

Note from the Head

We are gearing up for the last week of the academic year in which we prepare to say farewell to our Year 6 cohort. Details of our leavers events are below. On Thursday 16th July we shall hold our End of Year assembly at 2:15 in which we celebrate the year that has passed and say a farewell to the oldest members of our school community. All parents are welcome.

On Thursday, Class 2 got to enjoy a small mammal trapping session in Forest School where they released mice, voles and shrews and learned about their woodland habitat.

There has been much excitement this week as the contractors have moved in and building work on our new nursery has commenced, a huge well done to all of the Nursery children, Reception class and staff who are sharing a space for this final week of term. We are looking forward to seeing the completed works when we return in September!

Class 4 Swimming

On Monday 13th July, Class 4 will have a swimming session. This is to assess their core skills and to check that each pupil can swim before they join High School. Children who cannot swim may then have extra top up lessons in High School.

Year 6 Leavers evening

Class 4 have been rehearsing for weeks now for their end of year production 'Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies'. On Tuesday, children should return to school for 4:45 and meet in class. Parents may sit in the hall for the performance which will begin at 5pm. At the end of the show, the Year 5 children may leave with their families and we will then hold our leavers evening celebrations.

Year 6 Leavers Trip

On Wednesday 15th July the Year 6 children and staff will go to Southport for their leavers trip. The children will enjoy a McDonalds lunch followed by the bowling alley - children may wear their own clothes, mobile phones are not permitted. The trip is funded by school but children will need to bring their own spending money if they wish to for the amusement arcades.

Friday 10th July



Mass times

Mon 8:30, Wed 9am, Fri 10am
Sunday 09.00 am Saturday 06.30 pm

12/07/26 15th Sunday on Ordinary time

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:1-23

The readings for this week teach us about God's word at work. God's word is like rain and seed. It brings life and growth. It always does what God plans. Even when life feels dry, God keeps working. His word brings hope and promise to the world.

Jesus shows that how we listen matters. Some hearts are open. Others are distracted or afraid. Faith grows best in hearts that are ready and patient. God is generous and keeps giving. We are called to listen, trust, and stay open. When we do, God's word can grow and bear fruit in our lives.

Approaching the Gospel with children

Jesus tells a story or parable about someone planting seeds in a field. He does not carefully place the seeds in the ground but scatters them around. The seeds all land in different places, some in good soil and some not.

The seed that falls on the path is like those people who hear what Jesus is saying but don't really understand it, or listen to it properly. The seed that falls on the rocks is like the person who hears what Jesus asks of us and starts off really excited about it, but gives up following him as soon as it is difficult.

The seed that falls in the thorns is like someone who hears what Jesus is saying, but who concentrates too much on having the best things, the most money, rather than on being the person Jesus wants them to be. The seeds that falls on the rich soil is like someone who hears what Jesus is asking, understands it, and lives their life as he asks them to.

So which one do you think we should try to be? How do you think you can be like the seed that falls on the rich soil? How do you listen to what Jesus is saying to you?

How does Jesus ask us to live our lives and treat one another? What can you do to follow him?

This week see if you can be like the seed that falls on the rich soil – listen to what Jesus asks of you, try to understand it and live your life as God calls you to.

Y6 SATS results

You may have heard in the news that we have a delay this year to the release of the Year 6 SATs results. These are now due to be published on 16th July and we will share these with parents in a special report next week.

Little Church

Father O'Shea has plans to restart children's liturgy/little church up at St. John's. This is a wonderful group that will be able to take children from Sunday Mass and deliver the Gospel in a child friendly way, enabling parents to take a moment of peace in church and engage in the Mass. We have a lovely church community and we are keen to grow the family of St John's with encouraging more families to come along and celebrate Mass together. It will start in September and will take place on the first Sunday of every month, for now. The first will be on the 6th September and will be led by one of our school parents, Mrs Graham

We are hoping we will be able to gain some additional volunteers to help out to increase how often we can do children's liturgy. If you would like to help then please get in touch with myself, Mrs Graham or myself or Father O'Shea

End of Year Report

Children will bring their end of year reports home today, I hope you enjoy reading of their successes. If you have any comments to raise following the reports, please make an appointment to speak to the classteacher

Leavers Mass

There will be a Leavers Mass on Friday 17th July at 10am to celebrate and say farewell to our Year 6 children. The whole school will attend and you are all welcome to join us.

Parish Events

Do you know how to support your child's spiritual development? Explore the Catholic Faith in the course 'The Creed in Slow Motion'. The theme on 7:30pm Wednesday 15th July in the Parish Hall is 'Living the Faith' and will be the last session.

Finances

Can you please check any outstanding SCOPAY balances and ensure they are cleared by September ready for the start of the new academic year. Breakfast and After School club will be updated next week.

Building Works - affects Class 1 (Reception class) and Nursery

We continue this week with the drop off arrangements - Nursery and Reception class must be dropped off and picked up from the Reception class door. Class 2 must enter school through the 'Golden Gates' which are next to the infant door and will lead them into the quadrangle area and then into classroom. The junior children are unaffected by the building works.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 14th July - Year 5 and 6 play and Year 6 leavers evening 5pm

Wednesday 15th July - Year 6 Leavers trip

Thursday 16th July - End of Year assembly 2:15

Friday 17th July - Y6 Leavers Mass 10am

Friday 17th July - School close for Summer 1:15

Wednesday 2nd September - School reopens