



23rd July 2024

Dear Parents

The end of the year has come around very fast and we have had much to celebrate over the course of this term and much to look forward to in the new academic year.

Catholic Life



We were exceptionally proud of our Year 3 and some Year 4 children who celebrated their First Holy Communion in June. It was a beautiful celebration.

Well done also to our Year 6 children who received the sacrament of Confirmation in July. Again, this was a lovely celebration and it was nice to welcome Bishop David back to our parish.

Goodbyes



Children

It is always very sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 children. They have been with us for seven years and should be exceptionally proud of the young people they have become.

They have also managed to achieve some of the best SATs results the school has ever had. Their results are considerably above other schools nationally and we congratulate them for their hard work and their commitment.

They really have been a wonderful Year 6 group and we wish them all the very best for their futures. We really do love to see the children returning to us to let us know how they are getting on so please come and visit us often.

For those parents whose youngest or only child is leaving us, thank you also to you for your many years of kindness and support.



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Staff

We say a temporary goodbye to Miss Lawrie who is leaving us to have her first child. We will miss her greatly whilst she is on her maternity leave, and we wish her and her partner all the very best in the weeks and months to come.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss O'Beirne who has been with the school for the past eight years. Miss O'Beirne has secured an exciting opportunity to teach in a school in Rome from September. We will miss her very much and thank her for her many years of service with Our Lady's school and parish and we wish her well in her new school.

Welcome



This term, we have welcomed Mrs. Claire Wright to our Inclusion and Pastoral team. Mrs. Wright will be working in our school as well as two other schools in our Trust to provide wellbeing support.

In September, we are welcoming two new teachers to our team. Miss Geraldine Ludlow is joining us from St. Brendan's to teach in Year One. Miss Francesca Johnson is joining us from Corby Primary Academy to teach in Year Six.

Patricia Rose Award

Each year, the adults in school vote for a child in Year 6 to receive the 'Patricia Rose' award. This is an award presented in memory of a former, long serving, member of the school staff who sadly died suddenly a few years ago.

This year's recipient was Malwina Fekner. Congratulations to her for her much deserved award.



Uniform for September 2024

A reminder that the school uniform is as follows:

- White or light blue shirt
- Tie (optional for children in Reception and Years 1 and 2)
- **Grey** trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore.
- School jumpers or cardigans
- Plain black shoes – no trainers and no logos
- Blue and white dresses during the warmer months
- Grey tights; grey or white socks

P.E. Kit:

From **September 2024** we are updating our school PE Kit, however, parents are welcome to continue using 'old' PE kit until their child has outgrown the current one. The new P.E. kit will consist of:

- Dark blue polo shirt with school logo
- Dark blue shorts
- Dark blue jogging bottoms for colder months
- Plimsoles
- Trainers for outdoor sports

Please let us know if there is a reason why your child is not in the designated uniform and we will do our best to support. Uniform, including the new P.E. kit can be purchased online using [this link](#).



Sporting Events



Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents who came to support our annual Sports' Day. It is always lovely when our families come together for the annual picnic. The success is largely due to the hard work of Mrs. Wilson, Mr. Dent and Mr. Clark. Thank you also to our PTA and Mrs. Symes for providing the teas, coffees and snacks on the day.

Swimming Gala,

We had 8 year 5 children take part in the first schools swimming gala. It was very competitive and they came in fourth overall! A fantastic event that we hope will continue annually.

Triathlon

65 year 5 and 6 children took part in the Brownlee Foundation Triathlon. The children completed a swim, cycle or scooter and a run! Another fantastic event held locally. This event is non-competitive.

Summer School Games Final

The School Games finals were held in Moulton. Our Year 4 hockey team qualified for the finals earlier on in the year. They took on the best in the county and did Our Lady's proud! They came a respectable 6th overall!

Other News

Well done to the Year 5 children who staged a fabulous assembly featuring the story of Mary Poppins – with an Our Lady's Twist.

The Year 6 children very much enjoyed their residential visit to Norfolk early in July – thank you to all of the staff who went with them – Mrs. Donnachie, Mrs. Hamill, Miss O'Beirne and Miss Scott.

Well done also to Year 6 for their fantastic portrayal of The Jungle Book.

Year 5 have been learning to play brass instruments this term, and delighted us with a fantastic performance of their skills.

The children who attend the Rock Steady lessons gave us a fantastic afternoon's entertainment with their final concert of the year.



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Thank you also to the children who attend the drumming lessons in school. Once again, they performed brilliantly in their end of term assembly.

Congratulations to ALL of the children who performed in Our Lady's got talent! Congratulations to the winners: Anna and Amy Fahy in Year 6.

Term Dates

2024-25

School Opens to Pupils	School Closes to Pupils
Tuesday 3 rd September	Friday 18 th October
Monday 4 th November	Friday 20 th December
Monday 6 th January	Friday 14 th February
Monday 24 th February	Friday 4 th April
Tuesday 22 nd April	Friday 23 rd May
Monday 2 nd June	Thursday 24 th July
Staff Training Days	2 nd September 3 rd January 7 th April 27th June – in the middle of the term. 25 th July

I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy summer and we will see you on September 3rd

Kind regards

Mrs. Hayes