

3.10.2025



Dear Parents,

I hope you all got home safe and sound. The weather is truly awful this evening. Stay safe.

October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

The children will have opportunities to pray decades of this most wonderful prayer institution with their class.

Social Media / Phones and Tablets

I am pleased to say that I have only been made aware of one issue with social media, phones or gaming outside of school this term. This does not mean that we should drop our guard.

I hope you are finding the monthly online safety bulletins useful. This is something school has invested in to keep everyone up to date with all the new sites and apps.

Please ensure all your parental controls are in place and regularly checked and updated. Check your child's tablet and for our oldest children any phones or gaming consoles.

Issues in the past particularly with 'WhatsApp' and online gaming have occurred when children's use of technology was not routinely monitored. WhatsApp is not designed to be used by primary aged children.

Some useful sites:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/

https://www.internetmatters.org/

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/

Parents' Evenings

Bookings opened for Parents' Evening earlier this week. Parents' Evening is a good opportunity to speak to your child's teacher, look at your child's classroom and enjoy the work they have completed so far in their books. Please make every effort to attend.

Permissions and Payments

Please action any requests for permissions and payments as soon as you possibly can. It takes a lot of time up when the office staff or teachers are having to chase these up in order that children can take part. As I mentioned earlier in the term in my letter about our 'Charges and Lettings Policy' we need to ensure whether trips or events are viable and can go ahead before the time when we will incur charges for cancelling them.

| Shout Outs!!!! | | | | | | |
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| Reception | | Year 1 | | Year 2 | | |
| Adam – RE | | Noah – Maths | | | Isaak – Reading | |
| Harlow – Literacy | | Ivy – Writing | | Lucas – Science | | |
| Isabella - Phonics | | Louie - RE | | Poppie - PE | | |
| Year 3 | Year 4 | | Year 5 | | Year 6 | |
| Aquene – Writing | Sipho – Writing | | Everyone for | | Zack – History | |
| Isaac – Maths | Izobell – RE | | wonderful singing | | Alice – Writing | |
| Antoni - RE | Cecilia - English | | at the Festival. | | Jotham - Maths | |

Well done everybody!

St Wilfrid's Day Mass – Monday 13th October

A week on Monday, at 9:15am we will be having a Mass for the Feast of St Wilfrid. If you would like to join us, please arrive by 9:10am and we will seat you in the chapel before Mass starts. It promises to be a wonderful celebration of our school's Saint.



On Monday 13th October, there will be no PE. Please ensure all children are in full school uniform and not PE kit for this special celebration Mass.

St Nicholas' Music Festival

On Wednesday our Year 5 class joined children from St Vincent's and St Bede's at this annual festival of music. Our Year 5 class had chosen two songs and with the help of Mrs Seville, Mrs Owen and Mrs Cooper they put on a truly wonderful performance in front of an audience of families from the three primary schools. I received so many wonderful emails and comments about the evening, here are a couple:

"I can't even express to you how amazing the performance was! It was absolutely fantastic. I just want to thank you all for all your hard work, all the children did you (and us) proud!!"

"Please thank Mrs Seville, Mrs Owen, Mrs Cooper and the other staff involved for preparing the children so well for last night's performance. They sang well, all looked so smart and were enthusiastic about everything. They were a credit to the school."

It was wonderful to see past pupils in the choir, the band and the orchestra and it was a fabulous show case of what is possible in Music at high school. The adults and children were looked after so well by the St Nicholas staff and pupils, a highlight was having pizza in the canteen!

St Francis of Assisi

Tomorrow is the Feast Day for this wonderful saint. Our Year 3 class have St Francis as their class patron saint.

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi (Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console.

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless you and your families.

Justine McEniff Headteacher

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."