



# ST. BERNADETTE'S

## CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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2nd April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

A reminder that the academy closes for the Easter holidays at home time this Friday, 4th April. Please find below a table outlining the remaining dates this academic year. On the next page, I have also included the dates for the next academic year.

LENT TERM DATES for Academic Year 2024–2025	
Friday 4th April 2025	At home time, academy closes for Easter holidays
PENTECOST TERM DATES for Academic Year 2024–2025	
Wednesday 23rd April 2025	Academy opens for all pupils
Monday 5th May 2025	May Day Bank Holiday – academy closed
Friday 23rd May 2025	At home time, academy closes for half-term
Monday 2nd June 2025	Academy opens for all pupils
Friday 18th July 2025	At home time, academy closes for Summer holidays

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## Term dates for the next academic year, 2025–2026

The table below details all dates for the next academic year. Insofar as is possible, a reminder that parents are expected to book holidays outside of the academy's term time, thereby maximising your children's precious learning time in class and so enabling them to achieve of their very best.

ADVENT TERM DATES for Academic Year 2025–2026	
Monday 1st September 2025	Training Day – academy closed to all pupils
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	Training Day – academy closed to all pupils
Wednesday 3rd September 2025	Academy opens for all pupils
Friday 24th October 2025	At home time, academy closes for half-term
Monday 3rd November 2025	Academy opens for all pupils
Friday 19th December 2025	At home time, academy closes for Christmas holidays
LENT TERM DATES for Academic Year 2025–2026	
Monday 5th January 2026	Academy opens for all pupils
Thursday 12th February 2026	At home time, academy closes for half-term
Friday 13th February 2026	Training Day – academy closed to all pupils
Monday 23rd February 2026	Academy opens for all pupils
Thursday 2nd April 2026	At home time, academy closes for Easter holidays
PENTECOST TERM DATES for Academic Year 2025–2026	
Tuesday 21st April 2026	Academy opens for all pupils
Monday 4th May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday – academy closed
Friday 22nd May 2026	At home time, academy closes for half-term
Monday 1st June 2026	Academy opens for all pupils
Friday 17th July 2026	At home time, academy closes for Summer holidays

## Thank you

We would like to thank parents for attending recent events at the school, such as parents' evening and running record meetings. The partnership between home and school is a very important one and we appreciate the time taken to come to these events.

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## Summer Uniform

A reminder that children can wear their summer uniform after the Easter holidays. To assist parents with the cost of living it is no longer compulsory to wear the summer uniform. Children will be able to attend school in either:

- the summer uniform, or
- simply continue to wear the main academy uniform\*.

\*The latter option (to wear the main uniform) includes some further options:

- Girls are allowed to wear white **short-sleeve** blouses with the academy tie and white socks
- Boys are allowed to wear white **short-sleeve** shirts with the academy tie, black shorts, and black socks.
- In the event of very hot weather, the requirement to wear the academy tie will be relaxed at the discretion of the academy via communication with parents.

Please see the uniform charts on our website for full details. We also ask parents to ensure that all items of uniform are labelled clearly with your child's full name.

## Footwear

A reminder that all children are required to wear a pair of black plimsolls indoors, and a pair of black school shoes for outdoor use – not trainers. We currently have a significant number of children with incorrect footwear. In sending your child to St. Bernadette's all parents agree to abide by the academy's uniform policy. Please can we ask all parents to ensure that you provide your children with the correct footwear, and again that these items are labelled with your child's name. Thank you.

## Bicycles

We kindly request that any child coming to school on a bicycle also brings with them a lock to secure this to the fencing. Please help us to keep your child's bike safe by ensuring you provide your child with a suitable lock.

## Parking

A reminder that there is no on-site parking for parents in a morning, other than for disabled drivers. Parents bringing their children to Breakfast Club should park on Anne's Crescent and walk their child to the hall doors.

At home time, in addition to provision for disabled drivers, the academy offers parking on the playground for parents of children in Classes 1–6. Gates are open for parking from 2.40 – 2.55 p.m., and reopen at 3.10 p.m. for vehicles to leave the site.

## SATs

Key Stage Two SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) for all children in Year 6 will take place from Monday, 12th May – Thursday, 15th May. It is essential that all Year 6 children are in the academy that week. The weeks building up to the tests are also very important and are a key period for revision. To give your child the best opportunity of achieving success, we would strongly urge parents to avoid booking any holidays during this period.

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## Strawberry Tea

A reminder that the date for our Strawberry Tea is Friday 27th June 2025. More details will follow next term, closer to the day.

## Sports Day

A further reminder that the date for our Sports Day is Friday 4th July 2025, with races for Classes 1–6 starting at 9.00 a.m., and races for Classes 7–12 commencing at 1.00 p.m. Again, more details will follow next term, closer to the day. In case of bad weather on the 4th July, the reserve date for Sports Day will be the following Friday, 11th July 2025.

## Holy Week and Easter

Holy Week commemorates the events of Our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection on Easter Sunday. We hope that many of our families will be able to attend the Easter services that will take place at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church and other local churches. On the morning of Good Friday, there is also a walk of witness which starts at St. Bernadette's Church as Christians gather together to give witness to the events of this solemn day, walking from church to church through Ashby. Please refer to the parish website for further details. The table below outlines the dates, times, and locations of services this Easter.

TIMES OF MASS AND SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER at St. Bernadette's Church unless otherwise stated		
Thursday 17th April	7.00 p.m. at St. Norbert's, Crowle	Maundy Thursday
Friday 18th April	10.00 a.m. Walk of Witness	Good Friday
	3.00 p.m. at Holy Souls	
	6.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 19th April	8.00 p.m.	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
Sunday 20th April	8.00 a.m.	Easter Sunday

On behalf of myself and all of the staff here at St. Bernadette's, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and holy Easter. May we all recognise the sacrifice made for us by Our Lord Jesus Christ when He gave His life on the cross for our salvation, and may the joy and glory of the Risen Lord be with you all at this very special time of the year, so that our faith in Jesus may resemble that of the Roman centurion who stood at the foot of the cross.

*And when the centurion, who stood facing Jesus, saw that He thus breathed His last,  
he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"*

*Mark Chapter 15, verse 39*

Yours sincerely,



Mr. M. Strong, Headteacher

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