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### A PRAYER FOR HUMAN DIGNITY

Heavenly Father,  
may our human family not  
become separated from you by  
building barriers of race or  
colour, of religion or class.  
Inspire us to recognise that  
***we are all made in your image  
and likeness,***  
so that we may grow in  
appreciation of all people, and  
encourage each other to grow in  
pride in who we are and who we  
are called to be.  
May we recognise your Son in  
our midst, and live truly as sisters  
and brothers.

Amen

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS



#### **SPRING TERM**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February –  
Candlemas and St Blaize

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Ash  
Wednesday service in the school  
(pupils only)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – St Patrick's  
Day

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Holy  
Week Liturgies (Infants 9.30am  
and Juniors 10am)

All Masses will be at 9.30am in  
the Church

**WINTER FLU:** January is a time when  
more adults and children get sick. These  
last few weeks the school has been  
affected by the flu bugs that are  
circulating in the area and we are  
experiencing a greater incidence of  
absence.

Thank you to all parents/carers for your  
patience and support during this time  
and to the staff who have gone above  
and beyond to ensure that the  
children's learning has not been  
impacted. Well done to the children  
who have maintained a high standard of  
behaviour in their teacher's absence.

**SAFEGUARDING THE FUTURE OF  
EDUCATION:** As communicated to you  
earlier this week, the school will be  
closed on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February due  
to Industrial Action.

The National Education Union (NEU) has  
posted a document for parents, carers  
and grandparents that explains their  
reasons for taking strike action. It can  
be found at  
<https://neu.org.uk/media/24511/view>

When a strike takes place, those taking  
strike action stop work and withdraw  
their labour. This means that those  
teachers involved in the action will not  
teach their class or undertake any other  
duties on a strike day.

Clearly this is a difficult situation, which  
will cause a great deal of disruption,  
especially to working parents. I would  
ask you, however, to be understanding.

A national strike by teachers is **very**  
unusual. Taking strike action is not  
something that any teacher would  
undertake lightly. Those on strike will  
have thought long and hard about their  
decision and will also lose pay for the  
days that they are on strike. They are  
making this sacrifice to safeguard the  
future of education in this country.

**CLASS ASSEMBLIES:** Please see dates  
below. It has been necessary to make  
changes to some of the class assemblies.  
Sorry for the inconvenience these  
changes may cause. All assemblies will  
be in the school hall and families are  
welcome. **You are asked not to bring  
COFFEE or other hot drinks** into the  
school as this is a potential safety  
hazard.

All assemblies will be at 2.55pm for a  
3pm start.

Tuesday 31st January - 6S

Tuesday 7th February - 5W

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February - 2V

Tuesday 21st February - 5D

Thursday 23rd February - 4P

Tuesday 28th February - 4Y

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March - 2C

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March - 1B

Thursday 9th March - 1R

Tuesday 14th March - 3H

Tuesday 21st March - 3W

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Bumblebees

Thursday 23rd March - Butterflies

**FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE WORKSHOP:** The year 2 children had a great deal of fun this week reinforcing their learning about Florence Nightingale, through drama and practical activities. They had the opportunity to dress up as doctors, nurses and soldiers and to re-enact what it was like to be a soldier in a hospital during the Crimean War. It was gruesome!



**TERM DATES:** Please see attached the term dates for the 2023-2024 academic year. These are also available to view on our website.

**ST VINCENT PALLOTTI:** We celebrated the feast of St Vincent Pallotti on Monday by joining the Parishioners at 12pm Mass. We had a joint Choir with Cardinal Wiseman and both schools read and served at the Mass. We will be celebrating another joint Mass next for the feast of Candlemas at 12.00pm. We will also have our school Mass at 9.30am as normal.

The feast of St Vincent Pallotti is special to our parish community as St Vincent was the founder of The Pallotine Fathers. He always brings Fr Eugene to mind, as he was very faithful to the philosophy of St Vincent.

**STAYING SAFE ONLINE:** Please see below the link to the 'Think you Know' website which gives advice on how to stay safe when using a phone, tablet or computer. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

This website includes tips on how to set parental controls on devices, how to talk to your child about keeping safe online and what to do if they see harmful material and also activities you can do together around keeping safe. There are also a range of child friendly activities for all age groups.

Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February**. Our ICT lessons that week will focus on how to keep safe on-line.



**Fizzy and other sweetened drinks** add extra calories and get in the way of good nutrition. They are also full of sugar which can rot teeth and affect children's behavior. Water and milk are the best drinks for children. Juice is fine when it's 100%, but children don't need much of it — 4 to 6 ounces a day is enough for young children.

## Diary Dates

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February** – Choir performing at Young Voices

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February** – Parental Consultations – school closes at 2.00pm

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February** – Half Term

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** – Year 3 Boston Manor Park Trip

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** – World Book Day

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Year 5 Tower of London Trip

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 6 Evolution Workshop

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – Year 1 Greenford Quay Trip

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Last day of term for Afternoon Nursery

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Last day of Spring Term – school closes at 1.30pm

**COFFEE MORNING:** Due to the cancellation of the coffee morning in December we have made changes to the dates. They will now **be as follows;**

**Year 3 – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**There will be no coffee morning in Lent**

**Year 4 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 5 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Year 6 – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**

## School Sunday Mass

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 12pm**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 12pm**

**Please join the Parish after Mass for coffee**

# ACHIEVEMENTS

**ATTENDANCE:** Please see the table below for class attendance this term.

Congratulations to 6C for 99.3% attendance this week.

<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>82.8%</b>
<b>BUTTERFLIES</b>	<b>92.7%</b>
<b>BUMBLEBEES</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>1B</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
<b>1R</b>	<b>96.9%</b>
<b>2C</b>	<b>93.7%</b>
<b>2V</b>	<b>91.4%</b>
<b>3H</b>	<b>95.3%</b>
<b>3W</b>	<b>95.2%</b>
<b>4P</b>	<b>93.7%</b>
<b>4Y</b>	<b>95.7%</b>
<b>5D</b>	<b>92.9%</b>
<b>5W</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>6C</b>	<b>99.3%</b>
<b>6S</b>	<b>94.3%</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>94%</b>

**PRAISE CERTIFICATES:** Each week children are awarded a Praise Certificate for a range of reasons; excellent work, making a greater effort, consistent and sustained improvement, displaying the Gospel Values of friendship, supporting and helping others, to name but a few. Congratulations to the following children who received the Praise Certificate last week.

**Szymon and Nadia – FS2G**

**Amelia M and Igor S – FS2T**

**Sophie and Joshua – 1B**

**Giulia and Javier – 1R**

**Riley and Max – 2C**

**Lilia and Lansio – 2V**

**Hosea and Alicia – 3H**

**Elisha and Laila – 3W**

**Pranaya and Breno – 4P**

**Alex and Sofia – 4Y**

**Liam and Casey – 5D**

**Gabriel and Szymon – 5W**

**The Whole Class! – 6C**

**Emilia P and Emilia S – 6S**

**CITIZENSHIP AWARD:** Our citizenship award is awarded weekly to pupils who display good citizenship and Gospel Values; for example, Kindness, Inclusion, Tolerance, Respect and following school rules.

This half term we are focussing on **Social Justice**, thinking about how we can work towards a fairer society.

**Our Social Justice focus is Dignity of the Human Person.** We are looking for children who treat others, (*no matter who they are, what they can do, where they come from, what their beliefs are*) with tolerance and respect.

**Maria – 1B**

**Joshua – 1R**

**Evie – 2C**

**Angelika – 2V**

**Thomas – 3H**

**Mikolaj – 3W**

**Ashton – 4P**

**Alex – 4Y**

**Alicja – 5D**

**Jasper – 5W**

**Erika – 6C**

**Kuba – 6S**



## **School Term and Holiday Dates for the Academic Year 2023 / 2024**

### **Autumn Term 2023**

**Staff Training Day – (students not in school) Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Pupils arrive:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

**Half-Term:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

**Last Day of Term:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December / school closes at 1.30 pm

### **Spring Term 2024**

**Staff Training Day – (students not in school) Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

**Pupils arrive:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

**Half-Term:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

**Last Day of Term:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March / school closes at 1.30 pm

**Summer Term 2024 – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Pupils arrive:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

**May Bank Holiday:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Half-Term:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Staff Training Day – (students not in school) Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Last Day of Term:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July / school closes at 1.30 pm