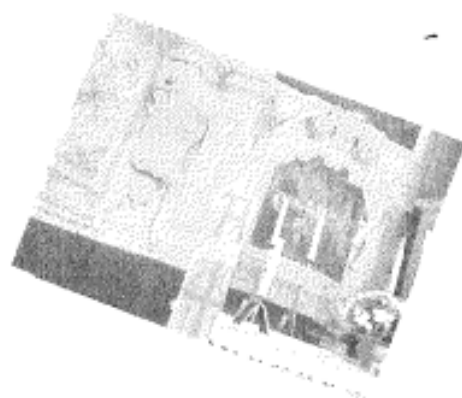
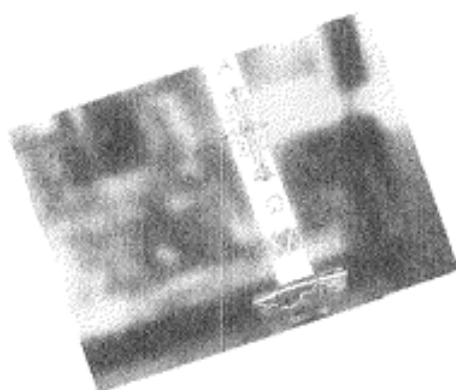
Cash prizes for Winners and their schools!

Entries must  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**

To enter please contact your local KSC Council at:

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## 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).



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**16<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

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