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HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – THANK YOU

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We are delighted to share that **all the children on our Sacramental Programme have now made their First Holy Communion**. The Masses were very special occasions and a beautiful celebration of faith for our whole school community.

Thank you to **Canon Jonathan** and **Fr Matthew**, who supported the children both in school and during Mass. We are also very grateful to our dedicated **teaching staff**, who helped prepare the children so well to receive this important sacrament.

I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all **parents and carers** for your continued support throughout the programme. A special thanks goes to those who **read the readings and prayers**, and to the parents who **led the offertory procession** during the Masses.

Thank you also to the **sponsors**, who walked alongside the children during their sacramental journey, offering guidance, encouragement, and prayer.

To mark this joyful milestone, we will be holding a **Celebration Mass** for Y3 parents on **Thursday 19th June at 9:15am** in the junior department hall.

INTERNATIONAL MASS

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Yesterday our entire school community gathered outside for our much loved International Mass, a well established tradition in our calendar. This special whole school celebration was a beautiful expression of the rich cultural diversity that makes our community so unique.

In the days leading up to the Mass, children thoughtfully prepared by translating their readings into their home languages. During the celebration, we were blessed to hear over ten different languages spoken, a testament to the vibrant mix of cultures within our school.

It was lovely to see pupils, staff, parents, carers, and grandparents united in prayer and celebration. The Mass was a moving reminder of the strength we find in our differences and the importance of celebrating and valuing every child's background and identity.

YEAR 5 ROBINWOOD EDUCATION VISIT

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WELCOME BACK, YEAR 5!

Our Year 5 children have returned from their exciting overnight outdoor education visit to Robinwood activity centre, and what a fantastic time they had! Throughout their stay, the children embraced every opportunity to challenge themselves through a wide range of adventurous activities including water sports, climbing, and team-building games. Their enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination were truly inspiring. It was wonderful to see the children grow in confidence, resilience, and independence as they tackled new experiences and made lasting memories with their friends. A huge thank you to the dedicated staff who accompanied the children and cared for them so well throughout the trip. Their support and encouragement made this experience very special for everyone involved. Well done Year 5, we are very proud of you!

PTA SUMMER FAIR

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Our **Summer Fair and Circus event will take place on Saturday 21st June 12pm-3pm**. Our PTA have worked so hard to ensure this year will be bigger and better than ever for our children and families to enjoy. As well as the usual stalls and games, there will be a professional circus show, as well as an Irish dancing and singing show, circus workshops, inflatables, food, licensed bar and a live DJ.

Tickets for the circus shows are available to buy now on [ParentPay](#) and are limited, so please buy yours now to avoid missing out.

Tokens and tickets for the fair can also be bought in advance on [ParentPay](#).

If you have an hour or 2 to spare to help to run this wonderful event, it would be greatly appreciated. Class reps have allocated a stall per class and can be contacted via the class WhatsApp groups. The children of volunteers will all receive an ice cream!

Finally, all of this can only go ahead with the help of our whole school community. We will therefore be asking for donations in exchange for **'Wear your own clothes days'** on the following days.

Date of Non-Uniform Day	Donations (all year groups)
Friday 13 th June	Toys New toys for the toy tombola stall for all ages from toddler up to teens please.
Friday 20 th June	Sweets All varieties/ types for the sweet tombola stall please.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY FESTIVAL

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We are pleased to share an exciting opportunity for our school community. The Universally Manchester Festival is back this summer, a free, fun-filled day for families, hosted by The University of Manchester.



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When: Saturday 14 June 2025

Time: 11:00am – 4:30pm

Where: Oxford Road Campus, The University of Manchester

This community event is open to all and offers a packed programme of activities for children. You will find:

- Creative workshops and a colourful street art trail
- Interactive science experiments and hands-on discovery stalls
- A chance to plant your own take-home pot in the university-community allotment
- Inspiring talks and performances as part of the Bee Curious programme
- Live music, storytelling, and much more

It's a great way to spend time together as a family while exploring what makes for a greener, healthier, and fairer world. Whether you're planting seeds, unleashing your inner scientist, or enjoying some poetry and music, there's something for everyone.

Explore the full programme here: universallymanchester.com

Follow the fun on social media: #universallymanchesterfestival



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ATTENDANCE



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Please see below the attendance percentages for **last week**.

Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %	Class	Attendance %
RKH	96.07	2AB	98	4LD	97.33
RLT	97.24	2OW/CR	99	5ML	96.13
RLD	97.93	3DM	99.33	5LM	94.67
1AM	98.67	3LH	98.67	5JK	95.81
1MH	100	3CN/JJ	97.74	6NS	100
1CR	99.33	4CG/SK	98.06	6HC/EL	97.59
2ES	97	4CL/HB	99.33	6DH	100
Overall percentage: 97.99%					

SUMMER 2

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday	09 June	School reopens	-
Monday	09 - 13 June	Year 1 Phonic check	-
Monday	09 - 13 June	Year 4 Multiplication tables check	-
Thursday	12 June	Whole School Mass of the Holy Spirit: 9:15am	Playground
Tuesday	17 June	Infant Sports Day 9:30 – 11:30am Year 1 and 2 Sports Day 1:30pm – 2:30pm Reception Sports Day	School Field



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Wednesday	18 June	Junior Sports Day 9:30 – 11:30am Year 5 and 6 Sports Day 1:30pm – 3:15 pm Year 3 and 4 Sports Day	School Field
Thursday	19 June	First Holy Communion Celebration Mass 9:15am	Junior department hall
Friday	20 June	Parents 'Stay and Pray': 9:05am Reception classes	Infant department hall
Saturday	21 June	PTA Summer Family Fun Day	Junior department
Thursday	26 June	KS2 Class Assembly 9:05am: Y5 Mr Kerigan's class	Junior department hall
Thursday	26 June	New Reception Parents' Meeting	Infant department hall
Thursday	03 July	New Reception Taster Session	Early Years
Thursday	03 July	Moving Up Day	All classes
Friday	04 July	Reception Disco 3.30pm -5.30pm	Infant Department Hall
Thursday	10 July	Reception Class Assembly 9:05am: Reception Miss Turnbull's class	Infant department hall
Monday	14 July	Y2 Dress Rehearsal 9:30am	Infant department hall
Monday	14 July	Y6 Dress Rehearsal 1:30pm	Junior department hall
Tuesday	15 July	Y2 Performance 9.30am	Junior department hall
Tuesday	15 July	Y6 Performance 1:30pm	Infant department hall
Wednesday	16 July	Y2 Performance 1.30pm	Infant department hall
Wednesday	16 July	Y6 Performance 6:30pm	Junior Department
Thursday	17 July	Y6 Performance 6:30pm	Junior department
Thursday	17 July	Reception Class Assembly 9.05am. Miss Howkins Class	Infant Department

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Friday	18 July	Y6 Leavers' Disco	Holy Angels Parish Centre
Tuesday	22 July	Y6 Leavers' Mass 6:30pm	St Vincent's Church
Wednesday	23 July	Whole School End of Year Mass 9:15am	Field/playground
Thursday	24 July	3:30PM SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR END OF YEAR	

We close for the half term break today and the children will return to school on Monday 9th June. I hope you have a lovely break with your family.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Harrop

Headteacher