



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

On Monday this week, our Reception class joined us. It was wonderful to see them settling in so well and they have enjoyed a really happy start! Then on Wednesday, our new Nursery friends joined and have had a great few days calmly settling in, colouring, playing and getting to know each other. I have been greeted by lots of smiles walking around the school. Well done children! We welcome all our new families to the school; we hope you are made to feel welcome and enjoy your time at St Mary of the Angels.

Thank you to Fr Craig and also to Year Six for leading us through Mass this morning. It was lovely to see parents and parishioners in school. We took some really important messages away with us about enjoying the fresh start of a new academic year and using our gifts and talents to bring joy to others.

We have taken the time to remind, discuss and understand the school mission statement: '*Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another*'. Please speak to your child about the meaning behind this and how we live it out in school and at home. Our new Gospel values are **Grateful and Generous**. Our children are growing to be grateful for their own gifts, for the gifts of other people and the blessings each day and understanding that we need to be generous in the service of others.

Unfortunately, Mrs Amaan suffered an injury in the holidays and so we are missing her in school. She is on the mend now and we keep her in our thoughts and prayers as we wish her a speedy recovery.

Please see the attachment regarding our 'Welcome Briefings', a chance for you to meet your child's new teacher and see their new classroom setting.

they can **erous**, take some time to speak your child/children about how Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

We didn't have a Congratulations Assembly this morning due to Mass; however, the children have continued to impress, remembering their beautiful manners and kindness.

Y6 are busy getting ready to apply for various monitor and captain positions. We are excited and know that they will excel at any roles awarded to them.

Our Attendance winners for this week are Y3 - fantastic!

Attendance and Punctuality

Please continue to make every effort to get your child in to school every day on time. It is upsetting and disruptive for children when they come in late. Government legislation states that a child with an attendance of 90% and below is categorised as '**persistently absent**'. An attendance figure of 90% equates to missing a half a day every week, which is four weeks of missed school work across the year. Every lesson is important for your child's education. Let's start as we mean to go on!



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Notices

- If you have not yet sent any medication your child needs into school, such as inhalers and spacers, please could you bring it to the school office next week, clearly labelled with your child's name and class.
- Teachers are working hard to set up the new class pages. These will contain key information, including reminders about homework and special events; plus curriculum information and links to useful websites and activities to support the children's learning. These should be ready from today and will have more information added over the coming weeks. A message was sent home yesterday regarding homework and PE just in case you have any problems logging onto the class page.
- The staff are busy planning lots of exciting curriculum learning for this academic year. We kindly ask that you donate to our school fund via the gateway to help pay for any little extras and treats for the children throughout the year.
- A reminder that no products containing nuts should be brought into school, including Nutella, for example, on sandwiches. This is an important health and safety matter as we have children with serious allergies in school.
- Nursery and Reception parents - please be aware that we have a one-way system in school in the mornings, whereby we ask you to walk down the Nursery footpath to bring your child to school and walk back out via the car park. The car park is closed to vehicles at this time and it means that the footpath is less congested with two-way pedestrians.
- If you are having a clear out, we would welcome used toys, in good condition, for example Barbies, puzzles, Imaginext, small world, etc. Please email photographs to Postbox if you are able to help.

Events

Please see the letter attached regarding 'Welcome Briefings' a chance for you to meet your child's new teacher and see the classroom setting.

Tuesday 19th September - Y6 walk to Mass with the Parish

Homework club will start next week for those children invited and dance club will also start for the children who have been designated a place. Thank you to all staff involved for enabling these to go ahead.

Tuesday 26th September - Y5 walk to Mass with the Parish

The Tempest photographer will be in school on Thursday 5th October.

Prayer and Reflection

Here is a reminder of our Living Simply prayer.

We are still working hard on our pledges and this links beautifully with our work on the Season of Creation that we will share with you in the coming weeks.

Loving God, you made this beautiful world that we all share.

Help us to live simply and be thankful for all that you have given us.

Help us to look after our earth, so that everyone may enjoy it.

Help us to share with others, so that everyone has what they need.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher