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Dear parents,

We started the new school year with a Mass on Wednesday to celebrate the feast of our patron, St Ambrose Barlow. We also prayed for Father Paul, who was undoubtedly with us in spirit. It was a beautiful Mass and I wish to thank Father John Collins for celebrating with us.

The children have done wonderfully well in completing their first full week at school and we are all back in the routine of assemblies to start and end the week, focused learning in class, weekly music lessons, enrichment clubs, twice weekly PE sessions, and fantastic behaviour on the playground. Long may this continue!

Golden Book

Reception: *A wonderful first week but impossible to choose one single child yet! Watch this space! Children will start attending our weekly Gifts from God assembly, after October half term, and this is when their Golden Book celebrations will begin.*

Year One: Jude Gill has had a fantastic start to the new year! He has settled in brilliantly and shown excellent focus in every task he has completed. His great listening skills and willingness to share his answers and opinions with his classmates have really stood out. Jude

has shown wonderful maturity as he begins Year One, and we are so proud of his efforts.

Year Two: Nancy Hall has settled so well into Year Two, showing an impressive attitude towards her learning! She listens carefully to all instructions and always presents her work to the best of her ability. Nancy is a joy to have in the classroom and if we are seeing this standard at the beginning of Year Two then we are all looking forward to seeing how much progress Nancy can make throughout the year!

Year Three: Caelum Clifton for an excellent start to Year Three. He has displayed excellent listening skills and contributed to most lessons to share his thoughts and ideas. Caelum has worked independently in class and made a conscious effort to show good behaviour on the playground too.

Year Four: Francis Corcoran has started this year as he means to go on, from thinking of amazing words to describe God to imagining what a new starter to our school would need to know. He has been an active participant in all lessons and has been putting his best foot forward. We are all looking forward what you have in store for us - keep it up!

Year Five: This week, Rico Augustus has impressed in every single lesson. Not only has he been listening well in lessons but he has also put in 110% effort into all of his activities and tasks.

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His positive behaviour and enthusiastic attitude was also highlighted by Mrs Vinti during our Music lesson, proving great minds do think alike. Rico, you have made a really positive start to Year Five. We are all so proud of you - what a fabulous role model for others to follow.

Year Six: Francis Fitzpatrick for making a great start to Year Six. He has listened attentively in lessons and has made excellent contributions to class discussions especially in History. He has worked hard all week trying his best and persevering with challenges. Well done, Francis - keep up the hard work!

Head Boy and Head Girl

The results are in! The staff have considered which children have returned in September ready to carry the great responsibility of helping to lead the school. They have considered which children have grown over their time here at school and who have shown the necessary qualities to put others first, to lead by example, to let love be their guide.

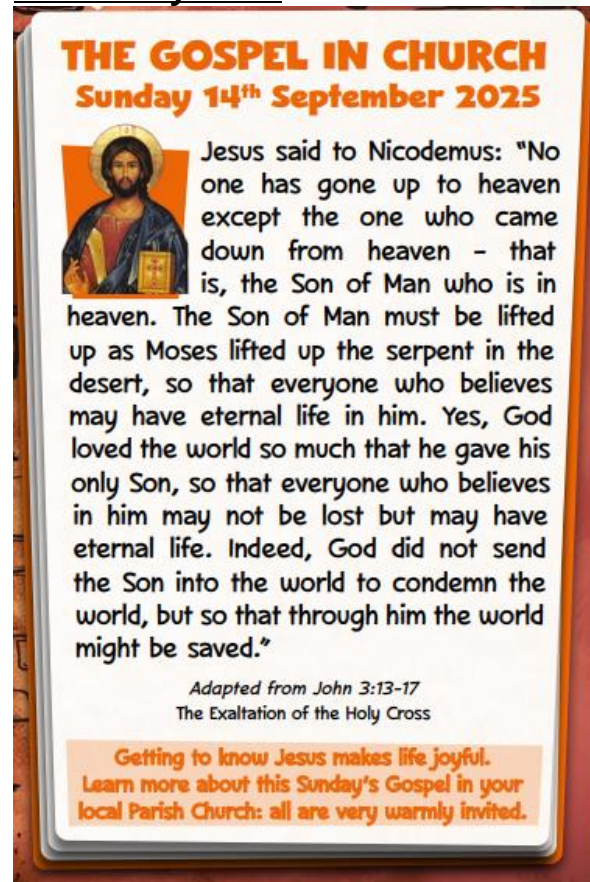
It is my great pleasure to announce that the Head Boy for this year is Zane Fernando and the Head Girl for this year is Maeve Henvey. Congratulations, both! The prefects who will join you in your work will be announced next week.

Sustainability

Mrs McGrory and Mrs Fayaz are inviting the children to join our school Eco-Council. They will be playing an active role in helping the school to reach the goals we have outlined on our school 'Sustainability' action plan. One of our

goals is to achieve the Plastic Free Schools Award. To achieve this award, we need to complete five key objectives that help raise awareness about plastic pollution. We aim to share our progress with you in our newsletter so look out for future updates throughout the year. More information about this award can be found at [Pupil Power - Plastic Free Schools - Surfers Against Sewage](#).

Wednesday Word



Attendance

Following on from last week's communication, please find the attendance policy emailed out with this newsletter. The policy will also be hosted on our website.

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Prayer and Liturgy Directory

In 2023, the bishops published a document called "To



Love You More Dearly", which serves as the basis for prayer and liturgy, detailing the approach taken in all Catholic schools in England and Wales. Broadly speaking, our approach has not changed very much at all and prayer and liturgy at St Ambrose Barlow Catholic primary School has always been celebrated as a strength. Sent with this newsletter is a copy of the prayers we say in school throughout the day. There are now different prayers for Key Stage One and Key Stage Two at the start and end of the day, and before and after meals. I am sharing with you, in an attachment, the prayers that are said in each year band, in case you wish to reinforce our approach at home and say the same prayers. Our website will be updated next week to reflect these changes.

Physical Education

All pupils have two PE lessons per week. Please ensure kit is in school for this. Children can wear plimsolls for PE but, when outside, trainers are far preferable for the sports they are learning about and taking part in. As the weather gets colder, children can also wear joggers or tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure ALL items are labelled with names.

Year Four swim every Wednesday and require goggles, a towel, a swimming hat and suitable swimwear.

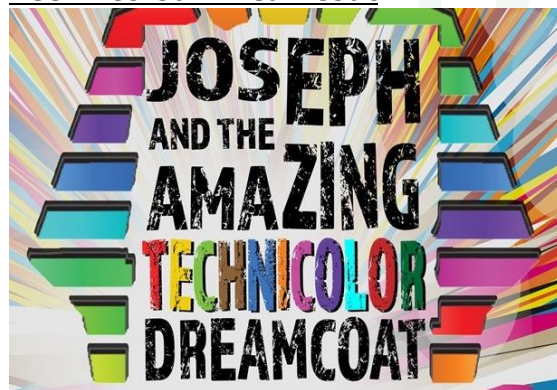
PTA

Please see attached correspondence from the PTA regarding the AGM, which has been booked in for October.

Before and After School Club

Please aim to pay for this club in advance (i.e. have credit on your MCAS account) and we will refund any sessions that are not attended. Also, please bear in mind that club shuts at 5:30 and children must be picked up **BEFORE** this time.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat



This is running from 21st – 25th October at the Core Theatre, Solihull. Hollie Stone from Year Six has a role and is acting on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. We are obviously very proud of her! What a star! Why not go along on one of those nights and support her?

Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to Alex in Year One who was six on Monday and to Mia in Year



Three who was eight yesterday. Tomorrow, Jimmy in Year Two celebrates his seventh birthday. Happy birthday, all!

September dates for your diary

Thurs 18th Sept: Year Three Sacramental preparation meeting

Sun 21st Sept: Year Three children 'Belonging' Mass

Thurs 25th Sept: Year Six Sacrament preparation meeting

Sun 28th Sept: Year Six and Reception 'Enrolment; Mass

October dates for your diary

Thurs 2nd Oct: Poetry day

Fri 3rd Oct: Year Two Class Mass 2:30pm

Mon 13th Oct: Harvest Mass, 2pm; Parent Consultations 3:40 – 6:20

Fri 17th Oct: Year Six Class Assembly

Thurs 23rd Oct: PTA AGM 9am

Fri 24th Oct: Break up for half-term

November dates for your diary

Fri 7th Nov: Year Four Class Mass 2:30pm

Sun 9th Nov: Year Three 'Forgiveness' Mass

Thurs 13th Nov: Year Three First Confessions 6pm

Fri 21st Nov: Year Five Class Assembly

Thurs 27th Nov: Keyboard and choir concert 2:15pm

Sun 23rd Nov: Year Six to lead parish Mass 10am

December dates for your diary

Thurs 4th Dec: KS2 Advent Reconciliation Service

Fri 5th Dec: Reception Nativity 2pm

Mon 8th Dec: Whole School Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tues 9th Dec: KS1 @ Mac: 'The Owl Who Came For Christmas'

Wed 10th Dec: KS2 @ Rep: 'Sherlock Holmes'

Thurs 11th Dec: KS1 Nativity Year One parents

Fri 12th Dec: KS1 Nativity Year Two parents

Tues 16th Dec: KS2 Carol Service 7pm

Wed 17th Dec: Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumpers

Thurs 18th Dec: KS1/2 Christmas parties (pm)

Fri 19th Dec: Whole School Mass 9:30am; Break up at 2pm: no after-school club

Have a lovely weekend. We will see you on Monday, along with our Reception children. Please make them feel very welcome!

God bless,



Mr Clinton