

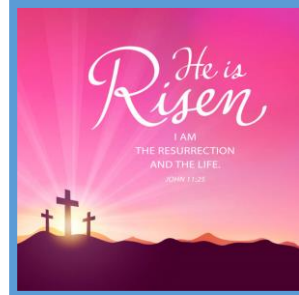


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*"Jesus said: I am the resurrection. Anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live,"
- John 11:25*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a happy and restful Easter break and it seems the weather has improved and the sun has come out to welcome us. It looks like the summer term is going to be an incredibly busy one with lots of events, trips and sports competitions planned.

Year One Morecambe Trip



Oak class began their summer term with a visit to the seaside and explored Morecambe Bay. They even had time for lunch at The Midland Hotel and an Ice cream in the sunshine. Maria said 'My best bit was having an ice cream!' and Afeare shared that his favourite part of the trip was 'Building a pond on the beach!' Thank you to our trip volunteers who made this day possible.



Summer Uniform

I would like to say how smart the children have looked returning to school in their summer uniform and we are very proud of our school image and the positive image it provides both amongst our school family but also to visitors and when we are out and about in our community.

The school hoodie is now part of the PE uniform and no longer necessary as an extra layer, now that the weather has improved. We have had a number of children overheating on the field at lunchtimes due to the additional layers they are wearing and a large number of hoodies discarded on the field and ending up in lost property.

Our summer uniform:

for boys is:-

- Grey trousers/shorts
- pale blue polo shirts
- Royal blue pullover with an embroidered school emblem
- Grey socks
- Tie
- Black sensible footwear (not trainers or boots)

for girls is:-

- Blue and white gingham dress or pale blue polo shirts may be worn with grey skirts/trousers.
- white socks
- Royal blue pullover / cardigan with an embroidered school emblem
- Black sensible footwear (not trainers or boots)

Hair

- Hair should be tied back with a plain hair band in either blue, white or black only. Children are permitted to wear a thin plain head band in either blue, white or black only.
- No other hair accessories are permitted.

Friends of St Bernadette's

A meeting has been arranged to reorganise and reform the friends committee on Monday 16th May at 6pm in school. Those who have expressed an interest in joining the committee will have already received an invite through the school App. If you haven't already put yourself forward, I would urge you to consider whether you could be part of this very important and valued part of our school community.



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School Session Consultation

Today you will have received, via your child, a paper letter and also received a notification of the same letter via the school APP. These notifications relate to the government pledge that every school will be open for a minimum of 32.5 hrs per week by September 2023. This change in legal requirement directly affects St Bernadette's, as our current working week falls one hour and 15 minutes short of the required time.

Therefore, the Governing Body have written to you to open a period of consultation on the options available to us in amending school operating hours at St Bernadette's. It is our intention that the new operating hours will be in place for September 2022.

The governing body are seeking to gather your views on two options for amending school session times, as detailed below: both options allow St Bernadette's to meet the new legal requirement from the Government.

There is no option to maintain the current school sessions times as this is simply not possible.

As part of the consultation we ask that you complete the questionnaire available on our school App and submit any questions you may have via the same platform. There is also an option to request an 'in person meeting' to discuss the proposed changes. If there are sufficient requests, a parent/carer consultation meeting will be offered in the week beginning 16th of May.

Our consultation period will close on Monday 23rd May.

Parents and carers will be notified of the Governing Body decision on Friday 27th May. This will give all families three months' notice of the change so that you are able to sort logistical issues regarding the start and end of the school day. Thank you for your understanding, cooperation and participation in this very important matter.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 4 th May	Marian Service in school. Children are asked to bring cut flowers to offer to Our Lady as we honour her in the special month of May.
Thursday May 5 th	Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee Celebration in school. Children may come to school dressed in red, white & blue.
Friday 13 th May	Year 6 Celebrate the End of SATS week and may come dressed in their own clothes. Year 6 Only
Monday May 16 th - Friday 20 th May Mental Health Week	Children come to school dressed to EXPRESS themselves on Friday 20th May. £1 Donation to CANW who support children and young people's mental health across the North West
Friday 27 th May	Finish for half term
Monday 6 th June	Open for the second half of the summer term.
Monday 13 th June – Wednesday 15 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip to Borwick
Friday 24 th June	Sports Day
Wednesday 13 th July @ 1:30pm & 6:30pm	Summer Production – Year 6
Monday 18 th July	Teddy Bear's Picnic for the new reception children
Tuesday 19 th July @ 6:30pm	Leavers Service
Wednesday 20 th July	Leaver's Mass @ 9:30am Scholl closes at 2pm for the summer holidays

Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

God bless

Mrs. Shoulder