



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that you had a lovely Christmas with your children, and that you were able to enjoy the break. It has been lovely having the children back in school this week, thank you for sending them back in looking so smart and ready to learn.

On Thursday, Father Anthony joined us to celebrate Mass for the Feast of the Epiphany and the start of the new year. We thought about the Kings, and their courage in travelling to find the baby Jesus, and we prayed that we may have the courage to seek Jesus in everyone we meet. We also remembered that the visit of the Kings is a reminder that Jesus came for everyone in the world, regardless of race and background, and we prayed that we may show the same acceptance and respect. Many thanks to the Chaplaincy Team for preparing the Mass and reading so well.

You may have noticed the fantastic School Street banners we have on the fence. Well done to Deysi in Year 6 and Freya in Year 2 for their super designs.



Clubs

Just a reminder that all after school clubs start up again next week.

Phones and Devices

I expect some of the children may have received new devices for Christmas – and I am attaching the information sheet we sent out in September with some advice about setting parental controls. Your child should only bring a phone to school if they need it for walking to or from school – if this is the case the phone must be handed in to the class teacher on arrival, and you and your child will need to complete a phone agreement form. If your child has a smartwatch, you should modify the settings so they cannot access calls, messages, the internet or camera during the school day – otherwise it should stay at home! If you have received a new phone for Christmas – please ensure that we have your up to date contact details!

Year 1 Phonics evening

A reminder about the phonics information session at 3.15 on Monday, 12th January. This is a really important session, with information about how we teach phonics and how you can support your child in their learning. You will also hear about the phonics test which is administered in the summer term. The session is for adults only – please try to make alternative arrangements for your child, but if you have no choice but to bring them we will have a space in a classroom where they can wait for you. One adult per child please.

Admissions FINAL reminder

Don't forget, if your child is due to start school in September 2026, the deadline for applications is NEXT WEEK on 15th January 2026. You must have submitted your application online at BCP council by this date.

You must also ensure that we have received any paperwork that you wish to submit to us to enable us to put your child in the correct category – this will be a baptism certificate, SIF form or proof of address, we must receive this by the 15th January too.

Instrument tuition

Guitar & violin lessons also commence next week. Please make your Spring Term payments on WisePay, thank you.

Attendance – End of Autumn Term

At the end of the Autumn Term our whole school attendance was 96.77%. We are very pleased that this is above target, and it is higher than it was at this point last academic year. We did have a lot of illness over the last 2 weeks of term, and noticed that there were some unauthorised absences due to day trips and holidays. Such events must take place at weekends and over the 13 weeks of school holidays. Please remember that holidays in term time can result in a penalty notice, and you must write to me with any requests, as set out in our attendance policy. We hope that as a whole school, we will be able to maintain our target over the Spring Term. Here is the attendance breakdown for each year group;

Year Group	Attendance
Reception	96.41%
Year 1	96.61%
Year 2	96.83%
Year 3	97.25%
Year 4	96.95%
Year 5	97.41%
Year 6	95.89%

Well done to Year 3 and Year 5 for being above 97%. Thanks for all your support with pupil attendance.

Mission Statement hero and Stars of the Week

Our Mission Statement heroes this week are the three Kings, we learn from their example to seek Jesus in others and to persevere in our commitment to follow him.



Super Role Model:

RJ: Hanna; RP: Teddy; 1JC: Emily; 1WH: Bruno; 2NW: Jay; 2MS: Lilly; 3NL: Hanna; 3BN: Daniel; 4CM: Lillie; 4PM: Malika; 5JC: Liam; 5RH: Alfie; 6KB: Blake; 6HT: Joao Luca

Learning Champion:

RJ: Sophie; RP: Oscar; 1JC: Arthur; 1WH: Pearl; 2NW: Lithus; 2MS: Oli; 3NL: Nicole; 3BN: Taonga; 4CM: Skyler; 4PM: Archie; 5JC: Zak; 5RH: Klara; 6KB: Ruben; 6HT: Nickolas.

Dates for your diary:

Mon 12 th Jan	3.15pm	Year 1 Parents and carers – Phonics info meeting
Wed 14 th Jan	1.30pm	6KB Class Mass-Parents and Carers welcome
Thurs 22 Jan	1.30pm	6HT Class Mass- Parents and Carers welcome
Thurs 29 th Jan	1.30pm	4CM Class Mass – Parents and Carers welcome
Wed 4 th Feb	3.30 – 7.00	Parents' evening – more info to follow
Thurs 5 th Feb	1.30pm	4PM Class Mass – Parents and Carers welcome
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Wishing you a lovely weekend with your family,

Veronica Woodward
Headteacher