

Note from the Head

Welcome back! It has been lovely to see the children return to school looking so bright, smart and cheerful! A huge welcome to the many new families who have joined us both in Nursery and Reception Class. The atmosphere in school has been vibrant and busy as everyone has got off to a good start and settled quickly back into routine.

Our new Nursery classroom is looking amazing! There are just a few finishing touches needed and then we will be able to share lots of photos with you.

For new parents, you may hear us refer to the children either in year groups, key stages or classes. This can cause confusion so to help you out, this is how the school is organised.

Nursery

This may be referred to as EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage)

Class 1 - Miss Hesketh and Mrs Porter

These children are at start of the Primary School journey and may be referred to as Reception class or EYFS

Class 2 - Miss Buckmaster

These children are either in Year 1 or Year 2 and may also be referred to as infants or KS1 (Key Stage 1)

Class 3 - Mrs Williams

These children are either in Year 3 or Year 4 and may also be referred to as juniors or KS2 (Key Stage 2)

Class 3 - Mrs Quirk and Miss Smith

These children are either in Year 5 or Year 6 and may also be referred to as juniors or KS2 (Key Stage 2)

Meet the Teacher

There is the opportunity for parents of children in KS1 and KS2 to meet the teacher after school and learn more about the routines and expectations for each class.

Class 2 - Tues 8th September Class 3 - Wed 9th September

Class 4 - Tues 8th September

Nursery

When we log your child's attendance into SCOPAY, unfortunately, it then populates a cost which will appear as you are owing us money - please do not worry about this, you are not in debt - but due to the way our system works, it appears as owing until we receive the funding from the childcare vouchers.

Friday 4th September



Mass times

Mon 8:30, Wed 9am, Fri 10am

Sunday 09.00 am Saturday 06.30 pm

06/09/26 23rd Sunday in ordinary
time

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

The readings for this week remind us that faith is lived with others. God asks people to care for each other. The readings show that love and responsibility go together. Ezekiel speaks about warning others when they go the wrong way. Paul teaches that love guides all choices. Love helps people act with care and respect for one another.

The Gospel shows how to deal with conflict in a loving way. Jesus teaches people to speak first in private and seek peace. The goal is to heal, not to hurt. When people gather in Jesus' name, He is with them. This Sunday teaches that faith grows in community, through love, honesty, and unity.

Approaching the Gospel with children

When two or three people meet together in his name, Jesus says that he is there with them. However we meet people, whether it's to pray, to learn, to sing, or to talk, or to do something else together, if we invite Jesus in, then he will be with us, listening to us and guiding us.

Can you think of a time when you meet together with others in Jesus' name?

We can meet together in Jesus' name at church, at home and at school. Can you think of any other places where this happens?

If Jesus is with us, when we gather together, how can we make sure we listen to him and do what he asks of us?

In the coming week, when you join together in Jesus' name with other people to pray, to sing, or to play sport, remember that all around the world other children are also joining together in Jesus' name. Say a prayer for them: that all children around the world may live happy and healthy lives, in peace and free from poverty.

Whole school mass

Classes 2, 3 and 4 will attend Mass on Wednesday 9th September as Father O'Shea welcomes the children back to school. You are all welcome to join us at 9am.

School Lunches

Children in Nursery and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 must pay for a school dinner unless they are in receipt of benefit related universal free school meals. Dinner menus will be sent home this week, if you would like to pre-order your child's meal, please select their choices and return the form to school with their name on. Mrs Harrison-Scott will then populate the choices into the SCOPAY app. This will appear as 'money owed' in your account. This does not need to be paid all at once and many parents choose to pay at the end of each week for the meals consumed. For new children to school, you should have had a letter sent home with a personalised QTR code to set you up on the payment system. SCOPAY is used for to pay for toast, school trips and other contributions

Little Church

Children's liturgy/little church is restarting at St. John's this weekend. 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 by encouraging more families to come along and celebrate Mass together. The first Little Church will be this Sunday (6th September) and will then take place on the first Sunday of every month. The session 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 Father O'Shea.

Dates for your Diary

10th September – School photographs

Thurs 17th September - KS2 Macmillan Coffee morning for families

Friday 25th September – KS1 Macmillan Coffee morning for families

Wednesday 14th October – 2pm Our Lady Procession to Church

Tuesday 20th October– Parents evening

Thursday 22nd October – Half term assembly all parents welcome

Friday 23rd October - Close for Half term

Monday 2nd November – INSET Day

Weds 9th December – Nursery, EYFS, KS1 Breakfast with Santa

Weds 9th and Thurs 10th December - Nursery and KS1 Nativity

18th December – School close for Christmas

Forest School

Each class will attend Forest School on a rota next half term

Class 1: 06/10

Class 2: 17/09, 21/10

Class 3: 22/09, 14/10

Class 4: 02/10

On these days, children may come to school wearing their own clothes and suitable footwear in case it is wet outside. As we are outdoors it is likely to be muddy so scruffy clothes are the best!

