

Note from the Head

This has been a short but pretty busy half term and the children have impressed me immensely with their hard working attitude and eager enthusiasm for learning.

Class 4 had a great experience this week carrying out their own archaeological dig with a session led by Mike and Ruth from 'Dig Deeper Learning'. The children learned about the role of the archaeologist and carried out their own dig on the school field. A great opportunity for developing learning outside of the classroom.

I'd like to thank you all for your support, as always, and wish you a peaceful Half term.

New Teacher

Teaching has always been my passion and I have loved being the year 5 and 6 class teacher for over 20 years. However, as I have settled into the role of Head teacher now it is clear that I cannot maintain the same teaching commitment next year as I channel my management role towards developing and moving the school forward.

After a substantial interview process, the Governors and I are delighted to announce Mrs Kayleigh Quirk as the new Class Teacher for Year 5 & Year 6 from September 2025.

Mrs Quirk will be a wonderful addition to the school; she has over 8 years' experience in teaching in Year 5 and Year 6 and is a very skilled and competent teacher. I will meet with Mrs Quirk at different points over the next half term to share planning and routines so that she is well briefed and prepared for her start in September. Within these visits, there will be time built in for Mrs Quirk to meet the children so that she becomes a familiar face to the children. When we return to school in September, Mrs Quirk will teach Class 4 Monday – Thursday and I will teach Class 4 on Friday.

First Holy Communion

A reminder for the children making their First Holy Communion is that this will be held on Sunday 22nd June at the 9am Mass. The children have a seven week programme of lessons to prepare them for this special day. These will take place within the school day and will be led by myself and Mrs Harrison-Scott.

First Confession

The children making their First Holy Communion will go to church on Tuesday 10th June to make their Sacrament of Reconciliation - this is a preparatory step before receiving First Holy Communion. Can parents please pick their child up at 15:20 on this day from the Church.

Friday 23rd May



Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am

Saturday 06.30 pm

25/05/25 6th Sunday of Easter

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

The Mass readings for this week highlight the themes of the Holy Spirit's guidance, God's blessings upon us, the establishment of the Kingdom of God, and God's faithfulness to His promises. The readings emphasise the role of the Holy Spirit in teaching and reminding us of Jesus' teachings, the abundant blessings of God upon all nations, the vision of the new Jerusalem as a symbol of God's glory, and Jesus' assurance of sending the Holy Spirit to guide us in our journey of faith.

Approaching the Gospel with children

Today Jesus gives his disciples a very special gift of peace and he tells his disciples not to be afraid.

Key questions

Can you think of a time when you were fighting or arguing with someone? How did you feel?

Can you remember a time when other people were arguing near you? How did you feel then?

Can you remember a time when you stopped fighting with someone and made friends with them again? Or when the argument near you ended and the people forgave each other? How did that feel?

How do you think you can build peace? Think about how you speak to and treat others you disagree with, or how you could be friendly to someone who doesn't have many friends?

What could you do to stop someone else from being unkind to others? Or how could you let people in power know that you would like to live in a peaceful world?

How will you share the gift of peace this week in your community? And around the world?

Father's Day

A letter has gone out this week for the Fathers Day gift stall. Children may purchase a gift in school for £5. Please book your child onto this using the ScoPay app.

Summer Fair

To support the Summer Fair, on Friday 6th June we are holding an Own Clothes Day in exchange for a bottle.

Summer Fair

If you are having a toy clear out and have any unwanted toys or teddies, please could you consider donating them to school for our Summer Tombola stall.

Plants

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated plants for our Quadrangle - the children have enjoyed getting outside to plant them and the area is already looking so much better.

The following children have been chosen by the Lunchtime Supervisors for wonderful behaviour!

Class 1: Molly

Class 2: Josh

Class 3: Rose

Class 4: Toby



Dates for your Diary

Friday 23rd May - School closes for Half Term

Wednesday 4th June Year 6 and Class 1 Mass

Wednesday 11th June Class 3 Mass

Wednesday 11th June - Year 6 Cathedral choir

Friday 13th June - INSET day

Wednesday 18th June Class 2 Mass

Thursday 19th June - Whole school Maths Day

Tuesday 24th June - Sports Day

Wednesday 25th June Class 4 Mass

Friday 27th June - Summer Fair

Wednesday 2nd July Year 6 and Class 1 Mass

Wednesday 9th July Class 3 Mass

Wednesday 16th July - Year 6 leavers evening

Thursday 17th July - Year 6 leavers trip

Monday 21st July - End of Year assembly 2:30

Tuesday 22nd July - School close at 1:15 for Summer

