



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, 17th July. The table below shows term dates for the next academic year.

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

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Classes for 2026-2027

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

Class 1	Nursery	Mrs. J. Potter
Class 2	Reception	Miss H. Fenwick
Class 3	Reception	Miss L. Smith / 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 E. Sutton
Class 8	Year 3/4	Mr. W. Moran
Class 9	Year 4	Mrs. N. Baldwin
Class 10	Year 5	Miss J. Edwards
Class 11	Year 5/6	Mrs. C. Sawczuk
Class 12	Year 6	Mr. A. Strong / Mrs. J. Strong

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.

PE Kit

I wrote to parents last year explaining that from September 2026 all schools are required to comply with new legislation on school uniforms. For primary schools, uniforms are now restricted to 3 compulsory branded items, and this means we are having to make some changes to our uniform policy from this September. At our school these changes will predominantly affect the PE Kit.

The school will issue a letter next week detailing this information and the uniform charts on the website will be updated accordingly to reflect the changes. Please look out for this next week.

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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 over £2000 following deductions, which is a tremendous effort, and these funds will be used to enhance facilities at the academy.

I would like to thank Mrs. Potter 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 for his 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.

Wraparound Care

A reminder to parents that the school provides Wraparound Care for all age groups (Nursery – Year 6) throughout the academic year. To fund this service we rely entirely on our families making use of this service and supporting it. If you do not currently use the school's Wraparound Care for your children's before and after-school provision, please do consider supporting us and making use of this excellent service.

- ❖ The Breakfast Club is open to all pupils from Reception to Year 6 from 7.30 a.m.
- ❖ The Breakfast Club is open to Nursery pupils from 8.00 a.m.
- ❖ After-School Wraparound Care is also open to all age groups (Nursery – Year 6) from 3.00 p.m. to 5.45 p.m.
- ❖ Please note that all Wraparound Care has to be booked in advance through the Arbor App.

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.

Staffing changes

- ❖ Mrs. H. Wilson, who has worked at the school for many years, teaching in the Early Years, is leaving us this year. Mrs. Wilson has been a very dedicated member of our staff team for so many years, and amongst other things she has also been responsible for organising our Christmas Fair and Strawberry Tea events throughout that time. I would like to express my sincere gratitude for her dedicated service towards our children. She will be greatly missed and leaves with our love and best wishes.
- ❖ Mrs. C. Bain-Remmer, one of our lunchtime supervisors, is also leaving and we thank her for her dedicated service to our children and wish her well for the future.
- ❖ Miss D. Quigley, another of our lunchtime supervisors, and also a cleaner, is taking her maternity leave and we wish her every joy and happiness in the weeks and months ahead.
- ❖ We also place on record our sincere thanks to those dedicated staff who left earlier this year, Mrs. A. McDonagh, Miss H. Hussain, and Mrs. M. Holland.
- ❖ Finally, we welcome to the academy Mrs. E. Filmer who has joined our school as a Teaching Assistant.

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 Thursday 3rd September.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. M. Strong,
Headteacher