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Newsletter – 16th September 2026

Message from the Headteacher Mrs Hayes

It is wonderful to be back at school and see all the children look so smart and ready to learn. The classrooms and school environment have been a hive of activity. Thank you everybody for a brilliant start to our new school year. All the children have settled into their new classes extremely well, especially the newest members of our family. Miss Witherington and I are very proud of our EYFS class to see them attending assembly and 'Prayer through Song' this week alongside the whole school. We have now started our 'Seeds and Gardeners' program, where every child from EYFS is partnered up with a child from Year 6 to act as their mentor, role model and friend. Throughout the year, they will share activities and playtimes together, building confidence in our littlest children and a sense of responsibility in our eldest.

Thank you to everyone who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week. It was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers into school and provide an opportunity to meet class teachers, hear about routines and expectations, and find out more about the year ahead. For anyone who was unable to attend, the key information will be available on the relevant class pages of the school website. Please also feel free to contact your child's class teacher if you require any further information.

Throughout school, we have seen our Pupil Leadership Teams get up and running with enthusiasm. We have announced the names of our new Head Boy and Head Girl. They were voted into the role by their class peers and all the staff. We know they will do an amazing job! Next week, will see them lead a team of children as they take new parents on a tour of our school during our Open Afternoon on Thursday.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for working so closely with us. The partnership between home and school is incredibly important, and we are very grateful for everything you do.

CONSIDERATE PARKING - When parking near to school please do not park on the zig zag lines outside of school. Please also be mindful not to park close to the crossing area, it is important to ensure the safe crossing of our families and children; that the sight line of the school crossing patrol view is not blocked.

NOTICES - Autumn Term 1: 2/9/26 – 23/10/26

Macmillan Cancer Coffee morning

Our Caritas Ambassadors are planning our coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer on Friday 25th September. Please support this wonderful charity and come along for a coffee and cake in our school hall straight after Celebration Assembly at 9.30am.

PSA Meeting - Please come along!

A meeting will take place next Tuesday 22nd in school at 8.45am. At the meeting, we will discuss upcoming events for our children. We would love to see as many faces as possible to support our fundraising events.

New Parent Open Afternoon

Please let any parents with 3-4 year olds know that our Open Afternoon will run next Thursday 24th from 1:30pm.

Autumn Term Trips – We have arranged a variety of trips this term across school, please make any payments via Arbor as directed on the trip letter.

26/27 Residential Trips – please continue to make payments via Arbor in line with the payment dates.

Whole School photos will now take place on Tuesday 6th October. You will receive a link after the day so you can order directly from Tempest.

DIARY DATES

22 Sept	8:45 PSA Meeting in school 5:00-7.00pm Open Evening at St Joseph's RC High School
23 Sept	2.30pm EYFS Welcome Service – School Hall
24 Sept	1.30-3.30pm New Parent Open Afternoon Whole school photograph. Change in date.
25 Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning
28 Sept	2.00pm Year 5 Stay, Pray and Learn
30 Sept	2.00pm Year 6 Stay, Pray and Learn
1 Oct	National Poetry Day 2.00pm Year 4 Stay, Pray and Learn
2 Oct	Laudato Si Day – children can come to school in gardening clothes
5 – 9 Oct	Black History Week – Whole School
5 Oct	2.00pm Year 3 Stay, Pray and Learn
6 Oct	Whole school photographs.
8 Oct	2.00pm Year 1 Stay, Pray and Learn
9 Oct	9.00am Year 2 Harvest Assembly
13 Oct	2.00pm Year 2 Stay, Pray and Learn
16 Oct	Space Day
21 Oct	Parents Evening
22 Oct	Parents Evening
23 Oct	Y4 Bikeability
23 Oct	3.15pm School closes for Half Term
9 Nov	School Reopens

We care, we pray, we work, we play . . . in Jesus' way