

After this week, no more reading books will be sent home ahead of the summer break.



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

**Intentional & Prophetic**

An **intentional** person is someone who lives deliberately; someone who builds up their own worldview and then tries to live by it. To live intentionally is to march to the beat of a different drummer. In a recent assembly, pupils showed a great interest in the lives of the saints, in particular St. Maximilian Kolbe who showed how intentional he was in the actions he took. It is a delight to see the children want to find out more about this wonderful man. Here is a link if you would like to find out more with your child:



[https://www.google.com/search?q=maximilian+kolbe+ks2+youtube&rlz=1C1GCEB\\_enGB966G B966&oq=maximilian+kolbe+ks2+youtube&gs\\_lcrp=EgZjaHJ vbWUyBggAEEUYOTIHCAEQIRigAdIBDTg2ODg3NzY0ajFqMT WoAgCwAgA&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-](https://www.google.com/search?q=maximilian+kolbe+ks2+youtube&rlz=1C1GCEB_enGB966G B966&oq=maximilian+kolbe+ks2+youtube&gs_lcrp=EgZjaHJ vbWUyBggAEEUYOTIHCAEQIRigAdIBDTg2ODg3NzY0ajFqMT WoAgCwAgA&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-)

**FUTURE DATES**

Some dates for your diary:  
**July 20th**—Y6 Leavers' Party (letter sent this week)  
**July 25th**—9am—Y6 Leavers' Assembly  
**July 25th**—End of term, optional 1pm finish  
**September 4th**—Teacher Day, school closed to pupils  
**September 5th**—School opens for pupils for academic year 23/24  
**October 23rd—25th**—Y6 residential, Alton Castle  
**October 26th**—Half term ends for pupils  
**October 27th**—Teacher Day  
**October 30th—November 3rd**—half-term week  
**w/c November 13th**—anti-bullying week  
**December 22nd**—Break up for Christmas  
**January 8th 2024**—Teacher Day  
**January 9th 2024**—Pupils return to school for Spring Term  
**April 8th 2024** - Teacher Day  
**July 22nd 2024** - Teacher Day

**Governor Morning**

It was a delight to welcome our very supportive Governors in to school this morning to talk with pupils about life at school. Thank you to Deacon David, Mrs Laugharne, Mr McGarrigle and the



children for working together to celebrate the successes and to suggest how we can improve.

**Stars of the Week!**

Nursery - Bertie & Isabella  
 Reception – Rahilla & Alyssa  
 Year 1 –Ameliah-Hope & Naela  
 Year 2 - Finley & Arlo  
 Year 3 - Jacob & O'Livia  
 Year 4 - Lexi & Moses  
 Year 5 - Mahnoor & Lacie  
 Year 6 – Olivia & Jackson  
**Award certificates (not Nursery) will be presented in assembly on July 21st at 2.45pm—parents are welcome.**



**WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Class	Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
<b>This Week</b>	93.2%	94.3%	96.0%	95.2%	97.5%	92.1%	92.5%	94.4%
<b>This Term</b>	92.9%	93.2%	95.2%	94.8%	94.3%	95.1%	92.0%	93.9%
<b>Whole Year</b>	92.3%	91.2%	93.9%	94.1%	94.3%	95.3%	91.6%	93.2%

**Remember to apply sun cream before school during the summer term—12 hour sun cream is perfect!**

### Internet Safety Parent Information Session, July 10th

I think that any one who attended this session on Monday would agree that it was a real eye-opener. The content of this workshop was excellent and it gave a deep insight in to how young people behave and the impact of online materials. The positive and negative were explored. Thank you for the feedback from parents:

*'I would like to thank the school for organising the online safety session yesterday. Both myself and my husband found it hugely informative and it has educated us greatly. The online world is a very scary one and we should all be equipped with as much knowledge as possible to help our children. This training would be beneficial for all primary children.'*

*'I have just returned back from the Internet Safety Parent session and just wanted to say thank you to the school for hosting this.'*

*The session was really eye opening, useful and informative. It was reassuring to be among other parents that have the same concerns and want to do the best for their children, keep them safe online and learn the skills on how to manage this. Online activity is a huge problem we all face and I believe we have a duty as parents to all strive to tackle this together. I believe as a parent this session should be compulsory.'*

**I WILL BOOK THIS WORKSHOP AGAIN—PLEASE COME! IT REALLY IS INFORMATIVE.**

Advice from the workshop provider:

- If you are not sure as a parent what controls you need at home or how to activate them, call your internet provider and ask them to activate parental controls. You can also ask them to set your internet so that it goes off at a certain time.
- O2 shops have pledged to help anyone who wants help activating safety settings on phones. You can call in to any of their shops and they will do this for you free of charge.
- Influencers are not regulated. If your child follows an online influencer, then you should follow that person too. This way, not only will you know what your child is engaging with and what is being promoted, it will help you to have conversation, provide advice and guidance, just like you do in the physical world. You should also follow your child. If we do not get involved, everything they see and read, they will start to believe. It can shape how they grow up. Always remind them to never purchase or subscribe to anything online without gaining your permission first or arrange to meet someone who they have met online.

### Water Safety Assembly

The children discussed water safety and learnt new things to keep them safe in assembly this week. With the summer break coming up, it is important that we educate the children as much as possible in all aspects of safety.

#### **It is important that you look out for hazards**

Swimming Pools	Sea and Coastal areas	Inland Water Sites
Slippery Surfaces	Waves and tides	Speed of water
Different depths	Depth	Debris and pollution
Trip Hazards	Hidden rocks or Debris	Hidden rocks/debris
Other Swimmers	Cold Water	Banks
	Offshore winds	Canal locks

#### **Some things you need to remember!**

- Always swim in a safe place
- Always swim with an adult who you can trust
- If you fall in float, breathe, relax
- If someone else is in trouble call 999 or 112, **do not be a superhero!**