



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Reminder: School closes at 1.30pm on Friday 22nd July.

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils, Staff and Governors,

It is hard to believe that we are rapidly approaching the end of the school year. As always, this term has been action packed and there have been so many highlights including sports days, concerts, Forest School visits, the Jubilee party and the Year 6 residential trip to Fairthorne Manor. While the red heat warning has meant that we have not been able to be together at the start of the final week of term, we are looking forward to seeing everyone tomorrow for the final three days of term.

Farewell Year 6

We are delighted that our Year 6 pupils have enjoyed all the usual events planned by the school to mark the end of their time at St. Mary of the Angels. Their performance of 'Hoodwinked' last Wednesday was a triumph that had the audience of parents/carers and staff enthralled. Well done to Miss Hulands, Mrs Fahs and Mrs Lane for their support in directing and staging the play and to the entire Year 6 cohort for delighting us with a wonderful ensemble piece where every single child had the chance to shine.

A busy week for Year 6 ended with the legendary Year 6 disco with DJ Paul which was held in the KS1 playground. We now look forward to the opportunity to give thanks for all that these pupils have contributed to the life of our school and to wish them well on the next stage of their faith and learning journey at the Leavers' Mass tomorrow afternoon in the parish church.

Uniform

As the weather looks set to remain warm for the rest of the week, children may continue to wear their PE kit to school. However, Year 6 should wear their regular uniform tomorrow for the Leavers' Mass.

Key Stage 2 Sports Day

It was great to see so many parents and other family members join us for our Key Stage 2 Sports Day at Paddington Recreation Ground on the 7th July. Once again, we were blessed with fine weather, eager and wonderfully behaved pupils, incredibly hard working staff and supportive spectators. The new bean bag race which replaced the sack race for our older pupils was a big hit! A huge thank you to Mr Byrant, our sports coach, and his colleagues from QPR Rising Stars who volunteered to help on both day and to Miss Cox for organising the event before she went on maternity leave.

Summer Fair: Saturday 9th July

We would like to extend a huge thank you to each and every person who contributed to the success of our Summer Fair. We rely entirely on the goodwill of staff, parents, carers and friends of the school who volunteer their time to ensure a fun day is had by all. The final amount raised is still being verified and will be shared with you before the end of term.

Record of Achievement 2021/22

Your child's Record of Achievement for this academic year will be sent home in a sealed envelope with your child on Wednesday 20th July. We hope you find this report a valuable overview of your child's progress, achievements and attendance this year and that the targets provide a steer on the next steps for your child. Information about how to contact the school if you have any queries about the contents of the report will be included.

Moving Up Day: Thursday 21st July

Due to the school closure on Monday & Tuesday this week our 'Moving Up' transition day will now take place on Thursday 21st July. On this day, the children will have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher and other members of the class team and to familiarise themselves with their new classroom and classmates. Your child will take home a 'Moving Up' booklet on the day of their transition day which will inform you of their new class and teacher.

Staffing Update

As the end of the school year approaches we will be saying thank you and farewell to three of our class teachers. Miss Pike, Year 2 teacher and lead teacher for writing, joined us in September 2018 and is relocating out of London over the summer holidays. Miss Keane, Foundation Stage/Maths leader, has been with us for six years and has secured a new position nearer home. Mrs Moruzzi has decided to semi-retire at the end of this academic year following her seven-year tenure in Nursery where she has provided our youngest pupils with a wonderful welcome to our school family. We wish them all much success and happiness for the future and thank them for all they have contributed to our school.

Due to changes to the school's staffing structure we will also be saying thank you and farewell to Ms Murphy and Mrs Patrascu. Ms Murphy, known to many of you as Maura, has been our receptionist/home school liaison lead since 2014 and we thank her for her support to our families throughout her time with us. Mrs Patrascu has been a member of our catering team since 2010 and we thank her for her hard work and dedication in providing the children with a healthy and nutritious meal each day.

Finally, we also say thank you to Ms Akbari and Miss Williams-Oni, both Learning Support Assistants, who will be leaving us at the end of this year.

We wish all the staff leaving much happiness and success for the future and thank them for all they have done for the children and families of St. Mary of the Angels.

We will update you as to the new staff joining the team in our final newsletter of the school year on Thursday 21st July.

School Premises Update

Over the summer holidays a new boiler will be installed and remedial electrical works to the roof void will be carried out thanks to capital grants of £135,000 and £64,000 respectively secured for the school by the diocese.

We will also be starting the first phase of remodelling the computer suite to provide a shared admin office and two further office spaces. We plan to relocate the desktop computers from the computer room to a vacant classroom in order to provide a multi-use computer room and teaching space. In the meantime, we will continue to use our chromebooks to deliver the computing curriculum and to support cross curricular activities in class.

The refurbishment of the Foundation and Key Stage 1 playground will start towards the end of October with main works scheduled for October half term and we very much hope that our new sensory room will be up and running early in Term 1.

All capital funded projects require parents/carers in voluntary aided schools like ours to contribute 10% towards the cost of projects. A reminder therefore that if you have yet to make a donation to the Governors Maintenance Fund this academic year you can do so at www.schoolgateway.com

Please look out for the last school newsletter of the school year on Thursday which will include information regarding new staff joining the school and the dates of our welcome to year group meetings which will take place in the first weeks of the new school year.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wilson
Headteacher

Mrs Hough
Deputy Headteacher (Acting)

IMPORTANT DATES

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS WEEK COMMENCING (18TH—22ND JULY)

Wednesday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass 2pm followed by drinks reception at school for Year 6 pupils, staff, parents/carers
	Records of Achievement sent home with pupils
Thursday 21 st	Foundation Stage Graduation 9.00am (Key Stage 1 Playground)
	Year 3 and 4 Holy Communion Breakfast Party

Moving Up Day

Friday 22nd July Last day of term/School year **SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30**

Monday 5th September **INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tuesday 6th September **INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED**

Wed 7th September **SCHOOL OPENS:** Start of Term 1/New School Year for pupils in Reception 1 to 6.

New Reception and Nursery parents/carers—please refer to individual start date & time allocated to your child.