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May Newsletter 2024

**School Day Timings**Gates open at 8.40am

**Lessons start promptly at 9.00am –** please ensure your child has arrived in plenty of time.

School finishes at 3.15pm  
 

**May – Month of Mary**

**Polite reminder - uniform**

Please can you ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school this consists of:  
School sweatshirt / navy cardigan   
White polo shirt   
Grey trousers/shorts or skirt/pinafore  
Blue and white checked summer dress Black School Shoes or Black Trainers

**School Attendance & Lateness**We are aware of an ever-growing number of children who are regularly late to school. Please ensure your child is here in time for the start of the school day. Our lessons start as soon as the children arrive and being late by just 5 minutes each day can mean your child missing the start of the same lesson every day, hindering their progress and impacting on their education. This can also be a cause of embarrassment for the child, entering the classroom when their peers are already working.

**If a child is 5 minutes late each day, this equates to 3 days over an academic year.**

**10 minutes late = 6½ days**

**15 minutes late = 10 days**

**20 minutes late = 13 days**

**30 minutes late = 19 days**

**Stay & Pray**

Please see dates below for our Summer term Stay and Pray sessions. This is an opportunity to gather together as a class family and pray together through quiet reflection, singing and dancing.   
  
All are welcome to attend at 9.00am

Reception: Thursday 23rd May arch  
Y1/2: Thursday 6th June   
Y3/4: Thursday 13th June   
Y5/6: Thursday 20th June



**Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club provides our   
children with the opportunity to   
start the day with a healthy and balanced breakfast.   
Breakfast Club runs daily from 8.00am until 8.40am. Please book and pay for your child’s place via the ‘mychildatschool’ app. If you are unsure or need some help with setting up the app, please contact the school office.





**Polite Notice**

Please can I ask that children dismount their bikes and scooters when entering the school grounds especially at school opening and closing times.

This is for safety reasons to ensure we do not have any accidents while other parents/ carers are waiting for / dropping off their children. There have been a couple of near misses recently. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**Parent Safeguarding Update**

Each month, we are sharing a useful link to **safeguarding updates for parents** in order to support you with keeping your children safe at home and in the community. The focus of this month’s support is **Parental Controls**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

If you have concerns and wish to speak to a safeguarding lead in school, our Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Wilson, Miss Harrison and Mrs F Brown. Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs A Gregg.

**Important Diary Dates  
More information for each event will be sent closer to the time**

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| Thursday 23rd May | Y1/2 Locomotion Trip |
| Friday 24th May | Break up for half term Holiday |
| **Monday 3rd June** | **Professional Development Day – school closed** |
| **Tuesday 4th June** | **Children return to school following half term** |
| Tuesday 4th June | Author / Illustrator Visit |
| Monday 10th – Friday 15th June | Phonics Screening Check  Y4 Multiplication Check |
| Wednesday 19th June | Y5 Transition visit to St John’s |
| Thursday 20th | Summer Fayre – 1.30pm |
| Tuesday 25th June | Y6 Youth Village Trip |
| Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th June | Y6 Residential Trip |
| Thursday 4th July | Whole School Mass – 9.30am |
| Friday 5th July | Sports Day |
| Wednesday 10th July | Proms in the Park |
| Thursday 11th July | School Transition Day |
| Thursday 11th & Friday 12th | Y6 Transition Days St John’s |
| Thursday 18th July | Y6 Leavers Mass 9.30am |
| Friday 19th July | Y6 Leavers Assembly – 9.30am |
| Friday 19th July | Last Day of Term – Break up for Summer |

**You are God’s children…shine like stars!**

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Preloved Uniform

Do you have any school uniform your child has grown out of?

We are hoping to start a preloved uniform

Our aim is to help parents and carers with the cost of school uniform, raise money for the school and stop perfectly usable clothing going into landfill. For a donation, we hope to offer polo-shirts, jumpers, skirts, trousers, book bags and PE kits.

A recent survey has found that 1.4 million school uniforms are thrown away every year and as most items of uniform are made from polyester or acrylic, that equates to approximately 350 tonnes of plastic. If you would like to donate any items in a washed, good condition, please bring them in to the School Office.

Thank you