

Friday 13th October 2023 - AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs M Kenny, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs F Black & Mr S Pratsis & Mrs E Heath, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

A message from Mrs Hulme



"Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre! He covers the heavens with clouds; He prepares rain for the earth; He makes grass grow on the hills" (Psalm 147:7-8)

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are working towards the close of Autumn 1 Term. The weeks since the start of September have vanished but the evidence of the great hard work completed by staff and pupils can be seen around each school.

This is seen as hard copy in the workbooks but also in the sense of serenity in school. Pupils are settled, building confidence in their own abilities and forming friendships.

Our overall attendance is currently running high which allows all children to have maximum learning opportunities.

Thank you to the extended families for also supporting us in this by ensuring the children are in school and on time- a huge well done .

We have celebrated the harvest season with Holy Mass in each school and are now able to offer many bags of food to the food bank to help our neighbours - thank you for your generosity.

I am unsure sometimes, of the acknowledgement and appreciation of uniqueness of our community as we work together in harmony giving our families security of emotions and companionship. Let us think about that this week and celebrate the friendships.

God sent the rain to feed all living things- enjoy the new autumn feel over the weekend with some more sunshine promised too!



As a school, we aim for 97.4% attendance, which would bring us in line with expectations; unfortunately, many children had not achieved this percentage last term. We really need the help of our parents to raise our attendance this term by ensuring children are attending school each day.

| | Yearly Total to Date % |
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| Infant School | 97.7% |
| Junior School | 97.6% |

| Registration Group | Attendance % | Punctuality (late) % |
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| Froglet N | 97.9 | 0.59 |
| R Fox | 98.4 | 0.12 |
| R Hedgehog | 98.0 | 0.06 |
| R Squirrel | 95.2 | 0.60 |
| 1 Robin | 97.0 | 0.54 |
| 1 Wren | 98.5 | 0.06 |
| 1 Sparrow | 97.3 | 0.06 |
| 2 Jay | 99.1 | 0.12 |
| 2 Woodpecker | 97.6 | 0.35 |
| 2 Heron | 98.2 | 0.43 |
| 3 Mulberry | 98.7 | 0.11 |
| 3 Willow | 99.5 | 0 |
| 3 Hawthorn | 97.6 | 0.41 |
| 4 Poplar | 98.0 | 0.40 |
| 4 Ash | 97.9 | 0.31 |
| 4 Rowan | 97.7 | 0.12 |
| 5 Elm | 95.9 | 0.61 |
| 5 Birch | 99.3 | 0.06 |
| 5 Sycamore | 97.4 | 0.06 |
| 6 Chestnut | 96.7 | 0.30 |
| 6 Oak | 95.4 | 0.06 |
| 6 Copper Beech | 96.2 | 0.12 |



Individual & Sibling photo Day is on Wednesday 18th October 2023.

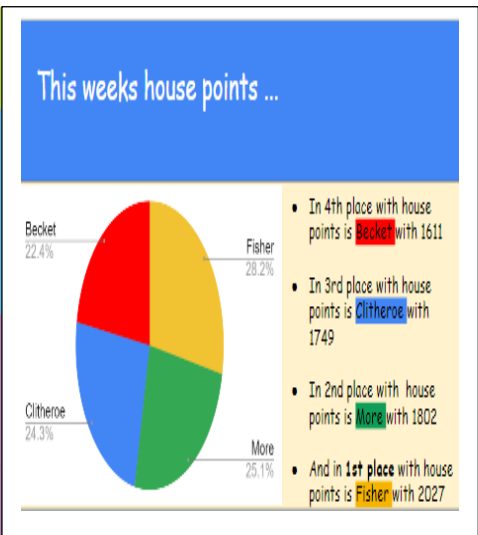
Please ensure your child is in full school uniform - following on from your enquiries, due to the large number of children being photographed we are unable to accommodate group photographs beyond sibilinas.

News for the week

Star of the Week!

Reception Star of the Week begins from Autumn 2 Term

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| 1 Robin | Shomei |
| 1 Sparrow | Sofia |
| 1 Wren | Sithmi |
| 2 Heron | Devansh |
| 2 Jay | Nikodem |
| 2 Woodpecker | Millie |

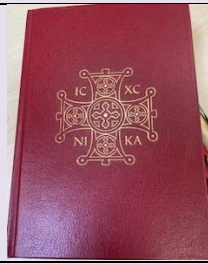


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| 3 Hawthorn | Joseph |
| 3 Mulberry | Ellie |
| 3 Willow | Victoria |
| 4 Ash | Lena |
| 4 Poplar | Olivia |
| 4 Rowan | Olaf |
| 5 Birch | Peggy-Rose |
| 5 Elm | Evie |
| 5 Sycamore | Joshua |
| 6 Chestnut | Elodie |
| 6 Copper Beech | Sophia |
| 6 Oak | Noah |



Infant School

Thank you very much to Father Patrick Ryan Parish Priest from Holy Family, Sutton Green who came to celebrate Harvest Mass at the Infants. We would also like to thank him for his generous donation of our own Roman Missal for use at our school Masses.



Junior School

"On a Monday, in the hall, it is like you are at Church and you are learning, then you go to class to do more learning and it is like a school. So it is both places, but in one place." Y6 child 10/10/23

We welcomed a visitor to school this week from the Education Commission. Ms Doherty explained to the children that she works for the Archbishop, visiting Catholic Schools and telling him what she sees. She met with representatives of the Y6 Chaplaincy Team and asked why children should come to our school. The lovely explanation above came from one of the children. They also told her that they have, in small groups, been praying the Rosary with pupils who choose to come to the Chapel at lunchtimes in October. They were especially proud, that this week, these prayers had to move to the hall as there were so many pupils choosing to pray. We didn't keep count but think that there were over 60 children in total who prayed with the 30 members of the Chaplaincy Team.

Why not pray a decade of the Rosary together at home as a family? This resource may be useful <https://missio.org.uk/pray/pray-the-mission-rosary/>

In the House Point Assembly at the Junior School, the children heard the story Giraffes Can't Dance and were able to link this with the Catholic Social Teaching of Human Dignity. This recognises that every human being is unique because he or she was willed by God as an unrepeatable person, created out of love, and redeemed with even greater love, and that we are called to recognise this.



Table Talk: Are we more alive than a tree?

Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word - <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday->



Another AMAZING event! Our cross-country teams this year were incredible - determined, passionate and talented. A huge thank you to all the parents and family members who supported this event and made it such a success. The results are as follows:

- Year 4 girls team - 1st
- Year 4 boys team - 2nd
- Year 5 girls team - 1st
- Year 5 boys team - 1st
- Year 6 boys team - 1st
- Year 6 girls team - 4th
- **St Mary's overall - 1st!**

We are so unbelievably proud of all the pupils who took part and delighted to announce that Louis, Sean, Ronan and Tiana were selected to run at the London Youth Games.

Well done to everyone who took part!



Dates for the Diary

TBC means To Be Confirmed (dates may be subject to change)

| | NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL | JUNIOR SCHOOL |
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| Mon 16th Oct | Parent Consultations at 3.30pm – 6pm Book Fair – More information to follow | Book Fair – More information to follow Privilege Tie Assembly at 2.30pm |
| Tues 17th Oct | Parent Consultations at 4pm – 7pm | Parent Consultations at 4pm – 7pm |
| Weds 18th Oct | Individual & Sibling Photo Day | Individual & Sibling Photo Day Parent Consultations at 3.30pm – 6pm |
| Thurs 19th Oct | Recp – Yr 2 – Flu Immunisations Nursery & Reception Open Day at the Infant School at 9.15am Prompt 1 Wren Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome Governor's Inclusion Committee meeting | Flu Immunisation Years 3 – 6 Nursery & Reception Open Day at the Infant School at 9.15am Prompt Governor's Inclusion Committee meeting |
| Fri 20th Oct | Sutton Wellbeing 'Small Children, Big Emotions' Session at 9am | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm 6Oak return at 3.30pm Yr 5 Gospel Showcase (Yr 5 Parents only) at 2.45pm |
| Mon 23rd Oct – Fri 27th Oct | OCTOBER HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED | OCTOBER HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Mon 30th Oct | FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM | FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM |
| Tues 31st Oct | | 3 Mulberry Class Assembly at 8.50am – Parents Welcome |
| Weds 1st Nov | All Saints Holy Day Obligation Mass – Children Only Nursery & Reception Open Day at the Infant School at 10.30am Prompt | Nursery & Reception Open Day at the Infant School at 10.30am Prompt 4 Rowan Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome Football St. Mary's A&B Teams vs Stanley Park Juniors at St. Philomena's field Netball Tournament at Seaton House |
| Thurs 2nd Nov | 1 Sparrow Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome | |
| Fri 3rd Nov | Sutton Wellbeing 'Small Children, Big Emotions' Session at 9am | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm 6Oak return at 3.30pm |
| Tues 7th Nov | | Year 6 Height & Weights |
| Fri 10th Nov | | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm Y5 After School Treat Sales |
| Tues 14th Nov | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School |
| Weds 15th Nov | | 3 Willow Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome St. Mary's Netball St. Mary's A&B Teams vs Holy Trinity at St. Philomena's court |
| Thurs 16th Nov | Nursery & Reception Open Day at the Infant School at 9.15am prompt School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting | Nursery & Reception Open Day at the Infant School at 9.15am prompt School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting |
| Fri 17th Nov | | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm 6Oak return at 3.30pm |
| Tues 21st Nov | | Yrs 5 & 6 Athletics at Wallington High School |

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| Weds 22nd Nov | | 5 Sycamore Class Assembly at 8.50am – Parents Welcome Red Wednesday |
| Fri 24th Nov | | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm 6Oak return at 3.30pm |
| Tues 28th Nov | | Yrs 3 & 4 Sports Hall Athletics 1.30-3.30pm at Wallington High School |
| Weds 29th Nov | Year 3 Open Day at the Junior School Tour at 2pm, Talk from 2.30pm – 3pm | 6 Oak Class Assembly at 8.50am – Parents Welcome Year 3 Open Day at the Junior School Tour at 2pm, Talk from 2.30pm – 3pm |
| Thurs 30th Nov | | Year 3 to St. Philomena's to watch the GCSE Performance at 9.15am Yrs 5 & 6 RFL A, B Festival 10-12.30pm at John Fisher Playing Field |
| Fri 1st Dec | | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm 6Oak return at 3.30pm |
| Tues 5th Dec | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting |
| Weds 6th Dec | | 4 Ash Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome |
| Fri 8th Dec | PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow! | PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow! |
| Sat 9th Dec | PTA Christmas Fayre – More details to follow! | PTA Christmas Fayre – More details to follow! |
| Weds 13th Dec | Christmas Lunch | 5 Birch Class Assembly at 8.50am – Parents Welcome Christmas Lunch |
| Tues 19th Dec | | Whole School visit to the Pantomime at Epsom Playhouse |
| Weds 20th Dec | | 6 Copper Beech Class Assembly at 8.50am – Parents Welcome Junior School Fayre – More details to follow |
| Thurs 21st Dec | LAST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM | LAST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM |
| Mon 8th Jan | INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED | INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Tues 9th Jan | FIRST DAY OF SPRING 1 TERM | FIRST DAY OF SPRING 1 TERM |
| Mon 29th Jan – Fri 2nd Feb | SEND Parent Academic Review Week | SEND Parent Academic Review Week |
| Tues 30th Jan | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School |
| Fri 2nd Feb | PTA Coffee Morning at 9am in the Infant School | PTA Coffee Morning at 9am in the Infant School |
| Mon 5th Feb – Fri 9th Feb | Parent Academic Review Week | Parent Academic Review Week |
| Weds 7th Feb | School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting | School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting |
| Fri 9th Feb | Y1 After School Treat Sales | |
| Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb | FEBRUARY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED | FEBRUARY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Mon 19th Feb | FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM | FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM |
| Sat 24th Feb | PTA International Fayre – More details to follow! | PTA International Fayre – More details to follow! |
| Fri 1st Mar | PTA Wine/Gin Tasting (Adult Event) – More details to follow! | PTA Wine/Gin Tasting (Adult Event) – More details to follow! |

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| Tues 5th Mar | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting |
| Mon 25th Mar – Fri 19th Apr | PTA Sponsored Read Event – More details to follow! | PTA Sponsored Read Event – More details to follow |
| Weds 27th Mar | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting |
| Thurs 28th Mar | LAST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM | LAST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM |
| Mon 15th Apr | INSET DAY 4 SCHOOL CLOSED | INSET DAY 4 SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Tues 16th Apr | FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM | FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM |
| Fri 19th Apr | | PTA Junior School Disco – More details to follow! |
| Fri 26th Apr | | Y3 After School Treat Sales |
| Thurs 25th Apr | PTA AGM Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School | PTA AGM Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School |
| Mon 6th May | EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED | EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Fri 10th May | PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) – More details to follow! | PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) – More details to follow! |
| Fri 17th May | YR After School treat Sales | |
| Tues 21st May | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School |
| Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May | MAY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED | MAY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Mon 3rd June | FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM | FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM |
| Weds 5th June | School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting | School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting |
| Mon 17th June | INSET DAY 5 – TBC SCHOOL CLOSED | INSET DAY 5 – TBC SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Fri 14th June | | Y4 After School Treat Sales |
| Tues 25th June | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting |
| Fri 5th July | PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow! | PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow! |
| Sat 6th July | PTA Summer Fayre – More details to follow! | PTA Summer Fayre – More details to follow! |
| Thurs 11th July | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting |
| Weds 24th July | LAST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM | LAST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM |

General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR)

The 'UK General Data Protection Regulation' (UK GDPR) brought about changes about how we can use your personal data and keep it safe, and strengthens your rights over your own data. Please refer to our privacy notices on the school's website for details of how sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe.