



Headteacher's Weekly Newsletter

September 2026

We love. We learn.
We live our faith.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school for the start of a new academic year. I would like to congratulate all of our children on making such a fantastic start to the term. They have returned with enthusiasm, positivity and a real readiness to learn, and I am extremely proud of how well they have settled back into school life.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Nursery and Reception children, as well as the families and pupils who have joined us across the school. It has been lovely to see new friendships forming, smiling faces around the school and children already becoming part of our school family.



SCHOOL MASSES

This term, children will be attending Mass at Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary Church at 10:00am on the following dates:

- Monday 21st September
- Monday 5th October
- Monday 19th October



Parents, carers and family members are warmly invited to join us. We would love to see you there as we come together in prayer and worship as a school community.



CHANGES TO PE DAYS

Firstly, I would like to apologise for any confusion regarding PE arrangements at the start of the school year.

In order to ensure that children receive a rich and broad curriculum, we have reorganised our timetable to incorporate one longer PE lesson each week. As staffing and curriculum arrangements continue to evolve throughout the Autumn Term, these days may be subject to change, so please keep an eye on future communications.

Current PE days are:

Class	PE Day
Pearl	Friday
Emerald	Friday
Sapphire	Wednesday
Ruby	Tuesday
Diamond	Thursday

BE ACTIVE
BE HEALTHY
BE HAPPY!

Please ensure your child attends school in their PE kit on the appropriate day.



KEEPING MRS BARNFATHER IN OUR PRAYERS

Many of you will be aware that Mrs Barnfather is currently unwell and not in school. I am pleased to share that she is doing well and focusing on her recovery. I know that Mrs Barnfather is greatly missed by both the children and staff, and I am sure that our whole school community joins me in wishing her a speedy return.

At this time, I kindly ask that you keep Mrs Barnfather in your thoughts and prayers. I know she will appreciate the kindness and support shown by our school family.

We look forward to welcoming her back when she is well enough to return.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING AND CAKE SALE

We will be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support with a cake sale on:

Thursday 24th September
Straight after school in the school hall

We would be very grateful if children could bring either homemade or shop-bought cakes to school to be sold at the event.

Please ensure that all cakes are nut-free.

We hope many of you will be able to join us for this worthwhile cause while enjoying a cup of tea and a slice of cake with our school community.

LET'S
CHANGE
LIVES
TOGETHER



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB UPDATE

Due to the low uptake of places in our later after-school club session, we have had to make the difficult decision to reduce the operating hours of the club.

From week beginning 21st September, the after-school club will finish at 4:50pm.

We have tried to maintain the later finish for as long as possible, hoping that numbers would increase. Unfortunately, we have been running the provision at a financial loss and can no longer sustain the extended hours.

Should demand for the later session increase in the future, we would be more than happy to consider reopening the club until 5:45pm.

I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause families and thank you for your understanding.

FINISHING
AT 4:50PM



OUR NEW SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Over the past year, our children, staff, parents and governors have worked together to create a new mission statement that truly reflects who we are as a Catholic school community.

Inspired by the qualities and virtues of Mary, our Mother, we are delighted to share our new mission statement:

*"With Mary's kindness and courage,
we love one another and glorify the Lord in all we do."*

To help our children remember and live out our mission each day, we have also created a child-friendly version:

*Strong like Mary, kind and true,
Showing love in all we do.
With courage to try and hearts that care,
God's love is ours to share.*



We look forward to seeing our children live out these values each day through their words, actions and relationships with others.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to another successful and rewarding term working together for the benefit of our children.

With best wishes,
Lucy Flaherty
Headteacher

