



St Mary's Priory Catholic Infant and Junior Schools'

School Newsletter

Where great lives begin

11th September 2026

Dear St Mary's Community,

Welcome Back!

What a wonderful start we have had to the new school year! It has been fantastic to welcome our children back to school and to see so many smiling faces around our classrooms and playgrounds. The children have settled quickly into their new classes and have already been working hard, building friendships and embracing new opportunities. A special welcome to our new families who have joined our school community! We are looking forward to an exciting year of learning, growth and success together.

We would also like to let you know that we will be introducing a new format for our fortnightly school newsletter from the next edition. One feature we are particularly excited about is the addition of a translation option, which will allow families to read the newsletter in a range of different languages. We hope this will make our communications even more accessible and useful for our whole school community.

A reminder that our Curriculum Meetings will take place on **Monday 14th September at 9.00am** in your child's classroom (Years 1-6 only). These meetings are a valuable opportunity to learn about the curriculum for the year ahead and find out how you can support your child's learning at home. Please wait at the school gates after dropping off your child. Teachers will collect parents from the gates once the children have been taken to assembly. For Reception parents, there will be a *phonics introduction session* next Thursday at 9am and one for maths the following Thursday.

We are also delighted to share some exciting news about our school values. Following extensive discussion and reflection, we have decided to change one of our core values from **Tolerance** to **Compassion**. We feel that compassion better reflects our Catholic ethos and encourages us all to actively show kindness, understanding and care for others. We look forward to helping the children develop this important value throughout the year.

Who should I contact?

We are always keen to work closely with families and encourage you to contact us if you have any questions, concerns or information you would like to share.

If you have an academic or pastoral concern, please speak to your child's class teacher at the gate after dismissal or email the school to request a telephone call. In most cases, the class teacher is the best first point of contact and will be able to help quickly and effectively.

Reporting Absences

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please telephone the school office to report their absence as early as possible. Maintaining accurate attendance registers is a legal responsibility for all schools, and when absences are not reported, office staff must spend a significant amount of time contacting families each morning to establish the reason for absence. Thank you for your support and cooperation in helping us ensure that our registers are accurate and up to date.

We look forward to another successful year working in partnership with you and your children. Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Ms Reynolds
Deputy Headteacher

School calendar:

When:	What:
Monday 14th September	9am Years 1-6 Curriculum sessions
Thursday 17th September	9am Phonics session for Reception parents (Year 1 parents welcome to attend)
Tuesday 22nd September	9am Parent Staff Association (PSA) meeting in Kingfisher
Thursday 24th September	Maths session for Reception parents
Friday 25th September	9am Parents warmly invited- MacMillan Coffee Morning in the Infant hall
Monday 28th September	Pupils only 60th Anniversary Celebration Mass
Monday 28th September	2.30pm open afternoon for parents to view children's work on school history as part of our 60th anniversary celebrations
Wb. 5th October- 5C Wb. 12th October- 6D Wb. 19th October- 4B Wb. 9th November- 6J	Bikeability (children to bring in their bikes and helmets).



COME FOR COFFEE

IT'S FOR MACMILLAN

Where: Infant hall

When: 9am, Friday 25th September

Why: So everyone facing cancer can have a Macmillan team in their corner

EVERYONE WELCOME



Take away tea and coffee will be available if you are unable to stay.



Stars of the Week



Wb 7th September 2026

Class:	Stars:	
Owl Class	Ava	Maxence
Robin Class	Victor	Maks
Dove Class	Valkyrie	Malachi
3B	Mia	Roman
4B	Ryan	Abelakat
5C	Angelo	Andreas
6D	Toprak	Grace
6J	Mar-Vell	Mason

Congratulations to our Stars of the week!
These pupils have worked exceptionally hard to
stand out amongst their peers. Well done everyone!



A banner image showing various school supplies like pens, pencils, and a notebook on a desk. The words "Class Prayer" are written in a large, white, bold font with a red shadow effect over the image.

Class Prayer

3B Class Prayer

Dear God,
Help us to be helpful and kind.

Guide us throughout this new school year.

Help us to respect our school community.

Thank you for my family and friends.

Bless our teachers and provide us with
peace.

Amen