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Dear parents,

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at Year Three's enrolment mass on Sunday. What a beautiful way to start a special year for them.

We have had a very busy week in school. On Monday, Gardening Club got creative making outdoor lanterns. Year Six went on an eco-retreat and had a fabulous day! Yesterday, Year Three went to Hall Green Library and were a credit to the school. Please see our school's Instagram page (@stab_B28) for all these updates.

Golden Book

Reception's Golden Book will start after half-term

Year One: Nolan is a star! He has such a positive attitude towards everything he does and always has a lovely smile on his face. Nolan takes a brilliant amount of pride in all of his work, and his writing is coming along beautifully. He works hard to apply his phonics knowledge and always presents his writing neatly and carefully. Super work, Nolan! Keep it up!

Year Two: Malakai has wowed us this week with his amazing writing. He has produced an excellent story based on the book 'The Pirates Next Door'. His vocabulary has been incredible helping create a fantastic action-packed story.

Malakai also listened to feedback given to help edit his work and improve his work. Well done Malakai!

Year Three: Nancy consistently sets a good example for those around her. She puts 100% effort into everything she does, whether that is during a lesson or helping in the classroom. She has worked incredibly hard since starting back at school and this is showing itself in her schoolwork. Thank you, Nancy, for always putting a smile on my face!

Year Four: A huge well done to Ella for an excellent week! Ella's hard work has really stood out this week. Ella listens carefully in every lesson, and her focus and determination has really shone this week. She always listens carefully and takes so much pride in everything she does. It is a pleasure to be teaching Ella again this year, she comes in every morning beaming and ready to learn. Well Done on a brilliant week, Ella!

Year Five: Ella has settled into Year 5 well and is always eager and ready to learn. She listens attentively to lessons and answers questions readily. Ella really works hard in lessons to produce the best work she can. At times, she finds some new learning difficult but is asking for guidance proving she is keen to achieve the best results she can. It has been a real pleasure getting to know Ella in these first few weeks. She is happy, helpful and eager to learn. Ella with this attitude you will continue to make great progress, I am really proud

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of your positive attitude towards all aspects of school life, keep it up!

Year Six: Vinnie has produced some beautifully presented, well thought-out pieces of work in Year Six so far. The care and attention that he shows in every piece of work shows the consideration and pride that he is taking. Based on his plan, I can't wait to read his story of a heroic animal based on 'War Horse. Well done Vinnie!

Parent Consultations

These will take place on Monday 12th October and Wednesday 14th October. Appointments are now available via MCAS. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Confirmation Sacramental dates

The date for Bishop David to celebrate with us has been confirmed as Friday 22nd January 2027 at 7pm. The following dates therefore apply:



Thurs 1st Oct: Parent meeting 6pm (school hall)

Sun 4th Oct: Enrolment Mass / blessing of Reception children 10am

Sat 22nd Nov: Christ the King Mass 10am

Thurs 14th Jan: Parent meeting 6pm (school hall)

Fri 22nd Jan: Sponsor Workshop 2pm

Fri 22nd Jan: Confirmation 7pm

First Holy Communion Sacramental preparation

Please keep the children of Year Three in your prayers as they prepare for their Reconciliation on Thursday 12th November and their First Communion on Saturday 8th May.

Open Morning and Afternoon for prospective Reception parents

Please join us for our Open Days to welcome and discuss with you the aims and strengths of Catholic education, an introduction to our Reception staff, and then a tour of the school led by our prefects. All are welcome. No booking necessary.

Session One:

Tuesday 10th November 10:30am

Session Two:

Wednesday 11th November 2:00pm

Christmas trips

You will have received communication about these two trips. The cost of travel has now been totally covered by last year's PTA. The revised prices are now £15 for Reception and Key Stage One to see '*Tales from Acorn Wood*', and £20 for Key Stage Two to see '*Peter Pan*'. MCAS has been updated accordingly.



Birthdays this week

Happy birthday to Aubrey in Year 2 who turned seven and Yuvraj in Reception who turned five on Tuesday! Happy birthday to Georgina also in Year 2 who turns seven today! Finally, happy



birthday to Finley in Year 5 who turns ten on Sunday! Hope you all enjoy your celebrations.

October dates for your diary

Thurs 1st Oct: Year Six Parent meeting 6pm in school hall

Frid 2nd Oct: Year Two Class Mass

Sun 4th Oct: Enrolment Mass for Year Six and Reception 10am

Mon 12th Oct: Parent Consultations 3:40 - 6:20

Wed 14th Oct: Harvest Mass 2pm; Parent Consultations 3:40 - 6:20

Thurs 15th Oct: Year Five Maths challenge 3:45 – 4:30

Fri 16th Oct: Year Six Class Assembly

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

November dates for your diary

Mon 2nd Nov: Children return to school

Fri 6th Nov: Year Six Class Mass

Sun 8th Nov: Year Three to lead Sunday Mass 10am

Tues 10th Nov: 10:30 Open Morning Session for prospective Reception parents

Wed 11th Nov: 2pm Open Afternoon session for prospective Reception parents

Thurs 12th Nov: Year Three Confession 6pm

Fri 20th Nov: Year Three Class Assembly

Mon 23rd Nov: Year Six at Whitemoor Lakes (until Wed 25th Nov)

December dates for your diary

Wed 2nd Dec: KS2 Reconciliation 2pm

Fri 4th Dec: School closed for INSET

Mon 7th Dec: Reception Nativity 2pm

Tues 8th Dec: Whole School Mass for the Immaculate Conception 9:30am

Wed 9th Dec: KS1 Nativity: 10am and 2pm

Fri 11th Dec: Keyboard and choir concert 2:15pm

Tues 15th Dec: KS1 trip 'Tales from Acorn Wood'

KS2 Carol Service 7pm

Wed 16th Dec: KS2 trip 'Peter Pan'

Fri 18th Dec: Whole School Mass 9:30; break up for Christmas 3:30pm

January dates for your diary

Mon 4th Jan: School closed for INSET

Tues 5th Jan: School re-opens for children

Wed 6th Jan: Whole School Mass for Epiphany

Tues 12th Jan: Young Voices at Resorts World

Thurs 14th Jan: Year Six Confirmation meeting 6pm

Fri 15th Jan: Year Five Class Mass

Fri 22nd Jan: Year Six Sponsor workshop 2pm;

Year Six Confirmation 7pm

Fri 29th Jan: Year Four Class Assembly

February dates for your diary

Fri 5th Feb: Year Five Class Assembly

Tues 9th Feb: Internet Safety Day

Wed 10th Feb: Ash Wednesday Mass 9:30

Thurs 11th Feb: School closed for half-term

Fri 12th Feb: School closed for INSET

Have a great weekend and we will see you on Monday morning!

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