



26th September 2025

... remember that you in your lifetime received your good things
Luke 16:25

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of those parents who came to our MacMillan Coffee morning yesterday. Everyone who came was very generous and helped us raise funds for those impacted by cancer.

Year 5 Swimming

On Monday 29th September our Year 5 children will begin their compulsory curriculum swimming lessons at Castle Leisure. It is important that all children bring their kits each day and are on time for school as the class will leave as soon as they can in the morning.

Spanish Day!

On Tuesday 30th September we are having a 'Spanish Day' in school full of Spanish related activities. A language company are providing lots of activities in the main hall and there will be lot of fun things to do in school too. On this day, the children are invited to come into school dressed in yellow and red (Spanish colours) or 'Spain related' costumes/clothing in exchange for £1 which helps to finance the cost of the day.

Please note Year 5 children should make sure that they are able to get changed easily for swimming and if necessary, bring any more fancy costumes to get changed into once back in school

Sacramental Programme meeting

A meeting will take place on Thursday 2nd October (3.15pm in the main hall) for those parents of children who would like their children to make their First Holy Communion this year.

Nursery and Reception Reading Meeting and Phonic drop in

On Monday 29th September and Wednesday 1st October we have our phonic drop in followed by our reading meetings. Messages have been sent out and parents have been asked to 'sign up' so we know who is coming when. Please see the office and/or Miss Mallalieu in Reception class for more details.

Year 6 SATs meeting

A meeting for parent of children in Year 6 will take place on Wednesday 1st October at 2.15pm with Mrs McGrath and Mrs Woods. This is an opportunity for all Year 6 parents to see how they can support their children this year and help to prepare them for their end of year SAT tests.

Mrs Rashid will also meet with any Urdu speaking parents on Friday 3rd October to go through the SATs materials too

Golden Ticket Reading Challenge

I am sure that you are aware that we are currently running a special reading challenge across school. If the children read five times a week and have their reading records signed by a parent, they will be awarded a special golden ticket and their name will be put forward for a raffle ticket draw for our reading vending machine. The children are also putting their requests in for new titles to purchased!

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.

Support and Help

It is 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. Please do speak to the class teachers or directly to myself in confidence, 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 you ourselves. We are here to help.

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.

Updated contact forms

We still have several forms outstanding. It is vitally important that you check these details carefully, make amendments where necessary, sign and return back as soon as possible. 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.

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	97.3%
Year One	97%
Year Two	96.7%
Year Three	100%
Year Four	94.7%
Year Five	97.2%
Year Six	98.1%

Well done to Year 3 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	Fiza Ahmed	For working really hard to write her name
Reception	Mohammad Abdullah	For excellent enthusiasm with phonics and reading
Year 1	-	-
Year 2	Esther Apata	For listening really carefully and using all she has learnt in her writing
Year 3	Zaed Ali	For his super confidence and fabulous attitude to learning! Keep it up Zaed!
Year 4	Nikodem Pietrus	For trying so hard in maths and not giving up!
Year 5	Jacob O'Neill	For ABSOLUTELY FABULOUS effort with ALL of his work, ALL week! We are so proud with all of your hard work! Keep it up Jacob!
Year 6	Olivia Holliday	For super art work using pencil skills
Mr McRae	Ava McEvoy	For being a super star in KS2!

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

Our focus this week in assembly was the importance of concentrating on one thing at a time. We heard about the story Jesus told his disciples about the master and the manager. The manager was supposed to look after the master's money but was too focused on pleasing everyone that he ended up losing some of it. We talked about how when we focus on too many things at once, sometimes nothing gets done properly. Jesus wanted to remind us that our one true focus should be pleasing God. The children were reminded that if they try hard to be Jesus' hands and feet, then everything else should work out just fine.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

God bless,

Mr McRae
Head Teacher



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