



ST. BERNADETTE'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come towards the end of another very busy school year, this is the final newsletter for this academic year. A reminder that the academy will close for the summer holidays at home time this Friday, 18th July. The table below shows term dates for the next academic year.

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

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Toy Day

Friday is a toy day where children are allowed to bring into school a small selection of their toys to play with. Please do not send in any electronic toys or anything that is too valuable as the academy will not be held responsible for any toys that become damaged or lost.

Strawberry Tea

I would like to thank parents for your wonderful support recently at our Strawberry Tea event. We greatly value our community events and it was lovely to see so many families enjoying time together. Through your generosity, we raised £2222 following deductions, which is a tremendous effort, and these funds will be reserved for future projects we are hoping to deliver at the academy.

I would like to thank Mrs. Wilson for her leading role in organising the event, as well as the staff in general, our Year 6 pupils who ran their own stalls, and also those parents who volunteered to help as well. Finally, thank you to all parents who donated goods to help make the event such a great success – your help and support is very much appreciated.

Sports Day

Again, a big thank you to all of our parents for such a great turnout on Sports Day. We were blessed with beautiful weather and it was another lovely community event. Thank you also to all of the parents who stepped forward to take part in the parents' races – well done to all.

My thanks go to Mr. Rigby and Mrs. Lynch for their hard work in organising the event, and to all the staff who worked hard to prepare the children for their races and who carried out various roles on the day. Finally, well done to the children who always give of their best in all of their events, for the way they cheer each other on, and display such a good sporting attitude. They can all be very proud of their efforts.

ParentPay and Arbor

A polite reminder regarding ParentPay – please can any monies owed for lunches be paid in full as soon as possible. Similarly, with regard to Arbor, please can any outstanding payments be made for Wraparound Care and School Trips. We would greatly appreciate your support with this matter.

Uniform Exchange

The school will be holding a uniform exchange this Thursday in the school hall from 2.30 p.m. Please send in any good quality uniform you are able to donate to support this event, and please remove name tags from any of the items that are sent in. There will be a box in the hall for voluntary donations should you wish to contribute to the school.

Classes for 2025-2026

All children recently enjoyed a morning with their new class teacher. The class structure for next year is as follows:

Class 1	Nursery	Mrs. H. Wilson
Class 2	Reception	Miss H. Fenwick
Class 3	Reception	Mrs. N. Lynch
Class 4	Year 1	Miss M. Hanly
Class 5	Year 1/2	Miss M. Cooper
Class 6	Year 2	Mrs. E. McIlvaney
Class 7	Year 3	Miss K. Huxford
Class 8	Year 3/4	Mr. W. Moran
Class 9	Year 4	Miss E. Sutton
Class 10	Year 5	Miss J. Edwards
Class 11	Year 5/6	Mrs. C. Sawczuk / Mrs. N. Baldwin
Class 12	Year 6	Mr. A. Strong / Mrs. J. Strong

Please note that next year Miss Smith will not be working in the role of class teacher due to her commitments as Assistant Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Leader. However, she will still be teaching scheduled days in our weekly timetable across a number of classes in Early Years and Key Stage 1.

General reminders about the uniform

A reminder that children must return to school in September wearing the main academy uniform. Please see the charts on our website for the precise requirements for children at different age phases of the academy.

- ❖ In addition to the main clothing items, please remember that all pupils must have a pair of plain black plimsolls for indoor use only – this is a compulsory part of the uniform.
- ❖ A pair of plain, smart black school shoes for outdoor use is also compulsory – trainers will not be accepted.
- ❖ No pupil is permitted to wear jewellery of any kind. This is for health and safety reasons and must be adhered to.
- ❖ Please ensure that all items of uniform, including footwear, are clearly labelled. With large numbers of pupils wearing identical items, labelling is essential to enable staff to return mislaid items of uniform back to their owners.
- ❖ Any parent seeking to purchase a blazer for their child, please remember that this optional item must be pre-ordered in good time from Shah's.

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School PE Kit

For many years our PE kit (as with the rest of our uniform) has been sold entirely through Shah's on West Street in the town centre. Three of the four items that comprise our PE kit – the short-sleeved PE top, the shorts, and the tracksuit trousers – are manufactured by a company called Price and Buckland. From next term for logistical reasons it has become necessary for these items of the PE kit to be purchased online directly from Price and Buckland. The long-sleeved top for the PE kit will continue to be sold by Shah's.

Over the summer holidays, parents can continue to purchase these items from Shah's from the stock they have presently available, but no further stock will be ordered on the three items listed above.

Once Price and Buckland have stock available for these three items of the PE kit we will announce all of the relevant details to parents at that time.

If parents are unable to purchase any of the PE kit items that you require from Shah's this summer, as a short-term measure for the first few weeks of next term children can do PE wearing sensible sports clothes of their choice.

Please note, the main school uniform as well as the long-sleeved top for the PE kit are not affected and will remain for sale through Shah's as usual.

Nursery Wraparound Care

I am pleased to announce that from 3rd September 2025 the school will be able to offer Wraparound Care for Nursery children.

The Breakfast Club will be open to Nursery pupils from 8.00 a.m. Please note that the Breakfast Club continues to be open to pupils from Reception to Year 6 from 7.30 a.m. but due to staff ratios we are only able to offer places for Nursery pupils from 8.00 a.m. After-School Wraparound Care will also be open to Nursery pupils from 3.00 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.

Breakfast Club and After-School Wraparound Care is offered on every day that the school is open to pupils. Due to staff ratios we are only able to offer up to 8 Nursery places both before and after school so please book early to avoid disappointment. See our website for details.

Year 6 Leavers

We wish our Year 6 pupils all the best as they leave this week and move on to secondary education in September. They have been a super group of pupils and they leave with our love and best wishes. For any parents whose association with the school also comes to an end this year, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your support of the school over the years and we wish you and your children all the best for the future.

I would like to wish all our children and families and all the staff a well-deserved break over the summer, and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 3rd September.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. M. Strong, Headteacher

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