



'Living and Learning through Christ'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

19.05.26

I hope this finds you all well as we come towards the end of Term 5. Please remember that the school is **closed** to pupils on **Friday, May 22** for staff training.

Chaplaincy News



Well done to the Chaplaincy group on their cake sale fundraising efforts which raised more than £300 for Cancer Research and St Peter's Hospice. They would like to pass on their thanks to you, parents and families for your generosity and support with cake donations and money for the sale.



Friends of St Bernadette Fundraising – Better Playtimes



Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the FOB, Reception class, Year 1 and 2 are enjoying their new playground resources. Thank you parents and families for supporting FOB fundraising efforts, as your contributions benefit the children directly.



Year 6 SATs Week

We are very proud of our Year 6 pupils who engaged in the SATs process last week calmly and made every effort to try their best.

WOW – Walk to School Challenge

We welcomed Strider, the walking mascot for Living Streets to school this morning as part of our WOW challenge where primary school pupils are encouraged to walk, cycle, or 'Park and Stride' to school. Well done to all who scoot, cycle or walk all or part of the way to school. Thank you Strider for visiting our school.



Safeguarding – Fire Drill and Lockdown

As you are aware, all schools are required to practise evacuation from the building to ensure that children and staff are familiar with the procedure should we need to vacate the premises quickly.

We are also expected to practise the opposite of this procedure as there may be an occurrence where everyone needs to be kept safe inside the building. I completely understand parental unease around





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this subject but would hope that introduced in the right way it should not cause undue anxiety to our children and their families.

We have begun to carefully introduce the concept to our pupils using age-appropriate language and scenarios. Our initial introduction to the procedure was through the context of an animal, such as a dog, cat, or squirrel, entering our playground or buildings, requiring us to secure our doors and windows. We talked about the difference between the two drills as one where we go out and the other where we stay in.

The 'Lockdown' and 'Fire Drill' are safeguarding measures common to all schools.

Finally

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions/ concerns/information. Tuesday, between 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. is an open session so that you can use to pop in to see me or Mrs. Palmer without making an appointment.

Thank you, as always for your support.

Kind regards

Mrs. B P Lee
Headteacher

Dates	
20.05.26	Year 3 visit to Mowbray Road Park
21.05.26	Outdoor classroom day
22.05.26	INSET Day and last day of Term 5
01.06.26	Term 6
03.06.26	Year 6 off to camp
05.06.26	Dr Bike in school to help with bike repairs
07.06.26	First Holy Communion Celebration 11am, St Bernadette Church





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10.06.26	Year 6 Safer Routes Planning workshop	
11.06.26	World Cup Live Lesson	
12.06.26	Break The Rules Day, £1 Donation for every rule broken!	
16.06.26	Active Travel Breakfast and Assembly	
17.06.26	Sports Day and family picnic weather permitting. Alternative date 24.06.26	
18.06.26	New Parents Meeting 4pm	
19.06.26	Year 6 Leaver's Mass at S.S. Peter and Paul Cathedral	
23.06.26	Year 5 Science Visit to St Bernadette Secondary School	
24.06.26	Contingency date for Sports day should the weather prevent it going ahead on 17 th June	
25.06.26	Reception class Trip	
02.07.26	Year 5 Sports Event at St Brendan's College	
03.07.26	INSET day	
09.07.26	FOB Post School Day Summer Entertainment	
10.07.26	Rock Steady Concert	
21.07.26	Last day of Term 6 for pupils	22.07.26 INSET Day

