



'Living and Learning through Christ'



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Dear Parents, Carers and families,

05.09.24

I would like to extend a warm 'welcome back' to you all, from all of us here at St Bernadette. The children have made a good start to the new term and the teaching staff are looking forward to working with them and you this year.



A very special welcome also to all the new children in Reception class and Pre-school in addition to their parents and families. It has been lovely to see the children already coming in with confidence and beginning to make new friends. We look forward to working with you all.

### Staff Updates

Welcome to Mr Nick Kerry who will be joining Miss Smillie in Y3 on Thursday afternoons and covering the class on Fridays. We also welcome Mr Kien Le who will be supporting a number of classes during Term 1.

### Newsletters

If you are new to the school, please be aware that our newsletter is emailed to parents and is also available on the school website if, for any reason, your copy does not arrive in your mailbox. Sometimes, parents find it useful to provide a grandparent email address so that they too can receive the newsletter. This is especially helpful for families who rely on grandparents for childcare.

### Parent/Carer Contact Information



Don't forget to let us know if you have changed your mobile number or email address. Miss Campbell may be contacting some of you soon to ensure that we have at least two points of contact should we need to reach you in the event of an emergency or if your child is unwell.

### Open Sessions

We want you to feel involved in what happens in school for your child, hence the Open Sessions. These provide an opportunity for your child to share their classroom, routines and their achievements. However, we understand the time pressures on parents and have planned sessions in Terms 1, 3 and 5. There will be other class activities for parents and families during terms 2, 4 and 6.



Our first Open session this term is Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 3:10pm.

### School Uniform

Thank you so much for sending your children in so smartly at the beginning of term; they look wonderful. Just in case you have forgotten any of our uniform requirements over the summer, we will send out our Uniform Guidance with this newsletter. Please look at the information about hoodies!

In particular, we would like to draw your attention to the guidance on watches, which is duplicated below. Watches and simple fitness monitors are acceptable. We would recommend something really simple and cheap, as watches are easily lost or broken.

Please note for safeguarding reasons: smart watches which allows other functions that might be found on a phone like games, messaging or recording, are not allowed.





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### Allergies

We remain a 'nut free' school. Please ensure that nuts are never included in packed lunches, because some children at school (and some of their family members) are affected by severe nut allergies. Please check the contents of chocolate spread and any other food types that might contain nuts.



Please contact Miss Campbell if your child requires an epipen, inhaler and any other prescribed medication in school.

### Packed lunches

We ask parents to provide healthy food and not to put sweets or chocolates in lunch boxes. (One small biscuit bar with a little chocolate is permitted.) Please try to avoid condensed fruit snacks such as fruit bars, fruit winders, fruit pellets and yoghurt-coated fruit flakes, as they often contain even more sugar than the sweets we already don't allow. Children should bring water only to drink in a reusable drinks bottle.

Snacks should be, fruit, vegetables, plain biscuit, cheese or yogurt tube.

### Gym Tots – A message from the Children's Centre

Unfortunately, due to staffing capacity we are unable to continue with Gym Tots on a Friday afternoon at St Bernadette's this term. We would like to offer a one off final celebration Gym Tots session on the 6<sup>th</sup> September at St Bernadette's for families to attend. It would be great to have as many families as possible who have previously attended Gym Tots come along.

Our new time table for September is now complete which includes a Boogie Tots session on Wednesday mornings at Hengrove Leisure Centre. All families are welcome!

We hope Gym Tots will return to St Bernadette as it is a much needed service for our locality once the Children's Centre are at staffing capacity.

### Bristol School Street Project

Gladstone road is part of the Bristol School Street Project which means that the road is closed to school traffic at the start and end of the school day. The road is only open for residents and blue badge holders. The road closure allows children and their families to walk/scoot/cycle safely to and from the school. We have an agreement that parents are welcome to park in the local ASDA supermarket.



### Finally

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions/ concerns/information. You can pop in any Tuesday from 8:30am to 9:30am to see me or Mrs Palmer. There is no need to make an appointment for this open session.

As always, we thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Mrs B P Lee  
Headteacher

### INSET DATES 2024-2025

Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>, Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>, Monday March 31<sup>st</sup>, Monday and Tuesday July 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>





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## **School Uniform and Equipment Guidance**

We encourage children to take pride in their appearance and to be proud to let people know they go to St Bernadette Catholic Primary School. To foster this, we ask all children to wear our school uniform.

We hold large amounts of spare, pre-loved uniform, in good condition; it is available to all families who ask for it. If we can help you with this please ask at the office and we will be happy to search for the sizes you want and let you have as much uniform as you need, for free, if we have it in stock.

Please remember to name all items of uniform and equipment. Dozens of unnamed, nearly-new items remain uncollected every year.

### **Clothing**

**Blue sweatshirt or cardigan** preferably with the school logo, black or grey shorts, trousers and white shirts or polo shirts, black or grey skirts or pinafore dresses or blue and white gingham checked summer dresses.



Please note: zipped fleeces and hoodies **cannot be worn inside** as an alternative to sweatshirts or cardigans (unless there are documented sensory needs). In very cold weather, they may be worn indoors over sweatshirts as an extra layer.

School fleeces and hoodies may be **worn outside the building (i.e. as jackets)**.

**PE Kit** – children are invited to wear their kit into school on the days they have PE. The kit should be; plain white T-shirt, black or navy shorts or sports skirts. Shorts are required for gymnastics sessions.

Please note: Children are allowed to wear plain black or grey tracksuit joggers in Terms 2, 3 and 4 when the weather is colder as PE will continue to be held outdoors in dry conditions.

### **Footwear**

Black low heeled school shoes with covered heels and toes; no prominent logos. Velcro straps are more suitable to laces especially for Reception classes up to the stage when your child can tie their own laces.

Please note: Tidy black low heeled boots are allowed in wet and cold conditions in the winter months.

Plain black, grey or white socks. They may be long or short, but not trainer socks. Plain tights please on non-PE days.

**Coats:** we go out to play in all weathers so please ensure your child has a coat and hat or hooded coat.

### **Jewellery**

Single plain metal stud earrings or plain small sleepers may be worn, but nothing else please.

Please note: no large, shaped, jewelled earrings.

Other jewellery, such as bangles or pendants, should not be worn.

Please note: this includes no bands on wrists of any sort, including loom bands or strings with beads.

### **Watches and fitness monitors**

Watches and simple fitness monitors are acceptable. We would recommend something really simple and cheap, as watches are easily lost or broken.

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Diary Dates	
06.09.24	Reception family Teddy Bear Picnic (12:00)
16.09.24	Travel Wise Week starting with Active Travel Assembly and ending on Friday with a 'travel to school' survey for all pupils and staff.
20.09.24	YR to Y6 Open Session for parents/carers 3:10pm
07.10.24	Flu Immunisation for YR to Y6
15.10.24	Y4 Emmaus House Trip – Group 1
16.10.24	Y4 Emmaus House Trip – Group 2
21.10.24	Recycling Week
22.10.24	Parent/Teacher Meetings
23.10.24	Parent/Teacher Meetings
25.10.24	INSET Day– the school is closed to pupils for staff training. End of Term 1
04.11.24	Term 2

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