

Remember the importance of attendance and punctuality!



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We live, love and learn together joyfully, in Jesus' name.

KEY INFORMATION

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Every child should have given you a letter this evening which will allow you to state your preferences for Parents' Evenings on October 3rd and October 13th. Please complete the slip and return to your child's class teacher by 9am on September 21st. Appointment slips will then be sent out to you on September 22nd. Can I ask that everyone makes a huge effort to make a note of their appointment rather than calling school to ask. We do our best to accommodate all requests but we cannot guarantee this. If you do not return the initial slip, an appointment will be made for you and sent home; all those who express preferences are considered first.

PE

PE days are as follows:

Nursery & Reception—Friday

Years One & Two—Monday & Thursday

Year Three—Thursday, **SWIMMING ON WEDNESDAY**

Year Four—Wednesday & Friday

Year Five—Thursday, **SWIMMING ON WEDNESDAY**

Year Six—Tuesday & Friday

We will continue the routine of asking the children to wear their PE kit on these days. Please ensure that this is the kit outlined in our uniform policy which can be found on our school website. This should be **plain blue/black** shorts or tracksuit bottoms and a plain white tee shirt or polo shirt. Trainers may be worn as lessons will take place outside as often as possible. Pumps may be needed for indoor activities such as gymnastics but children will need to bring these to school and change in to them. We will advise you when pumps are needed.

PLEASE support school in adhering to this policy especially as PE kit will be worn twice a week.

READING AND HOMEWORK

Books should have been sent home this week. Please look after the books—we have spent a lot of money on them! If a book comes back in to school damaged or it is lost, you will need to pay £5 to replace it.

Books will be sent out on the following days:

Y1—Thursday

Y2—Tuesday

Y3—Monday

Y4—Monday

Y5—Wednesday

Y6—Wednesday

They should then be returned on the same day the following week for changing. Homework will be sent with reading books next week.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL PROFILE

Compassionate & Loving

Compassionate: We are compassionate when we feel sympathy and concern for other people who are in difficulty, whether they are near to us or far away.

Loving: We are loving when we show our sympathy and concern for other people by our actions and by our words.



Year Six Visit to St. Chad's

Year Six have had a day of reflection and exploration on their pilgrimage to St. Chad's Cathedral on Wednesday this week. They have been fascinated by their beautiful surroundings and were privileged to celebrate mass in the Cathedral.



Welcome to our newest recruits!

A huge welcome our newest pupils who have joined us here in Nursery and Reception. It is great to see so many smiling faces and to see everyone getting stuck in to some active learning!



Who will receive an attendance award this term?

Attendance which is 90% and below is persistent absence.

Remember—every child can wear their own clothes on their birthday!

Dinners

- Please remember that if your child is in Reception, Year One or Year Two they are entitled to a free meal in school.
- If your child has moved from Year Two in to Year Three you may be unsure of he/she is entitled to a free meal based on your level of income. It is very easy for us to check this for you; please contact the school office.
- The cost of dinners is as follows:
 - ⇒ Daily— £2.40
 - ⇒ Weekly— £12.00
 - ⇒

FUTURE DATES

Some dates for your diary:

September 19th—Bank Holiday, school closed

September 21st—Year Six secondary transition meeting, 3.20pm

October 3rd—Parents' Evening 2pm to 5pm

October 3rd to 7th - Healthy Minds Workshops—Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

October 13th—Parents' Evening 3.30pm—6pm

October 20th— St. Jude's Feast Day celebration
Pupils break for half-term

October 21st—Teacher Training Day. SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS.

w/c 24th October—Half-term week

October 31st—Pupils return to school#

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November 10th—Whole School Retreat

w/c November 14th—Anti-Bullying Week

November 27th—the start of Advent

December 2nd —non-uniform day in exchange for either £1 or a gift for the Christmas Boutique

December 9th—Christmas Jumper Day

December 13th—Christmas Dinner—Nursery, Reception, Years One and Two

December 14th—Christmas Dinner—Years Three, Four, Five and Six Year One Nativity Play at 2pm

December 15th—Christmas Parties

December 16th—Christmas Boutique, end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish

January 3rd—Teacher Day – School closed to pupils

January 4th—Pupils return to school

February 7th—**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR BAPTISED CATHOLICS IN Y6 AT ST.DUNSTAN'S CHURCH, 7PM**

February 17th—Pupils break up for half-term

February 27th—Pupils return from half-term break

March 31st—end of Autumn term, school closes, optional 1pm finish.

April 17th -Teacher Day – School closed to pupils

April 18th—Pupils return to school

Secondary School Applications

Now is the time for parents with pupils in Years 5 and 6 to think carefully about secondary schools. There are opening evenings in all local schools, A couple of examples are here:

- Bishop Challoner Catholic College—September 21st (6pm—8.30pm).
- St Thomas Aquinas Catholic School- 22nd September (6pm - 8.30pm), 26th September (9.15am - 10.45am), Tuesday 27th September (9.15am - 10.45am), Saturday 8th October (9am start)
- Christchurch CofE Academy—12th October, 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

I encourage you to find out more information about the open evenings on the actual websites of the various schools. **Some visits do need to be booked.**

An email was sent to all parents with children currently in Year Six before the end of the last summer term; this was re-circulated again this week. We know that it can be a confusing system to navigate. For this reason, there is an information meeting in school for parents on **September 21st at 3.20pm.**

It is essential that applications are completed and submitted to the Local Authority by you as parents no later than October 31st 2022. We are unable to make choices and applications for you but will support as much as we can.

Staff in School

A reminder of some people and in their key roles in school:
Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs. Smith, Mrs Orton, Mr McGarrigle and Mr Powell

Mental Health First Aiders: Mrs Orton and Mr Powell

SEND Lead: Mr Powell

Office Manager: Mrs Bevan

Chair of Governors: Mrs Thompson

A full list of class teachers and teaching assistants can be found on the school website.

Attendance Letter

This week, all families were sent a letter which was jointly from school and the Local Authority. It was informing you of expectations in relation to attendance at school and leave during term time. Ultimately, attendance which is persistently low can lead to legal intervention and costly fines. You may receive a text message from us if your child's attendance is hovering around that crucial figure of 90%. Even if it is just above this figure, you may receive a text from us. We cannot authorise holidays in term time. Punctuality is just as important and we require all pupils to be on site no later than 8.55am. If your child does arrive late, you must accompany them to the main entrance and sign them in electronically.
WELL DONE TO THOSE PUPILS WHOSE ATTENDANCE IS EXCELLENT!

BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE



OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 21st September 2022
6pm - 8.30pm

To book your place visit
www.bishopchalloner.org.uk

GCSE 87% 4+, 70% 5+ in English and Maths

A Level 23% of A level grades at A*/A
56% of A level grades at A*/B
79% of A level grades at A*/C

A Level Destinations

76% attending university with 31% of those at Russell Group Universities
9% in apprenticeships, employment or Further Education
12% voluntary work/gap year
3% other

For admission enquiries email:
admissions@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

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send@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

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Queen Elizabeth II
1926-2022

Rest in Peace Your Majesty

All families are invited to attend a special life to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II at St. Dunstan's Church, Kingsheath on Sunday 18th September at noon.

A reminder that school is closed on September 19th, the day of Queen Elizabeth's funeral.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
This Week	95.2%	91.9%	98.2%	89.6%	91.4%	99.3%	92.5%	94.1%
This Term	96.0%	93.8%	97.0%	91.3%	87.5%	98.6%	94.2%	94.0%
Whole Year	96.0%	93.8%	97.0%	91.3%	87.5%	98.6%	94.2%	94.0%

Stars of the Week!

- Nursery - All of Nursery
- Reception - Jessica & Aaliyah
- Year 1 - Gabrielle & Kayleigh
- Year 2 - Aarayna & Brian
- Year 3 - Max & Melvin
- Year 4 - Mewael & Lily-Rae
- Year 5 - Bruna & Aoife
- Year 6 - Elyssa & Maryana

Award certificates (not Nursery) will be presented in assembly on September 30th at 2.45pm—parents are welcome.



Swimming

Swimming lessons begin next week for Years Three and Five. Please send your child to school in their uniform, not PE kit. Lessons are first thing so you may choose to send your child in their swimming kit underneath their uniform. Remember to send a towel in a bag (and underwear if your child is wearing a costume underneath their uniform). Please remember to label all items clearly and talk to your child about folding clothes etc. in order to keep everything dry and safely stored. **NO EARRINGS ARE ALLOWED, PLEASE REMOVE THEM FOR SWIMMING DAYS.**