



# ST. BERNADETTE'S

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we embark on this new term and new calendar year, we are writing to you about the Jubilee Year 2025 launched by Pope Francis on 24th December. A Jubilee Year takes place every 25 years in the Catholic Church. The theme of this Jubilee Year is 'Hope' and we are being called by Pope Francis to be *Pilgrims of Hope*. This hope comes from knowing that we are loved by God and that in Jesus we have the offer of our salvation, and the hope that this gives us which we can share with others, our family and friends, our parish, local community and the wider world. In his Pastoral Jubilee Letter, the Right Reverend Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham writes:

*Throughout this Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis is inviting us to open ourselves to what he calls "an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the hope of our salvation in Christ." We are to set out on this Jubilee Year, "firm in our faith, active in charity and steadfast in hope." He invites us to give special encouragement to the young because as he says, "they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world."*

Over the course of this Jubilee Year, there will be opportunity for our community here at St. Bernadette's to experience the joy of sharing our faith in Jesus through prayer and liturgy, and offering charitable outreach to those in need as *Pilgrims of Hope*.

Our Diocesan Jubilee Launch Day took place on Friday 24th January, with our whole school community taking part in a live-stream event, joining with other schools across our Trust to come together in prayer at the start of this special year. Our staff team, together with the pupils, are excited to communicate just some of the other activities and initiatives we will be carrying out throughout this very special Jubilee Year:

### **Jubilee Lenten Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation**

On Friday 14th March at 9.30 a.m., Canon Matthew will visit the school to offer Mass and there will be an opportunity for our Year 5 and 6 children to partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

### **Jubilee Pilgrimage to St. Bernadette's Catholic Church**

During the year, all classes across the school will make a pilgrimage to St. Bernadette's Catholic Church to attend weekday Mass. We will be making banners and flags to carry on our journey.

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### **Jubilee Prayer and Hymn**

In school, the children will pray the Jubilee Prayer each week and will learn the Jubilee Hymn as part of our Hymn Singing practice. Jubilee Prayer Stations will also be displayed in each phase of the school.

### **Jubilee Fundraising**

During the Lent Term, we will be raising funds for 'Aid to the Church in Need' who support persecuted Christians around the world and through our efforts we will aim to provide 'hope' to those who need our help.

Further exciting events, including dates and times, will be communicated as the year progresses. We ask parents/carers to look at our website for further details regarding the Jubilee Year 2025, including '*Pope Francis' Jubilee Letter*', and the '*Pastoral Letter from the Bishop of Nottingham Jubilee 2025*', along with the '*Diocesan Guide to the Jubilee*' (please click on the '*Catholic Life*' tab, followed by '*Catholic Life and Mission*' and scroll down to '*Church Initiatives*').

We thank you for your continued support as we begin this exciting Jubilee Year 2025, and as *Pilgrims of Hope* may we look forward to celebrating this together over the course of the year.

Yours sincerely,

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