



Dear parents/ carers

I hope all families were able to get a rest over the half term holiday. It has been lovely to welcome them all back for the final half term this week.

### **Catholic Life:**

Following the First Holy Communion Mass at Church over half term, we have planned an opportunity in school for our Holy Communion children to be celebrated in the St Peter and St Paul Mass on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 10am. All are welcome to attend.

Children who have made their First Holy Communion this year, whether at English martyrs or another church, are asked to bring along their First Holy Communion outfits with them to school to change into on this day. They should arrive in school in their usual school uniform and we will give them time to change before and after Mass.



Year 3 also went on a wonderful trip as part of our learning about other faiths to the Sikh Gurdwara. It was wonderful to be able to link so many of the key Sikh values to Catholic values – such as kindness and helping others.

### **Coming up:**

The final half term of the year is always a busy one with so much going on – please do check the dates below to make sure you don't miss anything.

One of the exciting things coming soon is the whole school healthy fortnight. This starts next Monday!

Over the course of this fortnight, all classes will have some additional exercise daily. To help this happen efficiently we ask that all children come into school every day for the fortnight wearing trainers. There will often be times when the extra exercise happens without getting changed into full PE kits.

Sports day will be part of Healthy Fortnight – all are welcome to come and support. This is on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 1:30pm.

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### ***Class transition days:***

This year we will be having 3 days of transition so that children can spend time working with their teachers for the next school year. These days will be Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

We will be able to let children and parents know who their teachers will be next year this week. During the class transition days children will complete work based on Catholic Social Teaching – linked to modern day inspirational people. They will spend time over those days completing art activities/ team building/ ‘getting to know you activities’ as well as completing some work so teachers can gain a really good understanding of the class ready for September.

Class teachers for next year:

Year R: Mrs Guidon – with Mrs Cripwell

Year 1: Mrs Blurton and Mrs Campbell – with Mrs Cripwell

Year 2: Miss Woodings – with Mrs Wilcox, Mrs Decamps and Mrs Mohammad

Year 3: Mrs Downing– with Mrs Simmons

Year 4: Miss Orton – with Mrs Simmons

Year 5: To be confirmed – with Mrs Woolley and Mrs Ng

Year 6: Miss Heath – with Mrs Woolley

We are in the process of recruiting a teacher for Year 5 for September and we will update you once this process is complete.

Year 6 children who will be going to secondary schools in September within Derby will be at their schools on those days. You should have had information from them about these. They will need to wear their St John Fisher uniforms on that day. Both St Benedicts and Noel Baker are visiting school today to talk to the Year 6 children who will be coming to them.

### ***Water bottles:***

As we are now into summer, please make sure children have a water bottle every day. These should go home to be washed daily. These bottles must be plastic – not glass.

### ***Could you be a school governor?***

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At St John Fisher we are seeking both Foundation and Parent governors.

Interested? Click [here](#) and/ or see the poster for where you can find out more information!

### *Did you go to St Benedicts?*

As part of St Benedict's alumni relaunch, they are reaching out to former students of all ages to reconnect and celebrate their journeys since leaving St Benedict's. Whether you left last year or decades ago, they want to hear where life has taken you!

Please take a moment to share your story, successes, and current destination by completing this quick form:

**CALLING FOUNDATION GOVERNORS**

**Calling Foundation Governors**  
An invitation for you!

Date & Time  
Wednesday 18 June 2025  
7.00pm - 8.00pm

Venue  
VIRTUAL - Microsoft Teams

*Christ is the foundation  
of the whole educational enterprise  
in a Catholic school.*

The Catholic School, \$34

**Calling Foundation Governors...**

*Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time?*

If so, becoming a foundation governor could be just the thing for you.

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To reserve your place please contact Gill Burns: [gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:gill.burns@nottingham-des.org.uk)

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Your experiences can inspire their current pupils –and help them build a strong alumni community for the future.

### *Summer Clubs:*

Mr G is again running his holiday club in the summer for 3 weeks at St John Fisher. Paid places are open today – news will follow about HAF places once they are known!

Best wishes

Graham Lobb

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### **June:**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – start of healthy fortnight

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 residential to Lea Green

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 class Celebration of the Word at 2:45pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>- Year 3 and Year 4 trip to Thinktank

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Summer Fayre! After school.

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – St John Fisher Feast Day Celebration of the Word at 2:30pm

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – EYFS and Year 1 class Celebration of the Word at 2:45pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> – EYFS/ Year1/ Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sports day at 1:30pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>- 'Get ready for the Euros' themed day menu to be served at lunchtime

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – Visit from Olympian

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>- Confirmation preparation to Year 6 at Church at 10:00am- 11:00am

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> – Mass for St Peter and St Paul at 10am and to celebrate the 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communicants

### **July:**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> to Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Transition days in school and for Year 6 to 7 (Derby)

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Jubilee Mass for new chaplains at St Mary's Church at 1pm.

w/c Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 bikeability

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers Mass at 10am

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 performance at 5:30pm**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 performance at 2pm**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Year 6 Leavers BBQ**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> – PTFA Summer Disco from 3:30pm (full details to follow)

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>- 'Seaside Special' themed day menu to be served at lunchtime

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation Mass at English Martyrs at 11am

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Final Day of school Year

### **September:**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> – Children return to school





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