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"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

Newsletter 16: Friday 19th June

Dear Parents

I hope that you and your families are all well.

Please check the diary table at the end of the school newsletter for details about masses and sports days as well as other school events which are taking place next half term. Music showcases for Y3,4,5,6 have now been added to the table in July.

Please remember to return your Summer Fete **raffle tickets** to school by **Friday 26th June**. The top prize is **£120!**



Y3 Thanksgiving Mass – Sunday 21st June:

The Thanksgiving Mass for our Y3 pupils who received the Sacrament of the Eucharist is taking place this **Sunday 21st June** at **10.30am** in church. Our children are asked to wear their Communion outfits again. School staff will be in the foyer before mass to provide sashes for the boys to wear. Everyone is welcome to join this celebration.



Catholic Life Parent Survey:

Thank you so much to the many parents who have completed our Catholic Life parent survey to help to support our school self-evaluation and development planning. The form is still open. There are 12 statements to 'tick' against so hopefully the form will not take very long to complete:

[CATHOLIC LIFE PARENT SURVEY - JUNE 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Hometime Dismissal:

To try to keep everybody safe and avoid any bumps or accidents when exiting the school premises at hometime, please keep your children with you and do not allow them to run ahead on their own. We have noticed a few 'near misses' as a result of some children running ahead unsupervised at the end of the school day. Thank you.



PTA – Donation Days:

We will be asking for donations over the next two weeks as part of the preparation for our annual PTA Summer Fete which is taking place on **Saturday 27th June** from **1.00 – 4.00pm**.

Next **Friday 26th June**, the PTA are asking for **SWEETS**. All donations will be gratefully accepted.

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PTA Summer Fete Volunteers:

We need your help at our Summer Fete please. Just one hour of your time on **Saturday 27th June** will make all the difference.

Please complete this form if you are able to help for an hour on the day. It will really make a difference!!

[SUMMER FETE VOLUNTEERS FORM](#)



Parish Multi-Cultural Evening – Saturday 11th July:

All of our children and families are invited to join with our parish for a very special evening in the parish centre on **Saturday 11th July** from **7.00 – 10.00pm**. Traditional dress is encouraged and there will be a 'shared buffet' where everyone is invited to bring a contribution. We have been asked to encourage our children to help to provide entertainment by performing a short act e.g. singing, dancing, music, poetry, jokes etc. Please complete the **form below** if anyone from your family is able to assist with this request! This will be a lovely evening. For further information, please see the attached flyer.

[PARISH MULTI-CULTURAL EVENING – FILL IN FORM](#)

The Wednesday Word:

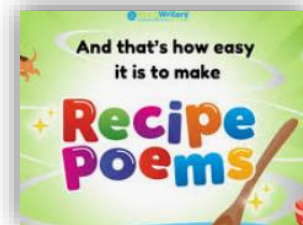
Please do take time to read the 'Wednesday Word' with your child, which will be uploaded to the school website each week. [You can find it here!](#)

The Primary School Wednesday Word is an outreach project which shares Sunday's Gospel with all school families in a unique way. It is a weekly Gospel 'gift' from the school to the whole family.



Poetry Writing Competition for all 5-7 year olds:

Calling all 5-7 year old writers! Now is your chance to shine and write all about the characteristics that constitute a special friendship. Please collect an application form from Mrs Kavanagh. Deadline for completed entries is **Friday 10th July**.



Reception - Y6 Reading Challenges:

Our Reading Challenges are a great way to ensure your child is reading a range of texts which are age-related (with some challenging texts too!)

To make it super easy to participate, we have uploaded a direct form link accessible on your Marvellous Me accounts. The form is called 'YR RC' / 'Y1 RC' etc and they are also available on the school website – just click:

'Curriculum and Gallery > Reading' and scroll down to 'Reading Challenge'.

Or click on the links here: [Y6](#) [Y5](#) [Y4](#) [Y3](#) [Y2](#) [Y1](#) [Reception](#)

Every time your child reads a book from the specially selected list, they just need to complete an entry on the form and they will automatically be entered into a prize draw!

The more books that you read the more chances that you have to win!

The next prize draw will be on Friday 26th June.

School Masses:

All **parents and parishioners** are warmly invited to join us for all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **10.00am**.

Please note: school masses now take place on **Tuesdays**.

Date:	Information:
Tuesday 23 rd June	Infants' mass in school hall at 9.15am
Tuesday 30 th June	Y4 & Y5 joining the parish for mass in church at 10.00am
Tuesday 7 th July	No classes attending mass
Tuesday 14 th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in school at 9.15am

Diary Dates:

Date:	Information:
Sunday 21 st June	Y3 Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of the Eucharist in church on feast of Corpus Christi at 10.30am
Tuesday 23 rd June	Y6 Educational Visit to Oscott College Y3 & Y4 Frisbee Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 25 th June	NO KS2 French Club Y4, Y5 & Y6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 26 th June	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents welcome)
Saturday 27 th June	PTA Summer Fete 1.00 – 4.00pm
Tuesday 30 th June	Y3 & Y4 Frisbee Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Y6 Leavers' Performance in school at 6.00pm

Date:	Information:
Thursday 2 nd July	Nursery & Reception music showcase in school at 9.15am KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Y4, Y5 & Y6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 3 rd July	Y3,4,5,6 sports day in school at 9.15am NO CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY
Monday 6 th July	Y3 Educational Visit to Botanical Gardens
Tuesday 7 th July	Infants (Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2) sports day in school at 9.15am Y3 & Y4 Frisbee Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 9 th July	KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Y4, Y5 & Y6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm Y5 & Y6 music showcase in school at 2.40pm
Friday 10 th July	Y3 & Y4 music showcase in school at 2.40pm
Saturday 11 th July	Parish Multi-Cultural Evening in Parish Centre 7.00 – 10.00pm
Tuesday 14 th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass in school at 9.15am
Thursday 16 th July	NO KS2 French Club Y4, Y5 & Y6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 17 th July	Last day of summer term for pupils

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation.

This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

Mass at Holy Name Church:

Saturday 12.30pm

Sunday 8.30am and 10.30am

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus' friends are afraid and don't know what to do. They feel that they aren't very important and that God may not look after them.

Jesus looks at the world around him and sees that God is watching over everything, even tiny birds like sparrows. Have you ever seen sparrows? What do they look like?

When you look at the world, what else can you see that might remind you of God's love for us all?

Jesus tells his friends that they are worth more than many sparrows. If we ever feel afraid, we can remember those sparrows in the gospel, or some of the other things we have mentioned, and be reminded that God loves us even more.

Jesus says that, because God is looking after them, his friends need not be afraid to speak up and tell everybody about Jesus and the things he said.

Can you remember some of the things Jesus said, that it would be good for us to tell other people? He said we should try to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. Anything else?

In our country, there are not so many sparrows as there used to be a few years ago. We are starting to realise that we need to look after them and to protect the places where they live.

Around the world, lots of the birds and animals and plants that remind us of God also need us to care for them.

Lots of people around the world need our help too to stay safe and well, just like they do in our local community.

God loves us all and so we are called to take care of one another, to love one another, no matter where in the world that we are. We are also called to protect and care for the earth, so that everyone can share in the good things that God has given us.

This can be hard sometimes. We might need to be brave and to speak out for what we know is right when we see others treating people or the earth badly.

Our Catholic Mission:

Can you try to remember that God loves you this week? And can you be brave and try to share that love with others just like the disciples?

Prayer:

God of life,
help us to see the beauty of your world,
and to treat all people around the world with respect and love.
May we share your hope and love with others.
Amen.

Reflection taken from CAFOD Children's Liturgy

