



A small school with a big heart

# NEWSLETTER

## FRIDAY 14 JULY 2023

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### NOTICES



**Happy Birthday**  
**to Ella, Jasmine B-J and Belle**  
**who all had birthdays this week and all**  
**turned 9!**  
**Congratulations!**

**Music Concert:** the concert was a wonderful celebration of all the hard work your children have put in to their creative work and we are incredibly proud of them. We thank everyone who has worked so hard to make the event so lovely and to all those who came to support our wonderful children.

**No band practice this week:** due to unforeseen circumstances, Mr Warren will not be with us on Tuesday. There will therefore be no band practice after school.

**Year 6 musical instruments:** could any Year 6 pupils who have musical instruments which were borrowed from school please ensure they are returned at the beginning of next week.

**End of term:** please note that school closes at **1.30pm** on Friday 21 July.

**Numbers Club:** this week is our double draw for July and August. First prizes (£50) go to Susan Darbyshire (120) and John and Robert Seed (59). Second prizes (£20) go to Brittany Nadin (75) and Rucha Cogle (41).

**Clarification on the 48-hour rule:** there have been a number of queries recently about when children can come into school after vomiting or diarrhoea. Children must be absent from school for a full 48 hours after the final instance of vomiting or diarrhoea. These bugs do spread very quickly in schools. **Please do not send your children in before the 48 hours is up and please do not ask us to make an exception.** We are obliged to operate to the standard rules set for schools and we must apply the rule fairly and consistently. Thank you for your understanding.

**Late arrivals:** please note that children need to be in school ready to begin the school day at 8.55am. A number of children are still arriving after this time, sometimes several minutes after this time, resulting in a late mark in the register.

**Ordering uniform:** the link for parents to order uniform directly from the suppliers is <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StMarysCatholicPrimarySchoolPR30PN>

The cut-off date for ordering for guaranteed delivery before September is **24 July 2023**. Please note that children will be provided with a PE hoodie and joggers in September.

**Earrings in school:** a polite reminder that small plain studs are the only earrings that are allowed in school. Please ensure they are not worn on PE days.

**Term time holiday:** just a reminder that we cannot authorise holidays in term time unless the circumstances are deemed to be exceptional. LCC will issue penalty notices where unauthorised absences reach the necessary threshold: 5 days in one term or 7 days over two consecutive terms.

### For September

**Enrichment Clubs in September:** from September, Mr Warren will be conducting band practice as part of the school day and so there will be no band practice after school. On Wednesdays, there will be Forest School for years 1 to 6. An email and text will be sent out with more details at 10am on Monday. Enrichment clubs will be reviewed again in the spring.

**Music lessons in school:** if anyone would like keyboard or guitar lessons, these can be booked through Lancashire County Council, by registering at their music website, using this link: <https://uklancashire.speedadmin.dk/registration>

**Lessons with Mr Warren:** slots for lessons will be available with Mr Warren in September for cornet, flute, trombone and recorder. Please contact the office for further details. Please note that individual lessons are £7 and group lessons are now £3. If anyone would like to buy their child their own musical instrument, there are reputable sellers of pre-loved instruments (such as The Music Cellar in Preston) and we are investigating an instrument purchase scheme that would save parents the VAT on the instrument. Further details to follow.

### The Week Ahead

Tuesday 18 July

**NO music lessons in school**

Class One PE

Class Two PE

**NO Band practice**

Wednesday 19 July

Swimming for Year 3 and 4 children

Class One Multi Skills 3.30–4.30

Class Two Forest School 3.30–4.30

Thursday 20 July

Leavers' Mass at 9.10am at Claughton Church. All welcome.

Class One Tennis Club 3.30–4.30pm

Years 2–6 Musical Theatre 3.30–4.30pm

Friday 21 July

Leavers' Assembly for Year 6 family and friends 9.15am

School closes at **1.30pm** for the summer break

### **Dates For Your Diary**

Monday 4 September

School reopens for the autumn term

### **We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine...**

Loving God,

We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid,  
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that, in this moment of crisis,  
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice  
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world. Amen.

**Wishing you all a pleasant weekend. See you on Monday!**