Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 25.09.26

1. I was extremely proud to see how wonderfully our Reception children took part in the Reception Welcome Service at church with Father Stephen and St Gregory's on Wednesday. They showed great reverence, confidence and enthusiasm throughout the celebration, making us all very proud. Thank you to the children, staff and families who helped make this such a special occasion.

2. Mrs Quinton, Mrs Humphreys and a group of our Year 5 children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in an art project at the Millennium Centre this week. The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school, demonstrating exemplary behaviour throughout the visit. They embraced the experience with enthusiasm, creativity and curiosity, and had lots of fun along the way. We are very proud of how well they represented our school.

3. We have now elected our School Council Representatives, and they have embraced their new roles with great enthusiasm and excitement. We are looking forward to working with them as they share their ideas, represent the views of their classmates, and help make a positive difference to our school community. We are excited to hear their suggestions and to work together to further develop our school.

STAR OF THE WEEK WINNERS

I am proud to share with you this week's winners. These are the children who have been chosen for an award for impressing their class teacher and inspiring their friends. The winner of this special award will proudly lead their class at the front of the line all week!

Class	Child
Nursery	**Noah B**
Reception	**Pearl**
Year 1	**Paisley**
Year 2	**Pennie**
Year 3	**Finn**
Year 4	**Charlie Y**
Year 5	**Lukas**
Year 6	**Melina**

Presentation Pencil Awards

Each week we celebrate a child in each class who has made a huge effort or improvement with the presentation of their work.

Class	Child
Nursery	
Reception	
Year 1	**Sophia**
Year 2	**Harry**
Year 3	**Alayiah**
Year 4	**Cora**
Year 5	**Isabella**
Year 6	**Thomas**

DISCIPLE OF THE WEEK AWARD

This award celebrates and recognises children who demonstrate Catholic values in their daily lives. It highlights those who strive to follow Jesus' mission through kindness, compassion, respect and service to others, encouraging all pupils to live out their faith both in school and beyond.



Class	Child
Nursery	**Mirabella**
Reception	**Maya-Leigh**
Year 1	**Louie**
Year 2	**Ava-Lilly**
Year 3	**Archie**
Year 4	**Joshua**
Year 5	**Amelia Mc**
Year 6	**Harry K**

Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school target is 97% each week.
We will be monitoring the attendance of each class

Class	
Nursery	
Reception	
Year 1	**90%**
Year 2	**95%**
Year 3	**99%**
Year 4	**94%**
Year 5	**97%**
Year 6	**90%**

We had 4.1% Lates for the whole school
Congratulations to **Year Three** who are this week's attendance champions with **99% Well done children.**

Key Term Dates:

- **Saturday 25th (5pm) and Sunday 26th (11am) Family Mass in Church**
- **Friday 9th October Mental Health Week (Wear An item of clothing or accessory that is yellow)**
- **Tuesday 29th September Flu Immunisations**
- **Tuesday 6th October 9am-10am Macmillan Coffee Morning Tuesday (Cakes and Donations Welcome but no nuts please) School Hall**
- **Wednesday 21st October School Photographs (Individual and Siblings)**
- **Wednesday 21st October Class Mass Year 6 in Church (Parents Welcome)**
- **INSET DAY (Friday 23rd October)**
- **Monday 26th October Half Term**

We have received a small number of requests for holidays to be taken during term time. We would like to remind all parents that, in line with national statutory guidance, holidays during term time **will not be authorised** except in truly exceptional circumstances. Any unauthorised absence for a holiday that results in a child missing **10 sessions (5 school days) or more** may lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

A reminder to all Nursery parents that the closing date for Reception applications is 15 January 2027.Once you have completed and submitted the online application form, you must also visit the school office to complete the Supplementary Information Form. If you require any assistance with either the online application or the supplementary form, Mrs Russell will be happy to help you.
If you are applying for a Reception place under the Baptised Catholic criteria, your child must be baptised before Christmas 2026. Please be aware that the final opportunity to enrol on the parish Baptism Preparation Programme is in October. Families wishing to apply under this criteria are therefore encouraged to contact the parish as soon as possible.

I look forward to seeing you bright and early Monday morning. E. Davies