



'Living and Learning through Christ'



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Dear Parents and Carers,



Happy New Year to all and a warm welcome to Term 3 after the Christmas break. On behalf of the staff team, thank you for your good wishes and gifts

We extend a welcome to our new pre-school pupils and their families. They started their school journey last week and have made a super start - well done!

Heating

I am pleased to report that after the extremely cold start last Monday and Tuesday, our school is now comfortably warm so we can return to the normal uniform expectations.

Safeguarding/H&S

Please remember that jewellery is not allowed in school, this includes bracelets, friendship bands, hooped or drop earrings, necklaces, rings and chains. Appropriate jewelry includes stud earrings and wrist watches of the non-smart variety for safeguarding purposes.

We maintain strict protocols regarding **mobile phones** to ensure pupil safety and to minimise distractions. For all year groups except Year 6, mobile phones are not considered appropriate in school unless under special circumstances and with prior agreement from the headteacher. For Year 6 pupils, we have implemented a specific procedure where phones are handed into a secure lock box upon morning entry to the classroom and collected at the end of the day.



Social Media/Mobile Phone/Tablet Communication and Interaction

We strongly advise parents to monitor their child's communications on whatever media platform they use to interact with their peers. Some families, particularly in the older year groups have shared their concerns about some of the exchanges they have observed such as unkindness, name calling, insults about appearance and other 'mean' interactions.

This leads to much upset for children and many are uncertain about how to deal with these issues. It would be so helpful for your child to have a parental led communication and interaction detox. Please monitor communications and if they leave your child feeling sad, pressured, humiliated, embarrassed or uncertain then remove them from the group - stop the phone/tablet call. We assure you that ultimately your child will appreciate your parental intervention.

Children's Commissioner – A Guide for Parents on Managing Children's Digital Lives



How do we ensure our children are safe online while still letting them learn and socialise? A new guide, "**What I wish my parents or carers knew**," has been released by the Children's Commissioner to help parents/carers manage everyday online habits.

Based on direct feedback from children and teenagers, the guide highlights a surprising truth: young people want their parents to be firm and set clear boundaries. They value their safety over unrestricted access.





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We encourage all parents and carers to take a look at this resource to help navigate those tricky conversations about screen time, social media, and safety. Please follow the link: [What I wish my parents or carers knew](#)

Forest School

Our Year 2 pupils are commencing their Forest School experience this term. We would like to express sincere gratitude to the team of parent and grandparent volunteers who are supporting this wonderful outdoor learning initiative.

Reception Year groups Phonic Information



This afternoon at 2:30 pm, we are hosting a Phonics Information Workshop for Reception parents. Please do come along as this session will provide valuable insights into our phonics teaching approach and offer guidance on how you can help your child's early reading development at home.

Attendance Matters

We expect outstanding attendance for all, however we do recognise that there are times when pupils will be absent from school due to illness or exceptional circumstances.

Regular attendance supports the development of positive peer relationships, which are proven to enhance mental health and wellbeing, providing a strong foundation for happiness and resilience in addition to the right learning mind-set.

If attendance drops below 95% for reasons other than illness or exceptional circumstances, the school will be in contact with parents to put a plan in place to make improvements.

100%	Perfect - 0 days off school
99%	Excellent - 2 days off school
97%	Good - 5 days off school
95%	Concern - 10 days off school
90%	Very Concerned – 20 days off school
85%	Extremely Concerned – 30 days off school

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





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INSET DATES

22.05.26 03.07.2026 22.07.26

Dates	
Term 3	
12.01.26	Reception classes Phonic sessions for parents
20.01.26	Snow White Pantomime performance
20.01.26	Year 2 Family Collective Worship
22.01.26	Year 1 Family Collective Worship
06.02.26	Number Day
09.02.26	International Week: look out for information on activities that involve parents, e.g. food share/stories from other countries.
11.02.26	E-Safety Day
13.02.26	Last day of Term 3
23.02.26	Term 4
24.02.26	Bedtime Stories, children return to school in PJ's with cuddly toy for story time
26.02.26	Book Fair Starts
27.02.26	Reception classes Family Drawing Club
05.03.26	World Book Day
09.03.26	Science Week
24.03.26	Mid-year parent /teacher meetings
25.03.26	Mid-year parent /teacher meetings
27.03.26	Rock Steady Concert 9:30
02.04.26	Last day of T4
20.04.26	Term 5 Swimming starts for Y3 and Y4
01.05.26	Year 6 Life Skills Trip
11.05.26	Year 6 SATs week
21.05.26	Outdoor classroom day
22.05.26	INSET Day and last day of Term 5
01.06.26	Term 6
17.06.26	Sports Day and family picnic weather permitting. Alternative date 24.06.26
19.06.26	Year 6 Leaver's Mass at S.S. Peter and Paul Cathedral
24.06.26	Contingency date for Sports day should the weather prevent it going ahead on 17 th June
03.07.26	INSET day
21.07.26	Last day of Term 6 for pupils
22.07.26	INSET Day

