



Dear Parents and Carers,

This term is another busy one. There is a plethora of activities taking place for all of our children and families. From preparing for the arrival of our new intake to ensuring that our oldest children, fantastic year 6 have a great last term, it is busy, busy, busy!

Please take notes of dates and times in your diaries and check your emails and class dojo regularly for whole school and class news and updates. For trips and sporting events out, ensuring that you give consent for your child to go is vital and the earlier the better. Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.

Catholic Life

Mission this week

Faith

Having faith can be tough. It means believing in something that you cannot know for certain and in a world where there is almost an answer for everything this can be difficult. Have a think about your faith and what you believe in.

Parish Links:

Our school serves: St Mary's and St John Bosco parish. Please see the website below for more information.
<https://cathparishmje.co.uk/>

May

May is the Month of the Holy Rosary. At school, we will have rosary sessions throughout the month of May.

First Holy Communion

This year's programme is coming up to the important final stages for Year 4 children in St John Fisher School. Please keep all the children in your prayers as they prepare for this special sacrament.

A Day in Parliament for St John Fisher

Order! Our Y2-Y6 students had a fantastic assembly yesterday led by Malcolm Smith from the UK Parliament. They learned all about how Parliament works, from debates to making laws.

The highlight? The students got to participate in their own mini-debate - should the school week be reduced to four days? We had some passionate arguments on both sides!

A huge thank you to Malcolm for such an engaging and informative assembly! Our budding politicians are definitely inspired!

Sun protections

As we enter the season of summer, please remember to apply sun cream to your child before they come to school, as well as providing them with a sun hat and a water bottle each day. The sunscreen in school should only be used when there are prolonged outside activities and the sunscreen from home may need 'topping up.'

Start of the school day

It is important that children arrive at school on time. The gates open at 8.30am, all children should be in school by 8.40am. Reception parents may walk their children to class from 8.30 to 8.40am. School gates will be locked by 8.45am.



Babies & Tots

Babies & Tots takes place every Wednesday in the school hall. 8.50am to 10.30am. Check out the Babies & Tots Facebook page for more information.

St John Fisher CVA Now on Facebook!

We're thrilled to announce that St John Fisher CVA now has a Facebook page! This is a fantastic new way for our school community to stay connected and share all the exciting things that are happening at St. John Fisher.

Like our page to:

See photos and updates from school events.
Get a glimpse into the vibrant learning environment at St. John Fisher CVA.
Connect with other parents and guardians.
Stay informed and involved!

Search for '@StJohnFisherCVA' on Facebook or visit our school website for the link. We look forward to welcoming you to our online community!

Many thanks to Mrs Maksimovic for leading this new social media initiative.

Keeping Our Children Safe Online: A Note on WhatsApp

WhatsApp is a popular messaging app that allows friends to connect. While it can be a great way to stay in touch, it's important to be aware of the potential downsides, especially for primary school children.

Here's what to consider:

Age restrictions: WhatsApp has a minimum age requirement of 16. Younger children may not have the maturity to navigate online interactions safely.

Cyberbullying: Group chats can become breeding grounds for unkind messages or rumors that spread quickly.

Inappropriate content: Children may be exposed to inappropriate language, unsuitable images or videos, even if unintentionally shared.

Screen Time: Constant messaging can interfere with sleep, social interaction, and schoolwork.

How We Can Help:

Open Communication: Talk to your child about online safety and responsible communication.

Set Ground Rules: Discuss age-appropriate apps and screen time limits.

Monitor Activity: Consider parental controls and open conversations about what they see online.

Be a Safe Space: Encourage them to come to you if they encounter anything upsetting or confusing.

Working Together:

We understand the importance of staying connected with friends. By working together, we can ensure our children use technology safely and responsibly.

Thank you for your partnership in keeping our children safe online!



Attendance and Punctuality

Excellent attendance and punctuality to school are very important to ensure children achieve their very best. Please ensure that children are in school every day and on time unless they are ill. I am aware that the vast majority of parents ensure that their children attend school regularly but, as it is the beginning of a new term, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Holidays in term time will not be authorised, (unless in exceptional circumstances), and parents may receive a fixed term penalty notice for unauthorised absences.

Uniform: Summer

As the weather is getting warmer, the children can now wear their summer uniform. This includes grey shorts for boys and a blue checked summer dress for girls. The children have been taking great pride in their appearance and dressing to impress! We expect the very best from our children with regards to school uniform and appearance and strongly believe that high standards promote positive behaviour. Thank you for your support.

Uniform: Change of supplier

This message is to inform you about a change to our school uniform supplier. Marks & Spencer (M&S) will no longer be offering embroidered uniform items for St John Fisher CVA or indeed any other schools. We understand this may cause some inconvenience, and we apologise for any disruption this may cause.

What this means for you:

From 14th October 2024, you can no longer purchase pre-embroidered uniform items directly from M&S. Until then you still can buy these items.

We are actively searching for new suppliers to provide embroidered uniform options for the future. We will keep you updated on our progress and announce the new supplier as soon as possible.

Clubs

Extracurricular after school clubs have resumed this term as well as some invitational, subscribed and PTFA clubs. Thank you to all our teachers, staff, volunteers and coaches for giving our children these extra opportunities. Please let us know of any absences in advance so we may update our club registers.

SATs

Our Year 6 children are doing their end of Key Stage 2 SATs in the week beginning 13th May and our Year 2 children will be completing their assessments in the last couple of weeks of the term. Other year groups will be taking part in annual assessments after half term. Thank you to all our parents for your support with homework, as it does make a difference!

To give your child a really good start for SATs week, we are inviting all year 6 children to join us for FREE breakfast from Monday 13th May to Thursday 17th May.

Breakfast club starts at 7.45 a.m.

God bless,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Gallagher'.

Mr Gallagher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Apr	22 nd	Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics finals
	23 rd	NFER Test trials (Year 6)
May	6 th	Bank Holiday
	7 th	Year 4 Trip to King Richard III Visitor Centre
	8 th	Year 4 Toplink festival at St Paul's
	9 th	9 a.m. Ascension Mass
	13 th – 16 th	Year 6 SATS
	15 th	6 p.m. New entrants parent's evening
	24 th	Interhouse sports day (all children to come in their house colours)
	27 th – 31 st May	Half term

June

In this half term, Year 3 swimming begins

3 rd	Return to school
4 th	Year 5 Greek Day & Year 4/5/6 East Leicester City Athletics
5 th	Reception Trip to Mini Meadows
6 th	Year 1 Victorian Day at Beaumanor Hall
12 th	Year 5 Toplink festival at St Paul's
21 st	Year 5/6 Swimming Gala at Parklands
25 th	Year 6 Toplink festival at St Paul's
26 th	p.m. KS1 Sports Day
26 th – 28 th	Year 6 residential to The Briars

July	4 th	Year 6 Leavers' production
	5 th	p.m. KS2 Sports Day
	10 th	6 p.m. Year 6 Leavers' Mass
	12 th	End of academic year 2 p.m. finish
		After school club finish at 4.15 p.m.