



Dates For Your Diary

Friday 7th February 2025- Number Day (information sent out separately)

Wednesday 12th-Friday 14th February 2025- Yr5/6 residential at Derwent Hill

Thursday 20th February 2025- Children break up for half term holiday

Friday 21st February 2025- School closed for PD Day

Monday 3rd March 2025- Children return to school

Friday 11th April 2025- Children break up for easter holiday

Monday 28th April 2025- Children return to school

Monday 5th May 2025- School closed for bank holiday

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May 2025- Year 6 SATs week

Friday 23rd May 2025- Children break up for half term holiday

Monday 2nd June 2025- Children return to school

Monday 2nd June- Friday 13th June 2025- Year 4 multiplication check

Monday 9th June- Friday 13th June 2025- Year 1 phonics screening check

Friday 18th July 2025- Children break up for summer holiday

Happy Birthday

to pupils celebrating their birthday during January



Luna Malak Bree Noah Alice F
Demi-Lea Harri-Lea Megan Lucja
Isabella Scarlett



January Highlights

Jubilee Year Launch and Bishop's Visit-

The Holy Father has decided that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is "Pilgrims of Hope". On Wednesday 22nd January 2025, we were privileged to welcome Bishop Stephen Wright to celebrate mass and bless our Holy Door. After mass, he visited each class to answer our questions.



Year 6 Fundraiser-

On Thursday 16th January, Year 6 led a fundraising event to raise money for their trip to the Houses of Parliament. They raised £190 to help towards their train tickets. A huge thank you for your generosity!

Vocal Festival-

On Thursday 30th January, Year 5 and 6 took part in a singing workshop with Aga Serugo-Lugo. They had a great time singing songs such as 'Stand by Me'. Well done Luna who volunteered to sing a solo. We were all very proud of you!

Attendance

Children are required to be at school by 9am as our core subject lessons (English and Maths) begin immediately after registration.

Appointments should be made out of school time where possible please.

Holidays should be taken outside of term time.

The Department for Education deems that if a child's attendance drops below 90%, they become known as a Persistent Absentee. All absences are monitored thoroughly.

To celebrate great attendance, children with 100% in a week receive 10 dojos on a Friday. The class with the highest percentage will also receive 10 dojos per child.

Below are the percentages of attendance for each class for January:

Matthew (Nursery/Reception) –83%

Mark (Year 1/2) – 96%

Luke (Year 3/4) – 93%

John (Year 5/6) – 94%

The government's target for attendance for primary school pupils is at least 95%.

Our whole school attendance for January was 91.4%.

A child is classed as late if they arrive at school after 9.20am.

0.8% of our pupils arrived late in January.

A child is classed as unauthorised absence if they arrive at school after 9.30am.

1.7% of our pupils had unauthorised absences in January.



Uniform

School uniform promotes a sense of pride in the school and makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance.

If your child is not in correct school uniform, we will ask for correct uniform to be brought in for your child to change into.

Our uniform is:

- Red sweatshirt or sweat cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers or skirt/pinafore dress
- Sensible, plain black leather shoes/ trainers



Jeans and leggings are not permitted. Skirts and trousers should be grey not black.

Homework

Homework reinforces and helps your child to retain information taught in the classroom. It also develops study habits and independent learning.

For Year 1 to Year 6, we kindly ask that your child is listened to reading daily and their reading record is signed. Your child will receive a dojo for each signature in their record.

For Year 1 to Year 6, your child will also receive maths and spelling homework each Friday to be handed back in by the following Thursday.

Times tables are extremely important for children in Year 3 to Year 6. In Year 4, children take a times tables test. Every child has log in details for Times Tables Rockstars - <https://trockstars.com/>
We would greatly appreciate it if your child could regularly practise their times tables at home.

READING EVERY DAY...

...**CREATES** lifelong readers.

...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.

...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.

...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.

...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.

...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.

...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.

...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.

...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.

...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.



PE

On PE days, children are to come to school dressed in their PE kit.

Mark (Year 1/2)- Monday

Luke (Year 3/4)- Monday

John (Year 5/6)- Monday

Our PE uniform is:

- Plain white T-shirt with no branding or logos from professional sports teams
- Plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms with no branding or logos from professional sports teams



- Red sweatshirt or sweat cardigan or hoodie



- Suitable black trainers



If your child comes to school in PE kit on a day which is not their PE day, we will ask for uniform to be brought in for your child to change into.

Jewellery and Hairstyles

Wrist watches are permitted but not smart watches.

Piercings (including earrings) are not permitted.

Pupils with long hair must ensure that this does not impede their vision, cover their face or provide a health and safety risk. Long hair must be tied up during practical lessons, e.g. PE.

The following hairstyles are not considered appropriate for school:

brightly coloured, dyed hair, headwear with bold patterns or colours, excessive hair accessories.

St. Joseph's Community Café

You are warmly invited for

coffee, cake and conversation

every last Friday of the month

from 2:30pm until 3.15pm

in the school hall.



Love Is Brewing!