



# St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter June 2025

**Pentecost Term 2**

**Virtue: Respect**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The end of the academic year is fast approaching and the staffing plan for September has now been finalised and can be seen below. For each class, we have planned a transition morning on 30<sup>th</sup> June, so that the children can get to know their new teachers and support staff. (Y6 students will have a special activity prepared for that day). Please support your child in remembering the name of their new class and teacher(s) in readiness for September.

Please remember that term dates can be found in your child's planner and also on the school website: <https://www.stbernadettesschool.com/term-dates/>

Do check the dates page at the end of this newsletter to ensure you are aware of all the events planned for the remainder of this term.

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Zamora

Class and Year Group from September 2025-26	Current Class (2024-2025)	Class Teachers from September 2025-26	Support Staff (Including SEND support)
Nursery (FS1) Acorns		Miss Fletcher (4 ½ days) Mrs Morris (1/2 day)	Miss Poppy Mrs Perrin
Reception (FS2) Saplings Lourdes		Mrs O'Brien (2 days) Mrs Morris (3 days)	Mrs Tyerman Mrs Saunders & Miss Fajojuto
Reception (FS2) Saplings Bernadette		Mrs Patel (3 days) Mrs Dalton (2 days)	
Year 1 Starfish	Saplings L	Mrs Nelta (4 days) Mrs Evison (1 day)	Mrs Agnel Mrs Rodriguez Mrs Addo/ Mrs Rankin
Year 1 Seahorse	Saplings B	Ms Sohal (Mon - Wed am 2 ½ days) Mrs Lewington (Wed pm - Fri 2 ½ days)	
Year 2 Dolphins	Y1 Seahorse	Miss Hannigan (Mrs Lowe 1 day)	Mrs Julian Miss Bida Mrs Goddard
Year 2 Turtles	Y1 Starfish	Mrs Crompton (Mrs Lowe 1 day)	

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Year 3 Pandas	Y2 Turtle	Mrs Bond Mrs Rodricks (1/2 day)	Mrs Kent Mrs Chennan
Year 3 Kangaroos	Y2 Dolphin	Mrs Abiola (Mon-Wed 3 days) Mrs Rodricks (Thurs- Fri 2 days)	
Year 4 Leopards	Y3 Kangaroo	Mr Cowan (Mrs Evison 1 day)	Mrs Dyett Miss Dereva Mrs Denieffe Mrs Saunders (pm)
Year 4 Lions	Y3 Panda	Mr Waghorne Mrs Evison (1/2 day)	
Year 5 Eagles	Y4 Lion	Mr Sangle Mrs Evison (1/2 day)	Mrs Moore Mrs Drakeley Ms Whiting
Year 5 Falcons	Y4 Leopard	Miss McNally (Mon Tues Wed, Thurs am) Mrs Smith (Thurs pm and Friday)	
Year 6 Meteors	Y5 Eagle	Mrs Pughe Miss K Rodricks (Tues pm and Wednesday)	Mrs Perry
Year 6 Comets	Y5 Falcon	Mrs McGinn Miss K Rodricks (1/2 day)	Ms Iskrzynska

## Staffing Update

Mrs Irvine will be commencing her maternity leave at the end of this academic year - we wish her and Mr Irvine every blessing as they prepare to welcome their first child into the world. Our St Bernadette's family continues to grow!

We are sorry to say fond farewells to a number of long-serving and much-loved members of staff at the end of this academic year: Ms Carey, Mrs Richardson and Mrs Molloy have all given so much to our school community in so many ways over so many years - I cannot thank them enough. They have impacted positively on so many young lives and will all be greatly missed. I know you will join me in wishing them every blessing in their new ventures.

We are thrilled to welcome Mrs O'Brien who brings a wealth of experience to our Saplings staff team and Miss K Rodricks (not to be confused with Mrs C Rodricks!) who joins the Y6 team - we are delighted that she is returning to our staff after a period of time away.

## Sports Days

Please see the dates page for the dates and times of the different Sports Days. It would be wonderful to see you there cheering on your children.

If you wish to take part in a parent race, please come with suitable footwear and do so at your own risk!

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## St Bernadette's Speech Cup and Poetry Recital Competition

Heats have been taking place in classes and we look forward to the final competitions on Thursday. Parents of finalists have been contacted to invite them to attend. The final judging panels on 19<sup>th</sup> June will include staff and pupils from St Paul's Catholic Secondary School.

Thank you for all of your support in helping your children with their preparations.



## First Holy Communions

*Congratulations to all our children who are celebrating their First Holy Communion at this time in the parishes across Milton Keynes. Please keep these children in your prayers as they take this important step in their faith journeys. Thank you so much to the 27 members of the school choir who sang so beautifully at this Saturday's First Communion celebration.*



## Mini Vinnies



Our Community, Prayer and Eco Mini Vinnies make a wonderful contribution to life at St Bernadette's and beyond, leading our charitable work, prayer life and sustainability work. The application window to join the teams is now open for current Y3-Y5 children. If your child is interested in joining one of these special teams, please encourage them to request an application form from Mrs Pughe. The deadline for handing in the application forms is Mon 30<sup>th</sup> June.

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On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June, we will have a fundraising 'Dress for Dinners' MUFTI to support the essential work of this wonderful local charity. Donations of £1 or more would be gratefully received either via the School Gateway or as cash on the day.

We are very proud to be a partner of St Mark's Meals. They store emergency meal boxes in schools - including St Bernadette's. This means that families facing vulnerabilities and struggling to feed their children, for whatever reason, can take home a meal to cook any day they might need it. The boxes contain the ingredients needed to cook an easy, child-friendly, hot and healthy meal and a recipe card so families can cook it over and over - even on a small budget. If you are in need of this support, or know a family who is, please do not hesitate to contact me in strict confidence.

## Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope and St Bernadette's Pledge Day

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church holds a Jubilee Year. All members of the global Church family are called to participate in this Holy Year. It is a time to grow in our faith and prayer life. It is also an opportunity to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. Pope Francis launched this special jubilee year - *Pilgrims of Hope* on 24th December 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door in Rome. The Jubilee Year will formally conclude in Rome on the Solemnity of Epiphany, 6 January 2026. We launched the year with a special assembly in January and have carried out a range of events since. We have sought inspiration from the Jubilee Year Prayer (see below) to guide our activities, focusing on Care for Creation, Love for our Neighbours and Growing in our Faith Life.

### Pilgrims of Hope Prayer.

God, our loving Father,  
In this Jubilee year,  
you remind us of our call to love creation.  
Help us to work together  
to replant, repair, and renew.

### **R# Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.**

Jesus, our light,  
In this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to love our neighbours  
and to set free those who suffer.  
Help us to treat everyone with dignity; to be fair; forgiving; and kind.

### **R# Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.**

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,  
In this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to grow in faith and love.  
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see Jesus in others,  
and to be united as God's global family.

### **R# Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.**



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Activities undertaken so far have included a focus on a 'Daily Dose of Nature'; mixed-year art activities looking at the symbolism of the Jubilee Year Logo (some of which are displayed outside the chapel -see below).



We carried out our *Friendship Virtue Retreat* in May which was very well attended by families and raised money through the Friendship Café to support our charitable work. This has allowed us to finance a malaria prevention programme in Ayensuako, Ghana.

We have also revisited our school Mission Statement (*Loving, Serving and Growing Together with Jesus*) as a whole school, understanding how we can put it into action in our daily lives.

We had a wonderful *Pledge Day* on 6<sup>th</sup> June. I had tasked all children from Y1 - Y6 to come together in groups (Y1/Y2, Y3/4 and Y5/6) to decide on a *Pledge* for the remainder for the Jubilee Year and beyond which they would commit to achieving together. Nominated children presented the pledges at the Y1-Y6 assembly. I found myself deeply moved and inspired by the thoughtfulness of the children's pledges. It made me incredibly thankful to work with such amazing children who truly want to make this world a better place. I have reminded them that they have made a commitment that will be hard work (and Year 6 children will need to think about how they will continue to achieve their pledges once they have moved on to secondary schools in September) but they seem determined to work together to bring their pledges to fruition. I am so proud of them. You can read their pledges below.

**Our Pledges**

Year 1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Turn off lights and turn off taps.</li> </ul>
Year 3 & 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compost waste food from the lunch hall once a week so it can be used on the allotment beds.</li> <li>Encourage wildlife on school grounds</li> </ul>
Year 5 & 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support the vulnerable and those in need in our school, in our local community and globally.</li> </ul>

CAFOD Catholic Agency for Overseas Development



As the children make progress, we will provide updates. Year 6 are busy planning their fundraising Summer Bash on 4<sup>th</sup> July which will support our friends and neighbours in the Humanitas School in Ghana. St Bernadette's have been added to the Schools Pledge Map of England and Wales, which you can see here: [Pledge Map](#). We are the first MK school to be added to the map!

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## Pentecost Term

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**Catholic Social Teaching Principle: Care for Creation**

Tues 17 June	Year 5 parents information - 5:00 pm Rock UK Y6 autumn term residential trip
Wed 18 June	5:30 pm Parent information evening for those joining reception class (Saplings) in September
Thurs 19 June	Nursery Poetry Recital Final Competition Saplings, Year 1, Year 2 Poetry Recital Final Competition Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Speech Final Competition
Fri 20 June	Mufti day in aid of St Marks Meals - please donate £1+ via the School Gateway
23 - 26 June	Book Fair after school in small hall
Mon 23 June	School Council trip to St Paul's Stantonbury Athletics Competition
Tues 24 June	Geography Focus Day 10:30 St Bernadette's Award Ceremony (note change of date)
Thurs 26 June	Catholic Schools Sports Day Y1 Shuttleworth Visit
Fri 27 June	Y6 trip to Gulliver's Land
Mon 30 June	Transition morning Y6 - Bridgebuilder Trust Workshop
Tues 1 July	FS2 Dinosaur WOW Day with Dinomania visit to Saplings Y4 visit to St Albans Verulamium Museum 9:15 Nursery (FS1) Sports Day
Wed 2 July	9:30 Saplings (FS2) Sports Day 2:15pm Rocksteady performance for their parents and pupils
Thurs 3 July	1:30 Y1 - Y3 Sports Day Y1 Judaism workshop
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Fundraising Summer Bash on playground after school 3:15pm
Wed 9 July	Year 6 Musical Performance for families - 9:30am and 6:00pm
Thurs 10 July	Parents of Award Winners have received invitations to the following: 9:30 FS2 academic awards 2:00pm KS1 academic award 5:00 pm KS2 academic awards
Fri 11 July	3:20pm - 5:00pm Y6 Leavers' Disco
Mon 14 July	Y4- Y6 Sports Day
Tues 15 July	1:30 pm Y6 Leavers' Mass
Wed 16 July	Little City visit to Acorns Class 3:15-4:15 PTA disco FS2 - Y2
Thurs 17 July	3:20 - 4:20 PTA disco Y3 - Y5
Fri 18 July	Last day of term. Early Close KS1 and FS2 - 2:20pm, FS1 and KS2 2:30pm

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