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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

YEAR OF PRAYER



Pope Francis has called us to prepare for this important Year of Jubilee with a Year of Prayer.

He said,

'I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great "symphony" of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him.'

In a year dedicated to prayer, Pope Francis calls us to contemplate afresh on the Our Father, the words Jesus himself gave us when he was asked by his apostles how to pray.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has resources already on their website: the Our Father in different languages, the Pilgrims of Prayer booklet, Pray as you Go and a five week Lenten course.

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/jubilee-year-of-prayer/>

Throughout the year the children will continue their focus on prayer.

YEAR GROUP CURRICULUM PLANNERS



The curriculum planners for this half term for each year group are now on our website. Please follow the relevant link below to find out how you can help your child with their learning:

- [Reception](#)
- [Year 1](#)



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- [Year 2](#)
- [Year 3](#)
- [Year 4](#)
- [Year 5](#)
- [Year 6](#)

FOUNDATION SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

Know More
Remember More

In order to keep you updated on what your child is learning in school, teachers will be posting knowledge organisers for foundation subjects on their Google Classroom Pages this week. These organisers, which are used regularly by the children in class, contain the essential knowledge and key vocabulary for the topics they will be studying this half term.

SPOTLIGHT ON CURRICULUM AND SCHOOL UPDATES



Would you like to know more about school and curriculum developments? We have created updates on a range of themes. Over the next few weeks we will be signposting you to our updates. We will start with the Second Edition of Shine. This edition focuses on Special Educational Needs and Disability and Wellbeing. It has lots of information and tips in. Please take a read of the newsletter contained in the attachment.

MUSIC TUITION



Trafford Music Service is recruiting for their ensembles. They have lots of spaces for Junior pupils. The drumming club, ukulele club and choir need no prior learning, and the Junior chorus on a Monday is free of charge. All pupils in the ensembles have the opportunity to perform at the RNCM concert hall or the Stoller Concert hall in



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Manchester each term. Please see the flyer attached or visit the Music Service website <https://traffordmusicservice.co.uk/ensembles/>

RECEPTION CLASS SEPTEMBER 2024 APPLICATION DEADLINE



The deadline for applications for a reception place is Monday 15th January. Please ensure you have applied via Trafford Council and also submitted the school supplementary form and copy of baptismal certificate to the school office. The supplementary form can be found here: [Supplementary Application Form](#)

The Trafford school admissions portal and application information can be found here:

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/Primary/primary-school-admissions.aspx>

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/Primary/primary-application-guidance.aspx>

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/composite-prospectus/Primary/Introduction.aspx>

Please contact our admin team if you have any questions about the admission process.

DATES LIST



Please see the dates list for this half term below.

Dates for the rest of the school year can be found here [Key School Dates](#)

Please see the year 3 sacramental programme dates here [Sacramental Programme](#)



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DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Thursday	18 January	Y3 Sacramental Programme Parents' Meeting Reconciliation 6:30pm	Junior department hall
Thursday	25 January	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am: Led by Y1 Miss Hollins' class	Infant department hall
Thursday	25 January	Y3 Sacramental Programme: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Y3 Mrs Needham's/Mrs Jennings' class and half of Mrs McDuff's class	Holy Angels Church
Friday	26 February	Parents 'Stay and Share' : 8.40am: Y1-6	
Thursday	01 February	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05: led by Y6 Mrs Black's class	Junior department hall
Thursday	01 February	Y3 Sacramental Programme: Sacrament of Reconciliation 6:30pm: Miss Hutton's class and half of Mrs McDuff's class	Holy Angels Church
Friday	02 February	Maths Enrichment Day	
Monday	05 February	Children's Mental Health Week	
Thursday	08 February	KS1 Class Assembly 9:05am: Led by Y1 Miss Reid's class	Infant department hall
Friday	09 February	School closes for half term 3:30pm	-
HALF TERM BREAK			

ATTENDANCE



Please note we do not authorise holidays in term time. Please see the following link for our 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 term dates [Term Dates and Times of the School Day](#)

Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance	Class	Attendance
Rec-Mrs Dreniw	85%	Y2-Mrs Burke	90.56%	Y4-Mrs Gerrard/Mrs Leather	96.67%



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Rec-Miss Turnbull	100%	Y2-Mrs Wormald/Mrs Robinson	99.44%	Y5-Mrs Luckham	88.89%
Rec-Miss Doherty	94.44%	Y3-Mrs McDuff	100%	Y5-Mrs Maguire	87.22%
Y1-Mr McCann	91.11%	Y3-Miss Hutton	92.47%	Y5-Miss Hobday	98.89%
Y1-Miss Hollins	91.67%	Y3-Mrs Needham/Mrs Jennings	90.32%	Y6-Mrs Sheldon	97.78%
Y1-Miss Reid	95%	Y4-Mrs Lawrence	83.91%	Y6-Mrs O'Keefe/Miss Kirk	93.89%
Y2-Miss Campbell	96.11%	Y4-Mr Kerigan	90%	Y6-Mrs Black	85.48%
Overall percentage: 92.79%					

We offer an open door to parents. If you have any questions about school life, please liaise with your class teacher. Mrs Farrell (infant deputy head), Mrs Sutton (junior deputy head), and I are also available to work in partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher

