



'Living and Learning through Christ'



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Dear Parents, carers and families,

06.11.25

I hope this finds you all well and would like to extend a warm welcome back to Term 2 after the autumn break.

### Welcome Canon Michael

We were delighted to welcome our new parish priest, Canon Michael to school today. Both pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed his visit and appreciated the opportunity to engage with him. We have posted some photographs on our Facebook page.

### Safeguarding Update

Some of you will have noticed the new structure in the foyer of the school. This is a safeguarding improvement to control access to the building for the safety of our pupils and staff. You will also notice when in school the addition of door Maglocks around the hall to further enhance security.



We had a planned fire drill practice on Monday to help children to recognise the sound of the alarm and learn what we all need to do. The children demonstrated remarkable composure, exiting the building in a calm and quick manner. Well done to all!

### Road Closure Reminder

Gladstone road is closed at entry and exits times with restricted access for residents only. Given the lack of parking spaces available, there is limited access for Blue badge holders. We ask that you do not park across resident's driveways or react aggressively when asked to move by said residents.

If you are one of the early birds parked in Gladstone Road or on the surrounding roads why not consider coming into school and being a reading buddy rather than sitting in your vehicle for 40 minutes or more.



Most of you will know that we changed our exit time to 3:25pm after the signs were installed at the end of Gladstone Road. We will be requesting a change to the exit time on the signs to 3:40pm.

There are many moments when children and adults including myself and Mrs. Palmer are in danger of being run over as parents and grandparents insist on exiting the road on the dot of 3:30pm!

Please be patient and wait until the road is clear of children and their families. Don't forget to share this information with whoever collects your child.

We would also like to encourage all community members to sign the petition advocating for improved road safety measures on the new Fosseyway Road. <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsmJ6BMDhL0g-cea5bEvOehh5gl3djoVM-wLoIB3BYzAnxw/viewform>

### Odd Sock Day

Anti-Bullying Week commences on 10th November, and we encourage all pupils to wear odd socks on Monday, 10th to mark the start of this event. This simple act is a symbol of our commitment to the school values of: tolerance, respect, kindness, forgiveness and love of our neighbour.





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All year groups will be engaging in various activities to mark the week. In addition to this, our focus for term 2 will be Respect and Kindness and how showing respect and kindness helps everyone feel safe and happy in an environment where problems can be solved peacefully.

**Road Safety Week**

During the week beginning November 17th we will be celebrating Road Safety Week in school. This is an annual event dedicated to promoting road safety awareness and advocating for safer roads and responsible driving behaviour.



As part of our learning the children will take part in a 'Be Bright, Be Seen' assembly led by Active Travel.

We will also be running a poster competition. The theme will be around parking and walking and keeping the zig zags clear (details to follow, including prizes!).

Please support us and your children by adhering to the rules of the road around the school.

**Attendance and Lateness**



We would like to remind you that holidays should not be taken during term time. If you book a holiday outside of the designated school holidays, it is important that you complete a Leave of Absence Request Form to inform us of your plans to take your child out of school. Parents should also be aware that any holidays booked during term time will result in a Penalty Notice (fine).

Reminder - the school day begins 9.00am. Our doors open at 8.50am to allow children time to settle in before the bell. We have recently had a number of children arriving late, which is not only disruptive to their own learning but to the rest of their class. Please make every effort to get your child(ren) to school on time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions/ concerns/information. You can pop in any Tuesday from 8:30am to 9:30am to see me or Mrs Palmer as there is no need to make an appointment for this open session.

Thank you, as always for your support.

Kind regards

Mrs B P Lee  
Headteacher





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**INSET DATES**

02.09.25

05.01.26

22.05.26

22.07.26

**New INSET Date: 03.07.2026**

Dates	
10.11.25	Anti-bullying week, "Power for Good" and Odd Sock Day
17.11.25	Road Safety Week
20.11.25	Road Safety Assembly
20.11.25	Y5 Family Reflection
20.11.25	Commissioning of new chaplains, SS Peter and Paul, 11am
21.11.25	Y6 Family Craft Activity
26.11.25	Mini Police trip to Police HQ
26.11.25	Y2 Family Reflection
01.12.25	Nasal Flu Vaccines for Year R to Year 6
02.12.25	Y2 Family Craft Activity
03.12.25	Y5 Family Craft Activity
04.12.25	Y6 Family Reflection
09.12.25	Christmas Entertainment event for pupils
11.12.25	Reception Classes Nativity performance to parents, carers and family, 2pm
12.12.25	Rock Steady Concert, 9:30am
12.12.25	Reception classes Family Craft activity
16.12.25	Years 1 and 2 Nativity performance to parents, carers and family, 2pm
17.12.25	Children's Christmas Dinner
17.12.25	Mini Police Graduation
19.12.25	Last Day of Term 2
Term 3	
05.01.2026	Term 3, INSET Day, school closed to pupils for staff training

