



Coming Up

Newsletter Issue 1 - W/c 6th September 2021

Mondays	Y3 Swimming	Y4/5/6 Basketball 3.15-4.15pm
Tuesdays	Flute lessons	Y4/5/6 Tennis 3.15-4.30pm
Wednesdays	Piano Lessons	KS2 Hockey Club 3.15-4.15pm
Thursdays	Y2 Forest School	Guitar lessons

Notices

• Data Collection form

Please don't forget to hand in your completed data collection forms into the office.

• Parentpay - new parents

Please make sure you have activated your Parentpay account as soon as possible.

• One-way system

Please remember when dropping (EYFS parents) and collecting children that we are operating a one way system and parents should walk round the school and exit through the big gates into the car park.



Weekly Prayer

we used this prayer in collective worship on Monday thinking about creation.

Dear God,

Thank you for our beautiful world.

Help us to think carefully about looking after our world and all that has been created, and remind others too of ways they can help.

Help us to enjoy the natural world as much as possible and use our senses every day to notice the wonders that are all around us. Amen.

Statement of the week

'We are all special'

Please take time to discuss this statement at home with your child/ren.

Welcome!

Welcome to all the new EYFS children and to the following children who have joined us further up the school: **Sam** and **Amelie** in Y1, **Harry** in Y2, **Jude** in Y4, **Charlie** in Y5.

Welcome also to our new staff—**Miss Crowther** 1:1 TA, **Mrs Green** TA in EYFS, **Mr Stanley** Premises Officer, **Mrs Chombe** Midday Supervisor, **Mrs Willard** TA in Y1, **Miss Newbon** Breakfast Club Assistant, **Mrs Rozenboom** 1:1 TA, **Miss Stead** After School Club Coordinator.

Goodbye!

We are sad to say goodbye to **Luke** in Y2. We wish him lots of luck in his new school!

We are also very sad to say that **Mrs Tranmer** will be leaving us next week. Although she has loved working at English Martyrs, she has a very exciting new opportunity as a trainee education mental health practitioner working for the NHS. We wish her all the best in her new role!



Head Teacher Awards



Congratulations to all the children who received Head Teacher and Virtues awards this week.



Birthdays



Happy Birthday to the children who have had birthdays recently.

Y1—**Samantha, Amelia**, Y2—**Daniel, Torrin**, Y5—**Hermione, Rosa**

Virtue of the week **COURAGE**

Well done to all the children who won awards in school for showing courage this week.

At home, Jaryd completed his stage 1 sailing certificate despite having never sailed before and capsizing! Harvey was worried about pricking himself with a needle while trying out needlefelting but he gave it a go!

Don't forget to share with us how the children have used the weekly virtue at home.

Next week's virtue is **FAITH**



Message from Mrs Chambers

Welcome back to everyone at the beginning of a new academic year. It has been so uplifting to see all the children return to school and a special welcome to all our new families both in early years and across the school. A big welcome also to our new members of staff.

Staff and children have been delighted that we have returned to a new normal with no bubbles, children mixing more at playtime and lunchtime and opportunities for collective worship together. Hearing hymn practice this week for the first time for what seems to be ever was quite emotional for the staff involved!

However, we do realise that although guidelines have changed significantly we do still need to make parents aware of the need to follow procedures should a child develop one of the recognised symptoms. We are still continuing with our handwashing procedures and increased cleaning during the school day.

We are excited about our new topics for learning and class pages on the website will be updated with the new topic maps, knowledge organisers and information for parents generally to support learning. Class dojo will be used to inform parents of the week ahead and for any messages or information.

As we are now able to resume trips and participate more in external activities the children will begin to experience learning again beyond the classroom. Music teachers are also back in school and this year we are offering flute, piano and guitar, please get in touch with the office should your child want to participate in any of these.

We are hoping to attend Mass for the first time as a school on October 1st at St Joseph's, this is the feast day of St Therese of Lisieux so we will be planning the Mass around this theme.

Celebration assembly will now be on a Friday afternoon for the whole school, we will be opening this up to parents again in the future but want to settle the children back first.

Parents forum will be meeting on Wednesday 22nd September at 7 pm remotely. Please email me directly if you wish to be involved, I will email the agenda to the parents who attended last year.

Thank you so much for your continued support of the children and staff in school, without your cooperation the start to the new academic year would not have run so smoothly.

Mrs Chambers

St Joseph's Church

Keep up to date with the Parish news [here](#) including information about how to book a place to attend Mass.



Open Days

Our open days are on **2nd October** and **9th October** 10am-12pm. Please contact the school office to book a place.