

End of Day - Pick up arrangements

Just to remind you that from this term staff are closing their doors at 3.40pm. Any children who are still with us after this time will be taken round to the main school entrance. If parents/grandparents are unavoidably detained, as can occasionally happen, they can then collect the children from there. Many thanks.

Future Events / Dates - Please check Website for updates

Date	Time	Event
Tues 14th January	9.30 - 11.00 am	Open Morning for Nursery and Reception pupils.
Wed 15th January		Deadline for applying for Primary School place
Sun 9th February	10.00 am	Racial Justice Sunday - Mass at Our Lady and
Fri 14th February	3.30 pm	Finish for half term holiday
Mon 24th February	8.45 pm	Re-open for Spring term 2
Wed 26th February	9.30 am	Ash Wednesday - Mass at Our Lady and St
Wed 4th March	3.00 pm	Lenten Reflections - details to follow
Wed 18th March	3.00 pm	Lenten Reflections
Wed 1st April	3.00 pm	Lenten Reflections
Fri 3rd April	3.30 pm	Finish for Easter Break

Happy New Year



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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back. I hope the Christmas and New Year holiday time with your family and friends was a special time for you all.

There has been no time to ease ourselves back gently into school. On Tuesday, we had our long scheduled visit from Amy Rice, the CEO of Saint Margaret Clitherow Academy. Amy is currently touring all the schools in the academy, to meet with the children, staff and to watch teaching and learning in action. She spent time in Class 3, taking part in their 3-D art lesson, speaking with the children and discussing teaching strategies and curriculum design with the staff. The staff and children enjoyed meeting with her and she wished me to pass on her thanks to the school and its community for all the work we are doing. A happy and positive first day back!

Wednesday morning saw the school walk up to church to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany with the parish and Father Bede. I have said before how special it is to gather together in one place and celebrate our faith. We are fortunate to have such strong links with our parish priest and the wider community.

As a staff, we spoke on Monday about redesigning our fenced garden next to the playground. We have initial plans to transform it into a Prayer Garden. We would like it to become used more often and play a role in the prayer life of the school. Ideally it would be transformed before the warm weather starts in Summer so that it can be used by the children. We will be holding a competition for the children to create designs and the winning entry will be used to create our new Prayer Garden. We may well be asking for help from the parents in this venture too. Further news of all this will appear next week.

In the meantime, if I have not spoken to you may I wish you a happy and holy 2020.

Mr Eddy



Stars of the week

★ **Head teacher's award:** - **Constance** for a great start to 2020 😊

Class 1: Ted S for his fantastic attitude in class and always trying his best

Class 2: Lilly for coming back to school with a fantastic attitude to learning
Kuba for super Maths this week

Class 3: Marianna for her attentive hard-working attitude
Olivia for super Maths, she has been 'On Fire' this week

Class 4: Oliver for his fantastic poem
Oscar E for his fantastic improvement in Maths



- Year 1:** Julita
- Year 2:** Szymon
- Year 3:** Francesca
- Year 4:** Kayah
- Year 5:** Ellie
- Year 6:** Oscar B



- Class 1:** Agnes
- Class 2:** Sienna
- Class 3:** Ryan
- Class 4:** Henrietta

Stay and Play - Tuesday 14th February (9.30-11.00am)

We are having another open morning and would like to invite new parents and children to come and have a look at our Nursery/Reception Class facilities.

If you know anyone who has pre-school age children, please spread the word and invite them to come and see what we do.



Class 2 request

Please can all pupils in Class 2 bring an old shirt to school which they can wear as an 'overall/apron' for art sessions. Can you please ensure it is marked with their name and sent to school in a carrier bag, which should also have their name on it - thank you.

Class 3 - Swimming

Class 3 pupils will be swimming every Wednesday afternoon during the Spring term. Can you please ensure they bring their swimming kit to school each week. Also they will be walking to/from the pool at St Alban's Centre so can you please ensure they have a waterproof coat and sensible shoes.



As in the past we are asking parents to contribute £20.00 per pupil towards the cost of the swimming lessons which is less than £2.00 per session. Payments can be made online via ParentPay.

If you need a reminder of you login details, please contact the school office.

School Lunches

Please find attached a lunch menu for the Spring term. Our cook will endeavour to stick to this menu, but occasionally there may be changes due to the availability of supplies.

Jacket potatoes, with beans, cheese or tuna are available daily as an alternative to the main meal and fresh fruit is always available as an alternative to the desert.

Please remember to let us know if your child has any food intolerances/allergies or dislikes a particular type of food - thank you.



Reminder - Food Allergies

Could we remind you that we have children in school who are allergic to nuts. We kindly request therefore, that you do not send your child to school with nuts, or products containing nuts, for their snacks or in their packed lunches. Please also bear this in mind when donating cakes and items for, bake sales etc.

For some, contact with nuts could be life-threatening!

Thank you for your co-operation in making our school environment safe for all.

This week's letters

No letters

