



Bernie's Bulletin

Thursday 8th May 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

The month of May is always really busy in school, mainly due to the statutory national tests that are taking place. Next week the children will sit their end of Key Stage 2 assessments. Year 6 have shown a fantastic committed attitude to their work since starting the year. To celebrate, and to show the children how proud we are of them, they will receive their St. Bernadette's leavers hoodies at the end of next week alongside an end-of-SATs treat! Good luck children, you have worked very hard.

Year 1 have been working hard on their phonics in preparation for the Phonics Screening in June and Year 4 have been practising their times tables recall in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check, also in June. I thought it would be helpful to prepare you and your child by providing the dates for the upcoming statutory tests:

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – w.c. 2nd June (over 2 weeks)

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check – w.c. 9th June

Thank you for your continued support. As ever, if you have any specific questions, please do get in touch and I will do my best to help you with them.

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

First Holy Communion

Last weekend, the first group of Year 4 children celebrated their First Holy Communion at St. Bernadette's Church. It was a beautiful Mass and it was wonderful to celebrate with the children as they continued on their faith journey, receiving the Eucharist for the first time. Everyone was beaming with pride – a time to treasure indeed!

Thank you to Father Anthony, Father Joseph, the Catechists, parents, staff and all the volunteers from the Parish for making it possible.

We look forward to the second celebration with the remainder of Year 4 on the 17th May.



Class Prayer and Liturgies

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady, Mary. To mark this, last Friday, Year 1 led our annual May Procession and the whole school crowned a statue of Our Lady with a garland of flowers. It was a reverent and moving act of worship. Thank you to parents and pupils for the beautiful flowers you brought in honour of Our Lady.

Pentecost is the birthday of the Catholic Church. The children learn it is when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles fifty days after the Resurrection of Christ. The children in Year 3 will be celebrating the birthday of the Church in their Pentecost worship on Friday 6th June. Parents and family members of Year 3 children are invited to join us from 9:10am.



Polite Reminder

A reminder that when children are collected at 3.20pm, they are not allowed to play on the climbing frame or tyres. We politely request that you do not allow children to do this as we cannot guarantee supervision from a member of staff or the safety of the children. Thank you for your support in this.

VE Day 80

Today, our school was a sea of red, white and blue as children dressed in patriotic colours to commemorate VE Day. The children spent the day learning about the significance of Victory in Europe Day and its place in history. They created beautiful poppies and took part in a traditional tea party.

It helped everyone appreciate the importance of peace and remembrance.



Playground Markings

Today, our playground started to receive a fantastic upgrade with the installation of brand new markings, bringing opportunities for fun and learning.

The exciting additions include a 100 square, a sensory trail, a scooter road map, a 1–25 target game, daily mile footsteps and compass points.

These are designed to support physical activity, the wider curriculum and sensory development in a fun and engaging way. We can't wait for the children to start using them.

Enhancements and Enrichments

Year 3 Field Trip—Year 3 had an amazing field trip to Elnup Wood, exploring rivers for their geography unit. From spotting features to investigating water flow, they brought their classroom learning to life!

Year 1 Gardening—Year 1 have been joined by Andrew from Shevington Gardening Club who helped the children start their new science topic - teaching them how to plant sunflowers and take care of them.

Junior Speaks—As runners-up in the Wigan Rotary Club 'Junior Speak' competition earlier this year, the 'Bernie's Bears' team were honoured to be invited to Wigan Council Town Hall to meet the Mayor in her parlour. The children also had the unique opportunity to tour the Council Chambers. It was a morning of great pride and privilege, as the children conducted themselves with grace and respect, speaking with confidence and eloquence.



Year 5 Transition Meeting

Last week we hosted a Year 5 transition family support meeting to share key information and strategies on support for children moving into Year 6, from an academic and well-being point of view. We were so pleased Gill from TESS (Targeted Education Support Service) joined us to offer insights and answer questions.

Thank you to those parents / carers who could join us. If you were unable to attend, information packs have been sent home via Class Dojo.

Please see below for this term's 'Growing Together in.....' parent workshops where you can join in with your child's learning.

September 2025 Nursery Places Now Available!

Please see our Nursery advert below as we have opened up our admissions for Nursery places in September 2025 and they are filling up quickly.

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

"Growing Together in..." Parent Workshops

We know that many parents are keen to support their children in their learning and want to understand how they are taught in school. We have made arrangements for each class to hold a 'Growing Together in.....' workshop (sessions will last approximately an hour).

We will focus on how we teach reading and share questions and resources you can carry out at home when reading with your child.

Grandparents or other family members are welcome to come along if parents/carers are not available.

Year R – Growing Together in...Reading on Tuesday 20th at 9:00am

Year 1 – Growing Together in...Reading on Friday 23rd at 2:00pm

Year 2 – Growing Together in...Reading on Wednesday 21st at 2:00pm

Year 3 – Growing Together in...Reading on Wednesday 21st May at 9:00am

Year 4 – Growing Together in...Reading on Monday 19th at 2:00pm

Year 5 – Growing Together in...Reading on Tuesday 20th at 9:00am

Year 6 – Growing Together in...Reading on Thursday 22nd May at 9:00am

We hope you can join us to get hints/tips on how to support your child at home. Please contact the school if you have any further questions.

FOSB Updates

Please see below for all the FOSB (Friends of St Bernadette's) summer events.

Please also see a very easy and FREE to raise money for FOSB though the Easyfundraising APP.....

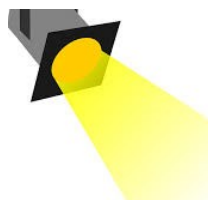
- **Download the APP**
- **Sign up to St Bernadette's**
- **Find the retailer through the APP**
- **Do your shopping through the APP.....easy!**



If you shop with TESCO via the Easyfundraising APP, then we could receive one of five £1,000 funding pots!

Each time you shop with Tesco via easyfundraising by May 31st, FOSB have a chance to win £1,000.

Happy shopping and thank you for your support!



SPOTLIGHT ON.....Friend's of St Bernadette's FOSB

Get ready for a fun-filled summer with St Bernadette's FOSB — check out our exciting upcoming events below:



Thursday 22nd May – FOSB Film Night

Thursday 5th June – Own Clothes Day. Children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation of sweets. These items will support our very popular tombola at Shevington Fete.

Thursday 12th June – Break The Rules Day. Children can break the rules of our school in exchange for a donation of a bottle. These will support our very popular tombola at Shevington Fete.

Friday 13th June 3:20pm on the playground—Year 1 Cake Sale

Thursday 20th June – KS2 Colour Run! (in school time)

Friday 4th July 3:20pm on the playground—Reception Cake Sale

****Sports Days – FOSB are kindly running a tuck shop during this year's sports days.****

Cake Sales



The last of our successful cake sales for this academic year are:

Friday 13th June 3:20pm on the playground—Year 1 cake sale

Friday 4th July 3:20pm on the playground—Reception cake sale



Film Night ~ Thursday 22nd May

On Thursday 22nd May the children are invited to a film night in school. Doors open at 5:15pm and films start at 5:30pm. Treats, sweets and snack are available to buy on the night. Children are able to wear PJs to watch the film if they wish.

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

Nursery and Reception parents must stay with their children during the film. The KS1 and 2 children can be dropped off and picked up at the end of the evening. There will be 3 films showing for the different age groups: Nursery and Reception, KS1 and then KS2.

KS2 Colour Run! Thursday 20th June

FOSB will be hosting an exhilarating Colour Run for all Key Stage 2 children (Year 3—Year 6). It's going to be an unforgettable event filled with fun, laughter, and of course, plenty of vibrant colours! £3 per child to join in. *More information to follow.*



Preloved Uniform

Friday 11th July—Last day for uniform order forms to be handed in

Monday 7th July—Friday 18th July – Preloved school uniform donations can be donated to school.

Week Beginning 28th July – Preloved uniform packages to be collected from school (date to be confirmed) *Volunteers welcome to help.*

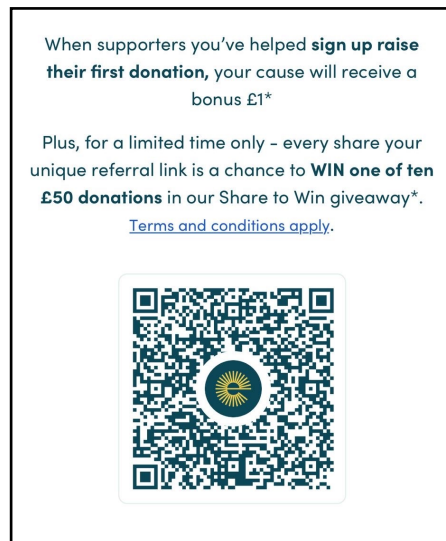


Do you do online shopping?

If you do....would you like to get the retailer to give a % of what you spend back to St. Bernadette's through the FOSB charity?

If so, then please sign up to the easy fundraising APP.

Each sale you complete gives a certain amount back to the school. And there are hundreds of retailers that have signed up!!!



If you go onto the APP and select the retailer it will automatically register your sale, you can also activate cookies on your web browser to auto register retailers.

(Point to note... if you use the retailers app then it doesn't register the sale via easy fundraiser and we don't get the donation so please use the easy fundraiser app to find the retailer before you buy, especially if you want to get that new TV, shiny new shoes or even your weekly shop please use the app.)

Why not ask your friends and family to register and get involved too?

Follow the link or scan the QR code to get started. Thank you so much!

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=41700&invite=2t9h4w&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_source=easyfundraising-app&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=copy-link





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**

Provisional Dates Summer Term 2025 (more information to follow)

KS2 SATS – w.c. Monday 12th May

Tri-Kids Day – Friday 16th May (all children to wear PE kit on this day)

Year 4 First Holy Communion (group 2) – Saturday 17th May 10:00m

Growing Together Week – w.c 19th May

New Starter Evening – Monday 19th May at 6:00pm

Year 2 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 20th May

Year 1 trip to Eureka – Wednesday 21st May

Year 4 trip to Ainsdale Beach – Wednesday 21st May

Lisa Lundie Sponsored Drama Event – Thursday 22nd May

FOSB Movie Night – Thursday 22nd May from 5:30pm onwards

Finish for Half Term – Friday 23rd May

Children return to school – Monday 2nd June

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check – w.c. 2nd June (over 2 weeks)

Year 1 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 3rd June

Network Rail Safety Sessions KS2 – Tuesday 3rd June

Year 3 Pentecost Celebration (parents and families invited) – Friday 6th June 9:10am

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check – w.c. 9th June

Reception attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 10th June

Year 6 Road Safety Workshop – Thursday 12th June

Reception Father's Day Celebration – Friday 13th June 2:30pm

Year 1 Cake Sale – Friday 13th June – after school on the playground

Wellbeing Week – w.c 16th June

Year 6 visit St Peter's – full day – Monday 16th June

Year 5 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 17th June

Year 6 Bikeability – Tuesday 17th June and Wednesday 18th June

Colour Day – Friday 20th June

KS2 Sports Day afternoon – Monday 23rd June

Year 4 Going Forward in Faith Mass – Tuesday 24th June at 9:15am

KS1 and Reception Sports Day afternoon – Tuesday 24th June

Nursery Sports Day afternoon – Wednesday 25th June

INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED – Friday 27th June

Year 2 trip to Wigan Museum – Monday 30th June

Year 4 trip to Liverpool Museum – Tuesday 1st July

Year 6 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 1st July

Year 6 Mini Olympics at St Peter's – Wednesday 2nd July

St Peter's New Intake Evening (for current Year 5 parents/carers) – Thursday 3rd July 5:00pm

Nursery Teddy Bear's Picnic (parents and carers invited) – Friday 4th July

Reception Cake Sale – Friday 4th July – after school on the playground

Year 3 attend St Bernadette's 9:15am Mass – Tuesday 8th July

Year 6 End of Year Production - Tuesday 8th July 2:00pm and 6:00pm

Year 1 and Year 2 Song Share – Wednesday 9th July

End of School Reports out – Friday 11th July

Moving Up Day (whole school) – Monday 14th July

Parent's Evening Drop In – Tuesday 15th July 3:20pm – 5:30pm

Year 6 Leaver's Mass – St Bernadette's Church – Tuesday 15th July 6:00pm

Nursery Graduation – Wednesday 16th July

Finish for Summer – Friday 18th July at 2:00pm

New Reception Class Meet Up at Wiggleworks – Monday 21st July 9:30am – 11:30am