



ST. BERNADETTE'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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11th February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

A reminder that the academy closes for half-term at home time tomorrow, Thursday 12th February. 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 2025-2026

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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Term dates for the next academic year, 2026-2027

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 2026-2027	
Tuesday 1st September 2026	Training Day – academy closed to all pupils
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Training Day – academy closed to all pupils
Thursday 3rd September 2026	Academy opens for all pupils
Friday 23rd October 2026	At home time, academy closes for half-term
Monday 2nd November 2026	Academy opens for all pupils
Friday 18th December 2026	At home time, academy closes for Christmas holidays
LENT TERM DATES for Academic Year 2026-2027	
Tuesday 5th January 2027	Academy opens for all pupils
Thursday 11th February 2027	At home time, academy closes for half-term
Friday 12th February 2027	Training Day – academy closed to all pupils
Monday 22nd February 2027	Academy opens for all pupils
Thursday 25th March 2027	At home time, academy closes for Easter holidays
PENTECOST TERM DATES for Academic Year 2026-2027	
Wednesday 14th April 2027	Academy opens for all pupils
Monday 3rd May 2027	May Day Bank Holiday – academy closed
Friday 28th May 2027	At home time, academy closes for half-term
Monday 7th June 2027	Academy opens for all pupils
Wednesday 21st July 2027	At home time, academy closes for Summer holidays

NSPCC Number Day

We would like to thank parents for the generous donations sent in to support our recent NSPCC Number Day. The children enjoyed taking part in a series of number-related activities on the day, and we raised a total of £204.49 for the charity. Thank you for your support.

Change to Reporting of Accidents

Commencing after half-term, we will be making a change to the way we report to parents any pupil accidents that occur on the school premises. Currently, a medical note is placed in your child's bag and an Arbor App message is sent on the day of the accident, however, from after half-term, notification will be sent electronically via email to both primary guardians and you will no longer receive a paper medical note.

Please ensure that you have provided school with the email addresses of both primary guardians for your child/children. To ensure that you do not miss important communications from us, on your phones please enable your email notifications to receive alerts that an email has been received from the school.

Please be assured that when a child is unwell, or has a more serious accident, the academy will always contact the parents by telephone as soon as possible, in addition to the standard notification via email.

Arbor App Consents

The academy has been updating its parental consents in line with various legal requirements and Trust policies. All parents should have received a notification via the Arbor App to update these consents for each of your children at the school. Currently, we still have a significant number of parents who are yet to complete these.

Where applicable, therefore, can we ask all parents to complete this task as soon as possible. These consents provide us with important information and it is important that the academy acts in accordance with the wishes of parents in line with GDPR regulations. For families with more than one child at the academy, please ensure that you complete these consents for each of your children via the App.

We would be grateful for this task to be completed by all parents by the end of half-term. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

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 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 bicycle 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. A small number of parents are using the school grounds to drop off their children, including making use of the staff car park. This is not allowed.

A number of early morning deliveries take place to the school kitchens and parents coming in and out of the site risks affecting these. Parents who ignore this rule may well find themselves blocked in on site for some time whilst the deliveries take place. Thank you for your cooperation with this important site rule.

I would like to wish all of our children and families a restful half-term and we look forward to seeing the children return after the break.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. M. Strong,
Headteacher