



ST. BERNADETTE'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

A MEMBER OF ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX CATHOLIC MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

Our aim at St. Bernadette's is to have happy children who are thriving on the learning experiences offered by our academy. We strive to nurture children's spiritual, moral and social development within a Catholic, Christian environment based on gospel values, and to make our academy a place where all pupils are given equal opportunity regardless of gender, special needs, disability or race.

Children will best develop their talents, their skills and their attitudes when they are surrounded by a warm, friendly and safe environment, which we continually strive to create.

'Striving for excellence in all that we do, reflecting the Light of Christ to the world.'

In all our work for the children of St. Bernadette's we know we are most effective when parents and the academy are working together.

Headteacher: Mr M. Strong

Assistant Headteachers: Miss L. Smith, Mr A. Strong

Early Years Leader and Class 2 (EY2) Teacher: Miss H. Fenwick (Paediatric First Aid Trained)

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Class 1 (EY1) Teacher: Mr I. Wright

Class 3 (EY2) Teacher: Mrs H. Wilson (Paediatric First Aid Trained)

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Teaching Assistant: Mrs N. Pentecost (EY2)

We hope that you find this booklet useful during this very special time in which your child begins their academy journey with us here at St. Bernadette's.

Mission Statement



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— MISSION STATEMENT —

Jesus said: "I AM the Light of the World."

By the Light of Jesus Christ, God reveals to each of us who He is.
God is Love, and His Love is revealed in Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.
God's Love is revealed in His Creation, in our beautiful world, in His Holy Catholic Church, in our families, in our friends, and in every human person, and we welcome all in the Holy Name of Jesus.

At St. Bernadette's, we believe that every child is a precious gift from God to each of our families, created in His own image and likeness so as to radiate His Love, Truth, Goodness, and Beauty.

We believe that every child has been blessed by God's Grace to know Him and love Him, and to know of God's infinitely deep and abiding Love for each of His children.

Upon entering our academy, children are welcomed into a loving, caring, safe, and nurturing environment, beginning a journey with us through which they will grow and mature, blossom and flourish.

We help our families to form their children by providing a well-rounded education, full of challenge and rigour; fun and creativity; excitement and wonder.

'Striving for excellence in all that we do, reflecting the Light of Christ to the world'

Our academy motto expresses our firm and enduring commitment to endeavour for excellence. We believe that every child has been created by God to strive for excellence in all aspects of life, and when united in friendship with Jesus, they are empowered to reflect the Light of Christ to the world.

Jesus said: "I AM the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

"I have come so that they may have life, and have it to the full."

JESUS IS 'THE WAY' so let us walk in His footsteps of Love and Friendship, and follow His example of Goodness.

JESUS IS 'THE TRUTH' so let us listen to what He says, believe His teachings, and profess His Gospel.

JESUS IS 'THE LIFE' so let us live by His commandments to love God, and love our neighbour.

When we do these things, Jesus will help us to lead the life He wants us to have, 'and have it to the full'. Just as Jesus said that He is 'the Cornerstone' on which we should build our whole lives, in the same way, our Cornerstone Values, centred on Christ, provide the firm foundation for all that we do in our academy.

OUR CORNERSTONE VALUES

- LOVE** To love God with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbour as Jesus loves us.
- VIRTUE AND GOODNESS** To grow in virtue, becoming more like Jesus in what we think, say, and do. To be well-behaved and well-mannered; courteous and polite; considerate and helpful; kind and forgiving.
- PRAYER AND SERVICE** To be friends with Jesus through prayer and devotion, liturgy, and worship of God. To live out the Gospel in service of others – our family, academy, parish, the wider community, and also in charitable outreach to those less fortunate than ourselves; the poor, the disadvantaged, and the suffering.
- RADIANCE** To enkindle our God-given gifts and talents, so that we may shine like bright stars for all to see.
- JOY** To aspire to be happy, cheerful, and healthy; confident yet humble; compassionate and heroic.
- WONDER** To be inspired by a spirit of enquiry and wonder, taking delight in creativity and discovery.
- EXCELLENCE** To strive for excellence, and have high aspirations to work hard and achieve our very best.

We believe that every child is unique and special, created by God for a special reason, with a unique mission – a vocation which God is calling them towards – and we believe that God has blessed each child with the character, gifts, and talents to help them succeed and be happy in their mission.

At St. Bernadette's, it is our honour and our passion to help, support, and encourage each child to fulfil their God-given potential, and ready them to contribute positively to society in service of others.

Walking in footsteps of love with Jesus, following the example of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Bernadette, may each child come to know of their special place in God's Heart, and when 'Heart speaks unto heart', may each child have the trust and confidence to pray the words of this prayer by Saint John Henry Newman:

**'God has created me to do Him some definite service.
He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another.
I have my mission.'**



Our Academy Prayers



Academy Prayer

This is our Academy
Let peace dwell here
Let the rooms be full of contentment
Let love abide here
Love of one another
Love of mankind
Love of life itself
And the love of God
Let us remember
That as many hands build a house
So many hearts make an Academy
Amen.

Morning Prayer

Oh my God, you love me,
You are with me night and day,
I want to love you always,
In all I do and say,
I'll try to please you, Father.
Bless me through the day.
Amen.

Afternoon Prayer

God our Father, I come to say,
Thank you for your love today.
Thank you for my family,
And all the friends you give to me.
Guard me in the dark of night,
And in the morning send your light.
Amen.

Grace before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, as we sit together.
Bless the food we eat today.
Bless the hands that made the food.
Bless us, O Lord.
Amen.

Grace after Meals

Thank you, God, for the food we have eaten.
Thank you, God, for all our friends.
Thank you, God, for everything.
Thank you, God.
Amen.

Notes for Parents



1. Academy Start and Finish Times 8:40 a.m - 3:05 p.m

The doors to the Early Years Unit will be open from 8:40 a.m until 8:50 a.m. Parents should bring their child to the Early Years Unit entrance to be welcomed by their class teachers. Your child should then be collected at 3:05 p.m from the same area.

Please be punctual when bringing and collecting your child from the Early Years Unit.

2. Academy Uniform

All uniform can be purchased from Shah's.

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Please see the additional uniform table with details of all the uniform your child will need. Reception children will need a St. Bernadette's bookbag which is used to hold their reading practice book, home record and sharing book. They will need an additional school bag, big enough to fit their shoes, winter garments etc. Your child will also need a pair of black velcro plimsolls to be worn as indoor shoes in addition to their school shoes.



ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING MUST HAVE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON. Name tags are available to purchase over the internet - stick on, iron on and sew in options are all available.

3. Lunch and Snack Time

All children in school have an hour for lunch; 30 minutes for eating their lunch and 30 minutes for playing outside. School lunches are available free of charge for Reception age children as part of the government free school meal initiative. We recommend your child has school lunches however some children prefer to bring a packed lunch. If you are choosing for your child to have a packed lunch we ask that it is as healthy as possible and that any small fruits, such as grapes and cherry tomatoes, are cut in half lengthways to prevent a risk of choking.

The children in Reception also have the opportunity to have a piece of fruit and a carton of milk throughout the morning session. This is an NHS initiative to encourage children to eat a healthy balanced diet. All under 5's are entitled to free milk however we honour this for those children turning 5 throughout the year also.

Please provide your child with a water bottle, labelled with their name, each day. Water bottles will be kept in the classroom so that children can access a drink throughout the day.

4. Collecting your child at the end of the day

It is important that your child is aware who is collecting them at the end of each day. This helps with their transition to school and settling in process.

Please let us know of your 'Collection Password' at your child's home visit.

Please inform your child's class teacher if someone different will be collecting them and ensure that person knows your collection password.

5. Parents Meeting, Home Visit and Transition Morning at the Academy

Parents Meeting

We would like to invite you to join us at the academy on **Wednesday 29th June** at 5pm for a parents meeting. This meeting is for all parents of children who are starting Reception in September whether you are new to the academy or not. During this meeting you will meet our Reception teachers who will talk to you about your child's year in Reception, you will have the opportunity to visit your child's new classroom and ask any questions that you have.

Home Visit

As part of our transition process at St. Bernadette's we visit you and your child at home. This is an opportunity for us all to meet and begin to get to know your child. During this visit you will be able to discuss any concerns or worries about your child starting school and also any special information, such as; dietary requirements, medical needs etc.

The dates for the home visits are: **Monday 4th July** and **Tuesday 5th July**. You will receive a phone call from the academy to arrange your home visit on Monday 20th June.

Transition Morning

We would like to invite your child to visit the academy for a transition morning on **Thursday 7th July** from 9:30 a.m - 11:00 a.m. If your child is currently in our academy Nursery on that day then they will come through and join our new children, if your child is in our academy Nursery but does not normally attend on a Thursday please bring them along so they can join their new class.

6. First Day

Your child's first day in September will be: **Monday 5th September**. You will be informed during the parents meeting on Wednesday 29th June as to which class your child will be in, either Class 2 or Class 3.

A Typical Day in EY2



This is an example of the routine your child will follow while they are in Early Years 2. Free choice is when children have access to the different provision areas throughout the two EY2 classrooms and outdoor area.

8:40 - 8:50	Children arrive and share books together/ Dance together
8:50	Doors to Early Years Unit locked, Morning Registration
9:00 - 9:20	Welcome Time, Morning Storytime
9:20 - 9:50	Little Wandle Phonics Lesson
9:50 - 10:10	Little Wandle Reading Practice Session (3 times a week)
10:10 - 11:10	Free Choice
11:10 - 11:40	Maths Lesson
11:40	Grace and Lunch preparations
11:45	Lunch time
12:45	Welcome back after lunch, Afternoon Registration
12:50 - 1:20	Teaching input
1:20 - 2:40	Free choice
2:40	Story time
2:55	Prayers, Home time preparations
3:05	Home time

Below are the timings for our extra lessons that the children take part in - these timings may change for September but we will inform you of the times when your child starts.

P.E - Friday 10:00 - 11:00

Hymn practice and Collective Worship - Monday 2:30 - 3:00

Whole Academy Assembly - Friday 2:30 - 3:00

How Can You Help?



There are many ways in which you can help your child prepare for starting in our Early Years Unit. We would encourage you to:

- Talk to your child
- Read or re-tell stories with them
- Look at books together or visit the library
- Encourage them to pronounce words correctly when talking and speaking in full sentences
- Sing songs and rhymes together
- Count/ add/ subtract everyday objects
- Draw and paint pictures
- Recognise and write their name
- Share toys with others
- Dress themselves and put on their own shoes and coat

Once your child starts in Early Years 2 you can continue to support them by:

- Supporting them to read their Reading Practice Book
- Read their Sharing Book to them, encouraging them to join in, discuss their understanding of the story/ non-fiction text
- Support them to complete their weekly writing homework which will be linked to their Reading Practice Book
- Support them complete Little Wandle Home Learning sheets sent home at the beginning of each week
- Tell stories and make up news stories with your child. We will support you with this throughout the year and your child will become a confident storyteller. The more storytelling you engage in with your child the broader their vocabulary will be, therefore improving their language development.

Parents as Partners



When parents and teachers work together we are able to provide your child with the best start in their education journey.

Over the year we provide you with resources and have meetings whereby we invite you along to learn about how we will be teaching your child in school and to discuss with you, your child's progress and how as a partnership we could further support them.

- New Parents Booklet
- Home Visit (If your child is new to our academy)
- Little Wandle Phonics and Reading meeting
- Weekly Little Wandle Home Learning sheets sent home with examples of GPC's, words and sentences being taught that week
- Advent Term and Lent Term Parents Evenings
- Termly overviews of the learning that will be taking place in your child's class available on the academy website under 'Early Years Curriculum'
- School report at the end of the academic year

Uniform



In the table below, items of uniform shown in **black text** are the same for all three Academic Terms. **Items of uniform shown in red text are unique to that (those) Academic Term(s).** Please note that the blazer (highlighted in yellow) is an optional item and must be ordered in advance from Shah's.

	Boys' uniform	This item must be purchased from Shah's	Girls' uniform	This item must be purchased from Shah's
Autumn Term and Spring Term	Blue academy blazer showing academy badge	OPTIONAL ITEM	Blue academy blazer showing academy badge	OPTIONAL ITEM
	Blue academy jumper showing academy badge	✓	Blue academy cardigan showing academy badge	✓
	White long-sleeved shirt or white short-sleeved shirt		White long-sleeved blouse or white short-sleeved blouse	
	Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	✓	Blue academy tie with red and gold banding	✓
	Black long trousers		Blue academy pinafore dress or blue academy skirt	✓
	Black socks		White socks or black tights	
	Black school shoes (no trainers)		Black school shoes (flat – no heels, and no trainers)	
Black plimsolls (for indoor use, and no slippers)		Black plimsolls (for indoor use, and no slippers)		
Summer Term	Blue academy blazer showing academy badge	OPTIONAL ITEM	Blue academy blazer showing academy badge	OPTIONAL ITEM
	Blue academy jumper showing academy badge	✓	Blue academy cardigan showing academy badge	✓
	White academy polo shirt showing academy badge	✓	Blue and white striped academy summer dress	✓
	Black long trousers or black short trousers			
	Black socks		White socks	
	Black school shoes (no trainers)		Black school shoes (flat – no heels, and no trainers)	
	Black plimsolls (for indoor use, and no slippers)		Black plimsolls (for indoor use, and no slippers)	

Bags for children in Reception		This item must be purchased from Shah's
Every child requires three school bags – the Book bag, the PE kit bag, and a main school bag. The Book bag and the PE kit bag are compulsory purchases from Shah's. For the main school bag, parents can purchase the Infant academy bag from Shah's with the academy branding to match the two other bags, or parents can purchase a main school bag of their own choice.		
BOOK bag (showing academy badge and name)		✓
PE kit bag (showing academy badge and name)		✓
INFANT academy bag available from Shah's (small rucksack showing academy badge)	or another bag of your own choice	

PE Kit



All items of PE kit can be purchased from Shah's Uniform Shop.
Please note Reception children DO NOT require a fleece top and tracksuit bottoms as PE is taught inside during the Winter months.

Year Group	Required items of PE Kit	This item must be purchased from Shah's
Nursery	No PE Kit required	
Reception	Blue short-sleeved polo shirt with red stripe showing academy badge	✓
	Blue shorts with red stripe	✓
KS1 Years 1 and 2	Blue short-sleeved polo shirt with red stripe showing academy badge	✓
	Blue shorts with red stripe	✓
KS2 Years 3, 4, 5, and 6	Blue 1/4-zip fleece top with yellow and red stripe showing academy badge	✓
	Blue tracksuit trousers with red stripe	✓