



"We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together"

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School Newsletter – September 2025

Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to the new school year! It has been lovely seeing the children return after the summer break and hear all about their adventures, see how much they have grown and how many teeth they have lost! A warm welcome to all our new families joining our school community, we look forward to getting to know you all and working with you over the next 6 or 7 years!

Summer Improvements

Over the summer, the school has been a VERY busy place. All the internal classroom doors, along with the majority of cupboard doors and frames, have been replaced, giving the school a fresh look and improved functionality. In addition, a brand-new lockdown system has been installed to ensure the continued safety and security of our children.

Safety Procedures

As part of our commitment to keeping everyone safe, we will be practising both the **fire drill** and **lockdown procedure** in the coming weeks. Please can I kindly remind you that all phones should remain in bags or pockets on the school grounds and that all bikes and scooters are pushed whilst inside the school grounds.

Attendance

Please remember that we are required by law to monitor and act on children's attendance. We are unable to authorise time off apart from illness and very exceptional circumstances. We are required to send out regular reminders about attendance and attendance figures. Please remember that taking your child out of school during term time is detrimental to your child's education and friendships with their peers. Thank you!

Learning and Enrichment

As always, the children's academic education is important to us, alongside their personal development. We are committed to give the children as many opportunities and experiences as we can; with this in mind a number of clubs will be available for children to sign up to. We work hard to make this process as fair as possible. Please remember that there are many opportunities throughout the year



so if your child does not access a club now, they may well have the chance later in the year. I would like to thank all the staff who give up their own time to run these clubs.

We are also arranging visitors, assemblies, workshops and special learning experiences to enrich the children's education. This year we will be requesting the support from parents in helping to teach children about different faiths, cultures and jobs. Please keep an eye out for specific requests coming out soon, we will need your help!

Cultural Celebration

After the success of last year's wonderful **Cultural Celebration of food, singing and dancing**, we are excited to announce that we will once again celebrate this special event of the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul, on Friday **27th September**.

- Weather permitting, we are hoping to use both the **hall and the outside area**.
- Please look out for **Mrs Curry's letter** which will be coming home this week with more details.

Most importantly, we encourage you to **get involved** – this event cannot run without your amazing contributions and support. We are really looking forward to another fantastic celebration together!

Parent Curriculum Events

This year, we are hoping to run a series of **curriculum events and information sessions for parents**. These will give you the chance to find out more about how we teach key areas of the curriculum and how you can best support your child at home. We hope that you will all support your children and school by attending the relevant sessions.

Settling into School

I am pleased to share that the children have settled extremely well into their new classes. They are already engaging with their learning and enjoying being back with friends and teachers. We look forward to seeing them flourish over the year ahead.

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working with you all to give the best education and opportunities that we can provide for your child.



**Prayer for the New
School Year**

Lord, our guiding light,
As a new school year unfolds,
we turn to You for blessings
and guidance. Illuminate our
minds with wisdom, our hearts
with compassion, and our
spirits with resilience. Bless our
educators with patience, our
students with enthusiasm, and
our parents with understanding.
May Your grace be present in
every lesson, friendship, and
challenge we encounter.
Strengthen our faith, and may
this academic journey be a
testament to Your divine plan.
Amen.

St. Jude Store

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Whitty', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mrs A Whitty
Headteacher

