WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026 Edition 8

'Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in Heaven'
Matthew 5:12a

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school this week and we hope that all our families enjoyed a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

We began the week with a special assembly led by Susan from CAFOD, who spoke to the children about school life in Zimbabwe. The children learned about the challenges faced by many communities and explored how this links to Catholic Social Teaching, particularly the principles of solidarity and the dignity of every person.

They also discussed the ways in which we can make a difference by supporting others. Inspired by the assembly, our School Council, Mini Vinnies and GIFT Team will be working together to plan a range of fundraising activities to support CAFOD's important work.

CAFOD A better world needs all of us

UNIFORM

We are proud that most children wear the correct uniform every day. A quick reminder that leggings are not part of our school or PE uniform, hair accessories should be plain navy or black, socks should be grey and earrings should be removed at home wherever possible.
Thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS INSPECTION

We are delighted to share the outcomes of our recent Catholic Schools Inspection.
The inspectors recognised the many strengths of our school, awarding Outstanding in 7 out of 9 areas and Good overall.
This is a wonderful achievement and reflects the hard work, commitment and dedication of our pupils, staff, governors, parish and wider school community. To read the report in full, please visit our school website or refer to the letter that was sent to families earlier this week. Thank you for your continued support.

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STAR OF THE WEEK AND GOSPEL VALUES

Nursery	Bruno	For developing his confidence and making friends
	Albie	For always being kind and helpful
Reception	Roux	For some amazing writing this week!
	Elijah	For always using lovely manners
Year 1	Scarlett	For great writing in English
	Bella	For always showing kindness to others
Year 2	Hannah	For showing amazing focus in all lessons this week and trying her best
	Emmanuel	For being a kind and supportive talk partner
Year 3	Riley	For excellent effort in his written work this week
	Ella	For always being a kind and loving friend to others
Year 4	Jowan	For wonderful participation in Geography and Music!
	Zara	For always being ready and setting an example
Year 5	Harriet	For working incredibly hard last half term and all of this week. We are so proud
	Tyler	For showing respect and kindness to others
Year 6	Finley	For excellent writing - an action packed story ending
	Kate	For being a great role model - polite, kind and respectful

IMPORTANCE OF REGULARE ATTENDANCE

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time. Good attendance is key to children's learning, progress and wellbeing, helping them to build confidence, friendships and achieve their very best.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	1.4 Weeks	45 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	3.4 Weeks	95 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	5.4 Weeks	145 Lessons
80%	36 Days	72 Sessions	7.1 Weeks	180 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	9.3 Weeks	240 Lessons

STAY AND PRAY

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Stay and Pray sessions this week. We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming you into school and sharing these special moments of prayer and reflection together. We love having our families in school and greatly value the strong partnership between home and school. Thank you for your continued support.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Miss Small welcomed her baby boy, Olly, into the world on Monday 2nd November, weighing 7lb 9oz, both Mum and baby are doing well. We are sure you will join us in congratulating Miss Small and wishing her and her family every happiness as they enjoy this special time together.



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DO YOU HAVE ANY UNWANTED MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS?

If anyone has any musical instruments that are in working order, but no longer used – please send them in to school for the children to use.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

We will be be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week from 16th-20th November. Throughout the week, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors will lead an assembly and pupils will take part in a range of activities designed to promote kindness, respect and inclusion.

To celebrate what makes us all unique, children are invited to **wear odd socks** on Monday 16th November. On Friday 20th November, children may come to school in their own clothes to celebrate their individual style and personality. There is no payment required for either Odd Socks Day or the Own Clothes Day.

We look forward to a fun and meaningful week celebrating how our differences make us special.

ONLINE SAFETY PARENT SESSION WITH PCSO CORNALL

We are delighted to to welcome PCSO Cornall into school on Tuesday 10th November for a special parent and carers session on online safety, taking place straight after morning drop-off.

The digital world is changing rapidly and this session will provide parents with up-to-date advice on keeping children safe online, with a particular focus on Artificial Intelligence (AI), social media, gaming and online content. Parents will have the opportunity to learn practical strategies to support their children and ask any questions they may have. The session is free to attend and refreshments will be available.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to join us, as understanding the opportunities and risks of the online world has never been more important.

Date: Tuesday 10th November
Time: Straight after morning drop-off
Location: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there!

DOJO WINNERS

Year – 4

ClassDojo

ATTENDANCE

Nursery	98.77%	Year 3	99.23%
Reception	96.32%	Year 4	96.33%
Year 1	93.33%	Year 5	92.14%
Year 2	95.24%	Year 6	97.14%

Whole School 96%



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EYFS CELEBRATE DIWALI



This week, our Nursery and Reception children enjoyed learning about Diwali, the Festival of Lights. They had great fun exploring different aspects of the celebration, including tasting a variety of foods, learning and performing traditional dances and creating beautiful Rangoli and Mendhi patterns. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn about another culture and celebrate the richness and diversity of our world.







EYFS FOREST SCHOOLS

We were delighted to welcome families from both within and beyond our school community to our free Forest School session for children aged 0-5 years.
It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying outdoor learning, exploring nature and spending time together in a fun and engaging environment.
We loved opening our doors to the wider community and hope everyone who attended had a fantastic time. A special thank you to Miss Manley and Mrs Heffernan for organising and leading such a successful session.

KEY DATES

Check take-home folders each evening.

Mon 9th – Y1 Parent Lunch starting 11.30am and Y5 swimming

Tues 10th – PCSO Online safety talk to Parents & Carers at 9am

Thurs 12th – Y1 Forest School

Mon 16th – Odd socks day, Y5 swimming

Wed 25th - Y2 Parent Lunch starting 11.30am

Fri 20th – Own Clothes Day

Fri 27th – Non Uniform day and School Disco 3pm – 4.30pm. Pay £5 on Arbor

Loving God,

Thank you for bringing us together once again as a school family. Help us to live out our faith through kindness, generosity and respect for others.

As we learn about the lives of children around the world, inspire us to care for those in need and to make a positive difference in our community.

Amen.



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