

12th September 2025

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

School Uniform

It has been great to see all of the children looking smart in full school uniform. Thank you for this. Please do ensure that all uniform is labelled (especially jumpers which have a habit of getting lost!) and that children bring a coat to school, even if the weather is sunny - just in case. A polite reminder that school shoes must be worn for school and not black trainers (except in Nursery/Reception where black trainers are permitted).

Please make sure that your child has their full PE kit in school. PE consists of white T-shirt and black shorts. Pumps must be worn inside and trainers are allowed for outside only. Plain black jogging bottoms or plain black leggings can be worn for outside lessons.

Reading in School

Home Readers (Y1-Y6)

All of the children will have their new reading books sent home next week if not already. The children will read their home reading book at least once a week in school and if it is finished and the children are ready to move on, their reading book will be changed- once a week. It is important that the children can read the book with confidence and discuss the events well. If your child has completed their book once, read it again and again if necessary. It is more effective to read a few pages and have a good discussion about the book each night rather than reading straight through every night. Please do write in the reading record when you have read with your child each evening.

We actively encourage all of our children to read a range of books so of course, if your child has read their reading book a number of times, then encourage them to read other books. These can be recorded in the reading record too should you wish.

Guided Reading

As well as reading 'home readers' in school all of the children will be taking part in daily phonics and/or guided reading sessions whereby the teacher explicitly teaches the skills of reading to the children. Very soon, the children will be bringing home a school library book to enjoy as well.

Support and Help

It is really important to us at school to know that if any parents/families are struggling for whatever reason then we are here to help as much as we can. Whilst our family support worker is off work with long term sickness, please do speak to the class teachers or directly to myself if you need any support in any way. Sometimes we can direct you to other professionals for support or we may be able to help ourselves. We are here to help.

After school Enrichment clubs (Y1-Y6)

All clubs have now been allocated and a message has gone out via parenthub – please check the hub for the notification. Waiting lists are held for ALL clubs – any queries please contact Mrs Barber.

Year 5 Swimming

The Year 5 children will be starting their swimming lessons soon. As with last year, swimming will take place every day for two weeks. A letter with more details has been sent to Year 5 parents on parenthub.

Year 5 trip – Chester

A letter with full details and a consent slip has been placed on the parenthub. Please ensure all monies are paid by Monday 20th October – thank you.

Year 6 Residential

Letters regarding payments and dates etc went out just before the Summer holidays. This is just a reminder that the first instalment is due on 22nd September – thank you.

Christmas Pantomime

A letter with full details will go out on parenthub next week. Can all parents please ensure that once they have the app that they “linked” this account to their child as I have several parents not linked and therefore will not receive any information sent directly to their child’s class or receive private messages/chats – thank you.

Year Group Curriculum Booklets

Each teacher will soon be sending home a curriculum information booklet /sheet which sets out the topics your child will be covering this term and other additional information relating to your child’s class.

Updated contact forms

All forms have now been sent out. It is vitally important that you check these details carefully, make amendments where necessary, sign and return back by 17th September. As we move forward we will be changing from our Parenthub App to the Arbor app (details will be given out nearer the time) however we need to ensure all contact details and at least one parental email address is on the system – any questions please contact Mrs Barber in the office – thank you.

Sacramental Programme

Letters have gone out today to the Roman Catholic children in Year 3. Please return the slip at the end of the letter by the end of next week if you wish for your child to be part of the Sacramental programme this year. If parents of other children in different year groups (who are Catholic) and have not made their First Holy Communion but wish to do so, then please do let school know.

Attendance Matters

As a school, we have always had really good attendance compared to other schools in the local authority. Good attendance is everyone’s responsibility and we must maintain this and continue to improve. There is currently a renewed drive from the Department of Education and schools must be seen to promote excellent attendance. Whilst we appreciate there are times that children cannot come into school and individual children that we know about have medical conditions that impact on their health, we still need to do everything as a school to promote and celebrate excellent attendance.

Class attendances for this week.

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	99.26%
Year One	98.15%
Year Two	96.01%
Year Three	96.42%
Year Four	94.1%
Year Five	95.14%
Year Six	98.61%

Well done to Reception for having the best attendance this week!

The class with the best attendance will receive an extra playtime each week.

Celebration Assembly

Our weekly celebration assemblies will take place at **2.30pm** on a Friday afternoon. Parents are welcome to attend, especially if your child has been awarded a certificate. If your child has been awarded a certificate, you will be sent a message the day before to invite you to the assembly, should you wish/be able to attend.

This week we congratulate the following children:

Nursery	Keilani Onyeka	For being an excellent, kind friend to everybody in her class
Reception	Alamdaar Hussain	For being a superstar all week
Year 1	Zofia Oles	For settling into Year 1 so well!
Year 2	Chisom Nwakamma	For making a fantastic start in our Reading Explorer lesson. Keep it up!
Year 3	Malaika Hussain	For making a brilliant start to Year 3. A superstar!
Year 4	Benedict Nwakamma	For an impressive start to Year 4! What a wonderful mature and 'can do' attitude you have!
Year 5	-	-
Year 6	Evelyn Healey-Watkiss	For a brilliant first impression in Year 6
Mr McRae	Ivy Nelson	For continuing to shine in Year 1

Where a child's name has not appeared on the table above, it is because permission has not been given to include names on newsletters etc. Please contact the school office to amend this if needed for the future

A Final Note

In this week's assembly we learnt all about the two new saints, St Carlo Acutis and St Pier Giorgio Frassati who were canonised last Sunday. The children knew a lot about St Carlo, known as 'God's influencer' who used the internet to spread God's word. He was only 15 when he died. Also, we learnt about St Pier, who was an Italian young man who campaigned for social justice in Turin. Italy, where he lived and spoke up for the poor. As a child, he even once gave his own shoes to a child who didn't have any! We talked about what we could learn from these two new saints.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mr McRae
Head Teacher

bless,



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