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Dear parents,

I wish to say a huge thank you to the PTA, and to Mrs Holsey especially in her role as chair, for all the hard work that went into making last Saturday's Summer Fete such a success. It was a wonderful day and we raised some much needed funds for the PTA, which they will then use to benefit all the children in the school. Thank you to all who attended!

Golden Book

Reception: Hannah Conway for working incredibly hard to learn her lines for our class assembly and now knows them confidently by heart. She practices them with such a clear and expressive voice! She has also learnt all of the words to the assembly songs and always gives her very best, singing them with great enthusiasm and joining in with the actions too. Well done, Hannah!

Year One: Ravneet Bhachu has worked incredibly hard this week, particularly during our assessments. She has shown great determination when tackling the questions, drawing on her knowledge to answer them thoughtfully. Ravneet approaches every lesson with a positive attitude, embraces every challenge, and always gives her best effort. It has been fabulous to see her resilience and

enthusiasm shine through. Keep up the excellent work, Ravneet!

Year Two: We would love to put Aadvik Sengaiyalian in the Golden Book this week! Aadvik has been working incredibly hard lately and it has really shown. He is taking initiative, showing independence, and using the strategies he has learned all by himself. His reading comprehension and arithmetic skills have come on such a lot! Thank you for all of your hard work Aadvik, keep it up!

Year Three: Mia Bhachu for consistently setting a good example for those around her. She puts 100% effort into everything she does, whether that is during a lesson or helping out in the classroom. Thank you, Mia for always putting a smile on my face!

Year Four: Tayla-Mae Fieldhouse has shone this year. Her never ending determination and resilience in each lesson is clear to all in the class. Her writing and maths fluency has developed this year from all the hard work she has put in. She should be so proud of how far she has come this year and she is going to fly in Year Five.

Year Five: Caoimhe McAuley is always willing to lend a hand no matter what the task or for whom, she just gets the jobs done. She is a very caring, compassionate pupil who is always thinking of others. This week she has been a shining star because she has hurt her wrist, yet still comes into school, no moans, no excuses showing

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we are all **learning to live, love and work together.**

she really is determined and eager to learn. What a star! Caoimhe, you are so kind, considerate and helpful we are so grateful to have you in Year Five..

Year Six: This week has been one to remember for Alfonso. It started by him making the whole school proud with an outstanding performance at the athletics competition. He showed great maturity, determination, and fantastic sportsmanship — and his incredible victory in the 300m was the perfect highlight. Later in the week, he headed to his new school and took it all in his stride. Hearing him talk about how much he enjoyed it and the new friends he has made, is everything we could have wished for! These are two occasions this week alone, where Alfonso has shown how truly fabulous he is.

A note from Mrs McGrory

Huge congratulations to our two winners, Poppy and Callie-Ann, who were presented with their certificates from Veolia in a special assembly yesterday. Their artwork will be displayed in the Veolia's Education centre, which we are invited to visit next year. As well as their certificates these two lucky winners were awarded £250 which we will spend on sustainability projects in school.

Fidgets and Sensory Resources

We kindly ask that children do not bring fidget toys, squishies, pop-its or similar items into school from home. Although these items are often brought with good intentions, they can easily become a distraction to learning and may cause disagreements between

children. If a child requires a sensory aid or fidget tool to support their learning, concentration or regulation, the school will provide appropriate resources based on individual need. This ensures that any support equipment is suitable, used consistently and remains available when needed.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a focused learning environment for all pupils. Thank you for ensuring that fidget toys and similar items remain at home.

Key Stage Two SATs results

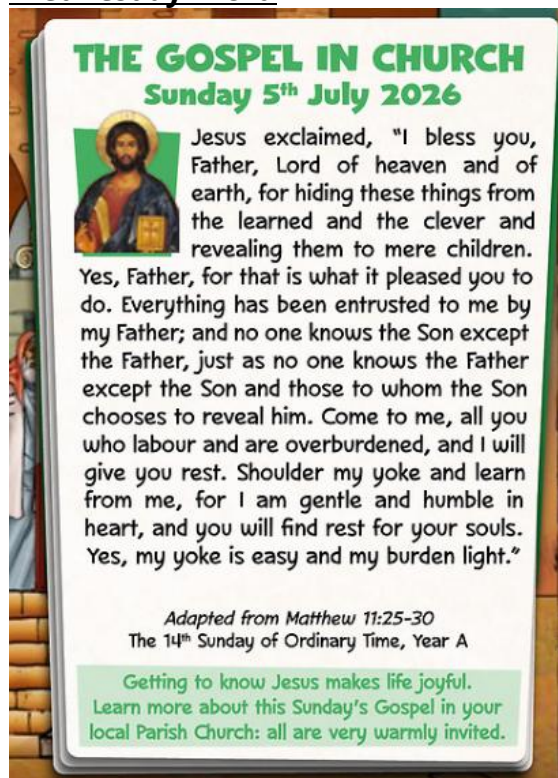
There is a delay to this year's Key Stage Two (KS2) test results, which affects all schools nationally. Schools were due to receive results on 7th July 2026. However, Pearson Education Limited, the provider responsible for administering, marking, and returning Key Stage Two results to schools has informed the Department for Education of a delay affecting the national system used to make results available to schools. Results will now be available on 16th July 2026.

I know this is frustrating, and I share that feeling. But it won't get in the way of celebrating everything your child has achieved at the end of their primary school journey. This will not impact your child's transition to secondary school and no action is required from parents or pupils. I will share results with you as quickly as possible after I receive them on 16th July.

Reception's Class Assembly

Due to the authorised absences caused by the school's response to last week's heat wave, Reception's class assembly will now take place on Friday 10th July at 9am. It is a wonderful event so please make every effort to attend.

Wednesday Word



Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to Erin in Year Four who was nine on Monday. Happy birthday to Caitlin in Year Six who was eleven yesterday. Tomorrow, Ethan B in Year Five is ten, and one Sunday Ayah in Reception is five and Iva in Year Three is eight. Happy birthday to all!



July dates for your diary

Thurs 9th July: Year Six at B'ham Central Mosque;

Leavers Mass at 4pm

Fri 10th July: Reception Class Assembly; Keyboard and choir concert at 2:15pm;

Reports out to parents

Thurs 16th July: Year Six Leavers' Assembly

Fri 17th July: Leavers' Mass

September dates for your diary

Tues 1st Sept: School Closed for INSET

Wed 2nd Sept: School closed for INSET

Thurs 3rd Sept: School opens for all pupils

Have wonderful weekend. Enjoy the England / Mexico match, should you be watching it on Sunday night / Monday morning.

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