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Dear parents,

This is the final newsletter of the year! I wish to thank you, parents, for your continued support for the school in all we do to deliver your child's education. I have said before that the key purpose of Catholic education is to give children the skills, opportunities, experiences and confidence to be anything they wish to be – in short, to be what God created them to be. I think St Ambrose Barlow Catholic Primary School goes above and beyond in this endeavour and that is down to the hard work and efforts of the staff, who we are very lucky to have. Children, enjoy a well-deserved break over summer and we shall see (most of) you in September.

Year Six, good luck for your chosen secondary schools. As I write this, I can hear your assembly practise. One last push until you perform it on Thursday, and then we can celebrate all your achievements and successes. Then, you can, at long last, receive your end of year report and your SATs results before your Leavers' Mass on Friday morning. All are welcome to join us.

Finally, children from Reception to Year Five should have received their reports on Friday. If you need an additional paper copy, please let the office know.

Golden Book

Reception: Karina Kaur for her hard work and dedication all year. She always tries her very best in everything she does, and her work has been outstanding this half term. She has shown great determination while preparing for our class assembly, working hard to learn all of the song and her lines. She delivers them with such confidence and eloquence! Well done on your wonderful attitude and work, Karina!

And also Aidan Sudkeo for working incredibly hard throughout the year! He approaches every task with a positive attitude, always trying his very best and showing great resilience. He always uses excellent manners and speaks so politely when talking to staff and his classmates, setting a wonderful example to others. Well done, Aidan!

Year One: Elijah Fishley has truly blown us away this week — and throughout the year, in fact — with his perseverance and determination when tackling new tasks. This week, he designed, cut out, and began sewing a number onto his fabric bunting, an activity he is thoroughly enjoying. He has also completed some fantastic Literacy work, including retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and exploring the alphabet by thinking of words for each letter. We are incredibly proud of how far Elijah has come this year and all that he has achieved. Keep up the amazing work, Elijah!

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Year Two: We are so pleased to put Tashyon Twinkle in the Golden Book this week! Tashyon has worked incredibly hard over the last couple of weeks and his effort has really shone through. Tashyon has been using the strategies he has learnt all year to help him succeed, listening carefully to every instruction and showing just how brilliant he can be. Well done on a fantastic year, Tashyon!

Year Three: Eliza O'Neill has been the most wonderful pupil this year. She is a valued member of our class and I can always count on her to have her hand up to contribute to all lessons, sharing her thoughts and ideas. Eliza gives us nothing less than 100% in everything she does. She is extremely helpful and a true asset to the class! Well done, Eliza.

Year Four: Alec Burns has worked his socks off in Maths this week. Not only has he shown independence, resilience and focus on the teaching input, he has had his hand up to share ideas and helped others in the classroom understand our work on plotting position and translation of shape. What a fantastic end to Year Four! Well done, Alec!

Year Five: These three pupils have not just worked hard this week, but have worked tirelessly throughout the year to support St Ambrose Barlow Bloomers and The Eco Council. They attend Gardening club each week, support Mrs McGrory when she needs an extra pair of hands and when Mr McGrory asked who could deliver a presentation on behalf of the school, these girls all 'volunteered'. We are so proud of the work these girls have completed: their enthusiasm, their

dedication and their commitment all deserve to be rewarded. Well done, girls! Mrs McGrory couldn't have asked for a better team to support her and the school. So, a huge thank you to Amelie Robinson, Florence Young and Ariella Treshani.

Year Six: Niall Earp for simply being everything and more that we could wish for in a St Ambrose Barlow Pupil. He has coped really well with transition to his new school and it is safe to say that school was not, and will not be, the same without him. All staff speak SO highly about Niall, from his exceptional manners, kind and caring nature and his awesome sense of humour. Keep shining like the star you are, Niall!

Attentive and Discerning

Every assembly this half-term has focused on being attentive and discerning: *attentive* to our experiences and to our own vocation and *discerning* about the

choices we make and the effects of those choices. The following children have stood out:

Year Six: Ellie-Mae Taylor

Year Five: Sophia Davies

Year Four: Ethan Hughes

Year Three: Iyzah Hussain

Year Two: Caiden Lee

Year One: Maisie Fullbrook

Reception: Ella Nelson



Violin Whole class and Elective Tuition

Key Stage Two had the pleasure of being the audience for Year Four's violin concert last Thursday. We have been lucky enough to secure Mrs Brookes, who is the head of the whole music service for Birmingham, as a tutor for our children. Next year, the children in Miss Hookes' Year Four class will be in receipt of whole class instrument tuition, and children in Year Five who have elected to continue with the violin tuition will be taught in small groups. Parents, please read the additional communication about this service which will be sent tomorrow.

House Points

Congratulations to the children in St Josephine Bakhita house who have won the annual house point competition.

Their reward comes tomorrow in the form of an additional own clothes day, supplemented with extra break time.



Summer Fete

The grand total raised at this year's Summer Fete, after expenses (prizes, burgers, baps, bottle of Bud and fruit cider and prosecco, etc.) have been taken account of, is an incredible £2,497.58. Thank you to all involved but especially the PTA and Mrs Holsey for all their hard work.

Father Paul memorial Garden

Thanks to Mrs McGrory, again, as usual, for all her hard work with the eco-council and the gardening club. Today, they celebrated all their hard work with a garden party in the Father Paul Memorial Garden, enjoying scones and drinks amongst the crops and the wildflowers and the bees ;)



Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to Caoimhe in Year Five who is ten on Wednesday, and to Tashyon in Year Two who is seven on Thursday. On Sunday, Katie in Year Six celebrates being school-free for six weeks with her eleventh birthday and Zachary in Reception does the same as he turns five on the same day.

Over summer, from Year Six, Cynthia, Thea, Chloe and Zach all turn eleven before starting their secondary schools. In Year Five, the following children turn ten: Sophia, Enda, Lola, Ariella, Oliver and Ethan. Happy birthday to all! From

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Year Four, Ethan and Arlo turn nine. In Year Three, Theo, Caelum, Kimberley and Freya turn eight.

From Year Two, Lylah-Rose, Roisin, Áine and Caiden enjoy their seventh birthday. In Year One, Theo turns six and, from Reception, the following children enjoy their fifth birthday: happy birthday to Ada, Annliya, Billy-Evan, Liyana, Ruairi, Aidan, Nolan, Dhvani, Gracie, Kobi, Zakariah. We will see you all in September!

July dates for your diary

Thurs 16th July: Year Six Leavers' Assembly 9am

Fri 17th July: Leavers' Mass 9:30am

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

Wed 9th Sept: Whole school Mass 9:30am

Sun 20th Sept: Year Three Sacramental Enrolment Mass

October dates for your diary

Thurs 1st Oct: Confirmation parents meeting 6pm

Fri 2nd Oct: Year Two Class Mass 2:30pm

Sun 4th Oct: Year Six / Reception Enrolment Mass

Wed 14th Oct: Harvest Mass 2pm

Fri 16th Oct: Year Six Class Assembly 9am

Fri 23rd Sept: Break up at 3:30pm

Have a wonderful summer and thanks again for all your kind words and gifts for the staff. Four days left to go. Good luck to those supporting England this Wednesday (and, in the interests of fairness, good luck to those supporting Argentina too).

God bless,



Mr Clinton