

# Welcome to St Bernadette's

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Mrs Crowder's  
Welcome



# Aims of This Evening

Parents to share critical information with school

St Bernadette's Values and Mission

Meet the team

Wellbeing and our Curriculum

A typical Reception Day, what and why?

Take a tour of the classroom and outdoor learning area

# We Gather

*Rest in the presence of God*

Lord Jesus, as we gather together in Your name, support us in facing this new chapter of our family life with you by our side. Give us the wisdom and courage to face each new adventure, each new challenge and each new opportunity with positivity and open hearts. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

All- Amen

# We Listen

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

<sup>3</sup> My child, don't forget what I teach you. Always remember what I tell you to do. <sup>2</sup> My teaching will give you a long and prosperous life. <sup>3</sup> Never let go of loyalty and faithfulness. Tie them around your neck; write them on your heart. <sup>4</sup> If you do this, both God and people will be pleased with you.

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. <sup>6</sup> Remember the LORD in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.

The Word of the Lord

**All- Thanks be to God**

# Sacred Silence

*“For it’s in the silence of our hearts that we hear God’s voice.”*

# We Respond

Heavenly Father, as our children begin this new chapter in their lives,

*Parents: We place them into Your loving care.*

Give them courage when they feel nervous,

*Parents: And confidence to face each new day.*

Surround them with kind friends, wise teachers, and safe places,

*Parents: And let them grow in faith, love and learning.*

Help us as parents to encourage, guide, and support them,

*Parents: With patience, wisdom and care.*

Leader: May Your peace guard their hearts and minds,

*Parents: And may Your presence go with them wherever they go.*

All- Amen

# We Go Forth

As we Go Forth on our journey today, we invite each family to take a seed home.

Plant it, water it and nurture it together as a reminder of this new beginning. Just as that tiny seed needs care, patience, encouragement and time to grow, we promise to nurture your child with love, guidance, and support throughout their journey here at school.

May this seed be a symbol of growth, learning, and the wonderful potential planted within every child.

*Growing Together in Faith, Love and Learning*

# Values and Mission

**Growing Together in Faith, Love and Learning**

Resilience

Hope

Justice

Peace

Compassion

Humility

Wisdom

Forgiveness

# Who's Who?

Parish Priest- Fr. Joseph Simionato FDP (On Sabbatical)  
Fr. Vijaya Madhaanu FDP (Acting)

## Senior Leadership Team

Mrs H Crowder - Headteacher  
Mrs C Canavan - Deputy Headteacher  
Mrs C Armstrong - SENDCo  
Mrs D Simmonite - EYFS Lead (July 2026)  
Miss L Brocklehurst - EYFS Lead (September 2026)  
Mrs V Boe - School Business Manager / Mrs C Newbold – Admin Officer

## Breakfast and After School Club Staff

Mrs E Berry, Mrs N Melia, Miss I Trafford

# Who's Who?

- Miss L Brocklehurst - Reception Class Teacher, EYFS Lead
- Teaching Assistant - Miss I Trafford
- HLTA (Cover for Miss Brocklehurst) - Miss E Norris
- PE Coach - Mr S Davies

# Other Professionals

We work within a larger team of professionals to support your child, depending on their needs. These may include;

- Start Well Workers
- Social Workers
- Therapists- Physiotherapists, Occupational Therapists, Speech and Language Therapists
- Health Teams- School Nurses, Healthy Lifestyles
- Family Hubs

*Please let school know if your child is currently supported by any of the services above, or any others not mentioned here .*

# Transition Activities 2026

Bernie Bear's Big School Invite

Transition Afternoon (school staff with Pre-Schools/Nurseries/Child Minders)

Two visits for your child from 1pm-2.30pm - please book on (other nurseries/childminders only. St B's children will be allocated a day/time.)

Moving Up Day- Monday 13th July 8.50am-3.20pm

Wiggleworks Play Centre- 15th July 2026 from 4.30pm-6pm

Meet the Teacher Evening- Thursday 3rd September at 6pm

Tea Party- 22nd September at 2.30pm

# Free School Meals

## Who is eligible to Free School Meals

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

The guarantee element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

## Apply for free school meals, pupil premium and EYPP

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you or your partner are in receipt of qualifying benefits, you should still apply because your child's school will receive **an extra £1300 per year.**



# Aims for the EYFS

More information of expected outcomes for children will follow throughout the year, but our main aim-

*To work in collaboration with parents and carers to ensure that we give your child the best possible start to their education, where they are happy to come to school and thrive in our care.*

# Well-Being

Well Being is at the forefront of everything we do

Meditation

Mindful Movements

Safe Spaces in each classroom

Soft music playing through the day

Co-Regulation

Stories rooted in developing children's positive mental health and wellbeing

Zones of Regulation

# Our Curriculum- Prime Areas

**Personal, Social and Emotional  
Development** (***Building Relationships,  
Managing Self, Self-Regulation***)

**Communication and Language** (***Listening,  
Attention and Understanding, Speaking***)

**Physical Development** (***Gross Motor  
Development, Fine Motor Development***)

# Our Curriculum- Specific Areas

[Literacy](#) (*Comprehension, Word Reading and Writing*)

[Mathematics](#) (*Number/ Numerical Patterns*)

[Understanding the World](#) (*People, Culture and Communities,  
The Natural World, Past and Present*)

[Expressive Arts and Design](#) (*Creating with Materials, Being  
Imaginative and Expressive*)

We also teach discrete R.E. lessons and hold daily  
Celebration of the Word

# A Typical Reception Day

8.50am- School starts- morning jobs

9.00am- Sounds Write

9.30am- Independent Learning/Guided Reading

10.15am- English

10.30am Independent Learning/Guided Writing

11.15am- RE/PSHE

12.00pm- Lunch

1.00pm-Maths

1.20pm- Independent Learning/Guided Maths

2.15pm- Snack and Story

2.30pm- Independent Learning/Guided EAD/UW

3.20pm- Home

# Important Info

Start date depends on your child's group. See pack for details.

All children full time from Monday 7<sup>th</sup>  
September

8:50am-3.20pm

# Important Info

*On their first day, children should bring-*

A water bottle

A change of clothes (including underwear) in a named carrier bag to be kept in school.

# How you can help to get your child school ready...

You have received a handbook of information

Encourage the children to do things for themselves, e.g. dressing and undressing, shoes etc.

Encourage the use of a knife and fork

Attempt to toilet train if the children are still in nappies

Begin to remove dummies/bottles if the children still have them

Share stories together, sing nursery rhymes and encourage your child to talk about them.

Counting and recognising numbers in the environment

Writing some letters from their name and making other marks

# Further Support....

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/preparing-for-school/>

<https://startingreception.co.uk/>

# The Most Important Thing To Remember...

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