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Dear Parents & Carers,

Friday 26th September 2025



Reflection - another successful Jubilee Day!

Today we celebrated our Jubilee Day as part of our journey through the Year of Jubilee. With a joyful musical theme, Mr Reid worked with each class to compose part of our very own St Nicholas Jubilee Song. Music is a beautiful way to praise God, and today our school community lifted our voices together in thanksgiving. See our 'X' feed for a glimpse of our song. We look forward to our next Jubilee



Day in October and to joining the Diocese for the Jubilee finale in November.

Wednesday Word

Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family: Click HERE for the Wednesday Word



<u>Little Vinnies Stay and Play - Toy Donations Needed</u> A new *Little Vinnies Stay and Play* group starts 10th October at Maryvale Community Centre, running Friday mornings (term time) 9-11am. It's for parents/carers with children aged 0-3, with play, snacks, and drinks for just £1 per family.

They are seeking donations of good-quality toys such as push-alongs, sit-and-ride toys, chunky cars with mats, train tracks, dolls, folding slides, baby gyms, wooden blocks, Duplo, highchairs, and wipeable baby play mats. If you can help, please call **07548 937287**. All are welcome.

PFA Annual General Meeting - THIS WEEKEND

Huge thanks to Mrs Condron and her team for organising last week's 'Welcome Back Disco'. This was a wonderful community event as well as an excellent fundraiser.

This Saturday (27th) at 4pm in the school hall you are invited to the PFA's AGM. We are trialling holding the meeting on a Saturday to see if that improves attendance which has been very low at recent PFA meetings. It doesn't matter how big or small your contribution can be, you are very welcome to attend and have a say/hear about the future of your PFA.

Prospective Parents' Sessions - Reception 2026

We are delighted to invite families with children due to start **Reception in September 2026** to attend one of our Prospective Parents' Sessions. These sessions are a wonderful opportunity to hear about the admissions process, explore the school 'in action' and ask any questions you may have. **Session dates and times:**

- Monday 10/11/25 @ 9.15am
- Tuesday 11/11/25 @ 1.45pm
- Wednesday 12/11/25 @ 11am
- Thursday 13/11/25 @ 2.30pm

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing what makes our school a nurturing and inspiring place for your child's first steps in education.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations - Tuesday 30/9

A reminder that the NHS Immunisation Team will be in school on Tuesday 30th September.

They will only administer the vaccine to pupils whose parents have completed the online consent form which was sent out several weeks ago. Please note: Office staff will NOT be able to accept consent over the phone on Monday or Tuesday of this week. Please do not request office staff to do this.

If you missed the consent form and would like your child to receive the vaccine, you will need to make separate arrangements with your GP surgery.



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Bikeability - Y5

A reminder to those pupils who are taking part in the Bikeability programme on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th September. Your child will need to bring their bike and helmet into school on Monday morning, taken home on Monday evening and brought back with them again on Tuesday. Your child can wear their school PE kit and trainers for the day but will need a warm, waterproof coat. Please ensure that your child's bike is in line with the safety standards set out by Bikeability. For more information, please visit the following link: https://www.bikeability.org.uk/get-cycling/cycle-training-for-children/

Little Kid Town

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the visit from Little Kid Town will now take place on Tuesday 30th September 2025. This is an exciting, unique opportunity for your child (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) to take part in a pop-up role play. Many thanks to those who have already contributed towards the cost of this; we would be hugely grateful for a payment of £6 to ensure that we can facilitate events like this in the future.

Young Voices

A reminder that, if you haven't already, please sign up to the parent section of the YV website. This will enable you to order your child a t-shirt and purchase tickets if you would like to attend the performance. NB - children who are part of the choir do not need tickets, t-shirts from previous years can be worn, t-shirts will be delivered to school in time for the concert.

Young Voices music room



Lighthouse Club - Preschool Availability

Lighthouse Preschool has spaces! If you have preschool aged children, why not view their nurturing environment, speak to their experienced teachers, and learn about their engaging curriculum. Contact Carole Baird at Lighthousechildcare2023@outlook.com for a chat and a tour.

Parents' Online Safety Workshop

We would like to thank one of our parents who recently signposted us to Papaya, an organisation that offers excellent online safety workshops for both parents and pupils.

Please put this date in your diary: Tuesday 19th November at 9am - Parent Online Safety Talk. We hope that giving you plenty of notice means you can find time to attend and benefit from the practical advice and guidance offered.

Gifts from God Assemblies

There will be a 'Gifts from God' assembly on Friday afternoons at 2.45pm on: 3rd October, and 17th October.

As last year, you will receive an email from school on the Thursday before the assembly if your child is receiving something from school.

If you would like your child to receive a trophy or medal from outside of school, please bring it in by Thursday morning. Assemblies can be long, so we kindly ask that any items brought in from outside school truly celebrate your child's effort and achievements.



<u>Attendance - Excellent Attendance Across the School This Week!</u> Let's see which class had the highest attendance this week...

Year group	Attendance for w/c 22/9/25
EYFS	97.67%
Year 1	97.93%
Year 2	97.33%
Year 3	99.33%
Year 4	99.68% Winners!
Year 5	98.39%
Year 6	99%
Well done to this week's winnersYear 4! You can negotiate your reward with Mr Reid.	

<u>Dates for the diary</u> <u>Please continue to check this section frequently as it is subject to change.</u>

Saturday 27th September	PFA Annual General Meeting 4pm in the School Hall
DATE CHANGE Monday 29th September & Tuesday 30th September	Bikeability for Year 5 pupils who have signed up
Tuesday 30th September	Flu Vaccinations for those who have consented
Wednesday 1st October	Year 4 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Friday 3rd October	CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day Details TBC
Tuesday 7th October	Year 2 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Friday 17th October	PFA Family Quiz
Monday 20th October	Year 3 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am
Tuesday 21st October	School Photographs Families, siblings & individuals (8.30am start for those not attending our school)
Wednesday 22nd October & Thursday 23rd October	Parents' Evenings Booking will open closer to the time

Friday 24th October	INSET DAY - school closed to children	
W/c 27th October - HALF TERM - school closed		
Monday 3rd November	INSET DAY - school closed to children	
Tuesday 4th November	Year 5 Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am	
Tuesday 4th November	Year 5 parents' virtual meeting about residential trip at 5.30pm	
Wednesday 5th November	Year 6 parents' virtual meeting about residential trip at 5.30pm	
Wednesday 5th November	EYFS Curriculum Workshop 9am to 10.45am	
Friday 14th November	School Photographs - Class Photographs	
Friday 14th November	PFA Sound Bath - 6pm - details TBC	
Saturday 15th November	SVP Tea Party - 3pm to 5pm - Newman Centre - all families welcome - toys, games and cake on offer!	
Wednesday 19th November	9am - Online Safety Workshop from Papaya - school hall	
Thursday 20th November	Centrestage Recital at 4pm in the school hall	
Monday 5th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children	
Tuesday 6th January 2026	INSET DAY - school closed to children	

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