



ST. BERNADETTE'S

CATHOLIC PRIMARY VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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2nd April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

A reminder that the academy closes for the Easter holidays at home time today, Thursday, 2nd 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 2025–2026	
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

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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Arbor App Consents

This is a reminder to parents to complete your Arbor App consents, if you have not yet done so.

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 so that the academy can act 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 the Easter holidays. Thank you for your cooperation with this important matter.

Academy Office

As parents may be aware following recent strike action, all schools across two of the large Nottingham Diocesan Trusts are being asked to find savings from within existing budgets, and 25 of those schools are facing staffing restructures to achieve a newly-introduced staffing model, including St. Bernadette's. As part of that restructure, we are being required by the Trust to reduce our administration staff down from three to two posts.

By chance, an administration post was recently vacated at one of our local Catholic partner schools, and Mrs. Holland has asked me to share with all parents that she has taken up an option to redeploy within our Trust, and will shortly commence a new post at St. Bede's Catholic Voluntary Academy.

Mrs. Holland will be very well known to most, if not all of our parents, and I know you will be as saddened as we are to be losing her. She is an amazing member of staff who is always so welcoming to all of our children and parents. Mrs. Holland's final day at our school will be Friday 8th May, and we will miss her enormously, but I'm sure you will join me in thanking her for her excellent and devoted service to St. Bernadette's, and wish her well in her new post up the road at St. Bede's. Mrs. Holland has said to me that she is very sad to be leaving but looks forward to seeing many of our children and parents in the future through her new role.

Access for Local Residents

We have been contacted by a number of local residents who live close to our school gates regarding access for their vehicles to the road. Our local residents need to be able to come and go from their own properties in their vehicles whenever needed.

We understand the areas close to the school gates become congested, but please can I remind all parents to keep the road clear where the yellow zig-zag markings exist, and please be mindful of local residents who may need to back out of their properties in their own cars. If parents standing on the pavements could be mindful of this we would be very grateful.

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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 the summer uniform is not compulsory. 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.

SATs

Key Stage Two SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) for all children in Year 6 will take place from Monday, 11th May – Thursday, 14th 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.

Strawberry Tea

A reminder that the date for our Strawberry Tea is Friday, 26th June, commencing at 12.30 p.m. More details will follow next term, closer to the day.

Sports Day

A further reminder that the date for our Sports Day is Friday, 3rd July, 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 3rd July, the reserve date for Sports Day will be the following Friday, 10th July.

Holy Week and Easter

We are currently in Holy Week, the holiest week in the Church year when we commemorate the events of Our Lord's Passion and Death, and His 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.

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**TIMES OF MASS AND SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER
at St. Bernadette's Church unless otherwise stated**

Thursday 2nd April	7.00 p.m. <i>at St. Norbert's, Crowle</i>	Maundy Thursday
Friday 3rd April	10.00 a.m. Walk of Witness	Good Friday
	3.00 p.m. <i>at Holy Souls</i>	
	6.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross	
Saturday 4th April	8.00 p.m.	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil
Sunday 5th April	11.30 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