

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pick Up Arrangements

If you haven't already done so, please click on the link that is in the comments to add your child's pick up and collection arrangements. We now have the majority of details and the office will be contacting separately to pick up on any replies that they haven't had yet.

WOW Walk to School

As part of the Flixton Community Streets project (which aims to make it easier and safer for the local community to make short trips by walking, wheeling and cycling), we have agreed to take part in the WOW scheme.

The WOW scheme is a project that encourages pupils to travel actively to school. Its data shows that on average schools which adopt the scheme see a 23% increase in walking to school and a 30% decrease in cars around the school gates. Pupils are awarded a badge each month if they have travelled sustainably once a week (walked / cycled / scooted / used park and stride). The park and stride option means that pupils whose parents need to drive onwards to work can still take part (by parking a five or ten minute walk away from the school and walking the last part of the journey). For more information, please click on the link below and good luck with the walking/cycling/scooting!

[WOW - the walk to school challenge \(livingstreets.org.uk\)](http://livingstreets.org.uk)

Building work in school

I will give more information over coming weeks, but it has been confirmed that building work on our Infant building will begin on 28th October and will continue through to March. This work will give us vital extra space on our Infant building and enable us to continue to improve our building (there is still a lot more needed!). This will include an extension of the building which will extend the building along our Nursery and 1/2F classrooms. It will not impact on children's classrooms at this stage but it will mean some of the playground being fenced off for the duration of the project. It is a significant project and continues the upgrade of our premises after new electrics, electrical supply and new ceilings being added to the Infant building last summer.

Building Fund

This work is funded by the Diocese and it is vital (and required) that families attending Catholic schools contribute to the building fund for the schools of the Diocese. We can only apply for these works if we are contributing as a school community to this fund. You should have received an email letter this week with details on how to contribute to this fund. I urge you to make this contribution so that we can continue to try and upgrade our very dated premises over the coming years.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Doherty

Attendance

School - 97.60%

Nursery - 100%

RL - 96.36%

RP - 99.13%

1B - 99.60%

1/2F - 96.43%

2CS - 98.67%

3B - 97.93%

3/4C - 96.97%

3/4S - 98.00%

5K - 91.07%

5/6B - 98.62%

5/6S - 98.71%

Well done to Nursery class this week with 100% attendance. A fabulous effort!



Dyslexia Awareness Week

It is Dyslexia Awareness Week from Monday 7th October to Friday 11th October and the British Dyslexia Association have some great resources to help you promote and celebrate Dyslexia within your schools.

As well as resources such as information packs for both teachers and parents, there is a free webinar on Monday 7th October (7pm – 8pm).

The resources can be found here - <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/support-us/awareness-events/download-an-information-and-resources-pack> and the link to book on the webinar can be found here - <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/events/daw-2024-free-webinar-understanding-dyslexia>

October is the Holy month of the Rosary



Ms Keville (our RE Lead) has given all of our children rosary beads, that they will keep in school to help mark the holy month of the Rosary and to help us all in our prayer. We have spoken in our assembly and collective worship about this special group of prayers that we can say to remember the mysteries of our Lord and how we can pray for special intentions using the Rosary. We hope that all of us will learn to pray the Rosary and remember the importance of prayer.



Brigid

You will, I am sure, have heard the name Brigid (or Bridget!) being mentioned by your children. Brigid is my dog and has been coming into school on some days over the past few months. She is an Australian Labradoodle and I promise you that this isn't just to save on fees for daycare!



Dogs have been proven to help in schools in improving health and wellbeing, increased confidence levels, and improved communication skills.

Used correctly, dogs have also shown to help children with specific needs by giving focus and providing a calming environment.

Our intention is to ensure that we do the appropriate risk assessments and necessary procedures and consent to allow Brigid to work in our school.

Brigid is an exceptionally calm dog and is very used to being around children. In fact, she loves the company of children. She does not shed hair and is said to be hypoallergenic. Brigid is never left unaccompanied with the children and you will be able to opt out of consent for contact over the coming weeks and will be able to express any concerns or queries that you may have in how she is used in school.



GIFT Team



Our GIFT teams have been appointed and they will help lead us in our prayer and worship this academic year. The letters of application were of an extremely high standard and it was evident that all of the children who will be part of the GIFT team are committed in their faith and are ready to accept the responsibility of helping our school community Grow In Faith Together. Thank you Ms Keville for facilitating the application process and for selecting our wonderful GIFT ambassadors. We can't wait to share with you some of the work that they will be doing throughout school.



Headteacher's Awards this week...

Well Done everyone. We are proud of you!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Reason for Award</u>
04/10/24	1B	Marisa	For writing super sentences about the Gingerbread Man.
	1/2F	Cora	For her excellent performance in our music lesson.
	2CS	Alana	For working so hard on her independent <u>write</u> about the Gingerbread Man.
	3B	Lucia	For always being kind and helpful.
	3/4C	Oakley	For enthusiastic participation across all subjects.
	3/4S	Emma	For fabulous research of tropical fish.
	5K	Honour	For excellent effort and engagement across all subjects
	5/6B	Ava	For always trying hard and making an effort to answer questions in class
	5/6S	Alona	For excellent work on multiplication





Sporting Achievements this week...

**Football, Cricket, Cross-
country running and
Gymnastics. Great work
boys and girls!**



Some dates for your diary (Please keep an eye on these as they will be updated throughout the term)

Thursday 10th October– Individual and Sibling Photographs

Friday 11th October– Sean Perkins (Author) to Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 16th October-Marie Basting (Author) to KS2

October Half-term holiday– Children will finish Friday 25th October and return to school on Monday 4th November.

Wednesday 6th November- Prospective Parents open visit 9.30am-10.30am

Thursday 7th November– Prospective Parents open visit 1.30pm-2.30pm

Tuesday 12th November- Prospective Parents open visit 4.00pm-5.00pm

Monday 18th November and Thursday 21st November– Parents Evenings

Wednesday 4th December– Whole School Advent Mass at 9.30am

W/B 9th December– Bikeability

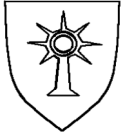
Tuesday 10th December– Reception Nativity 10am and Nursery Nativity 2pm (both in school)

Wednesday 11th December– KS1 Nativity at 2pm in Church

18th December– Whole school mass at 9.30am

18th December– KS2 (Years 3-6) Carols in Church

Christmas Holidays– Children will finish on Friday 20th December and return to school on Monday 6th Jan 2025.



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