

Newsletter
Friday 25th September 2026

Message from the Head Teacher

What a lovely week we have had! The continued good weather has certainly brought lots of smiles, and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the sunshine while continuing to work so hard.

I have been especially proud of the children this week. Their books are looking fantastic, and it is clear to see the care, effort and pride they are putting into their learning. They have also looked incredibly smart, and their exceptional behaviour and wonderful manners have been a real credit to them. It is a privilege to see our school values shining through in the way the children conduct themselves each day.

A very warm welcome to all our new parents and pupils who have joined our school family. We are so pleased to have you with us and hope you already feel very much at home.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say farewell to Miss Reed, who will be leaving us next Friday; I'd like to take this moment to thank her for her hard work, commitment and dedication to our school during her time with us. She has been a valued member of our team, and we are grateful for all that she has contributed to the children and to our wider school community.
As she moves on to begin her new job, we wish her every success and happiness in this exciting next chapter. We hope she enjoys her new adventure and know that she will be greatly missed by us all. Thank you, Miss Reed, and very best wishes for the future.

As always, please take a moment to make a note of some important dates:

- Non-Uniform Day – Friday 2nd October, when we will be raising money for CAFOD.
- School Mass – Monday 5th October at 2.00pm. It would be lovely to see as many of you as possible joining us for this special occasion.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. It makes such a difference to our school community.

Have a wonderful, restful weekend, and enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Dedman
Head Teacher

Prayer of the weekend

Dear God,
Thank you for the week we have shared together.
Bless our pupils, staff and families as we begin the weekend.
Help us to rest, enjoy time with others, and show kindness wherever we go.
Keep us safe and help us return refreshed for the week ahead.
Amen.



Other Notices

Cbeebies parenting information

Cbeebies have released a range of useful resources for parents and caregivers to support pre-school children as they prepare to start in early years settings or school. A helpful resource to share with families that includes expert advice and activity ideas to grow children's independence and support their development.

- CBeebies Parenting – advice, tips and podcasts for parents
- BBC Sounds - CBeebies Parenting - Available Episodes

It also offers free monthly online training for early years professionals.

- CBeebies Parenting Champions Training 2026 - BBC Tiny Happy People

CBeebies Parenting - Professionals.





Catholic Life



On **Friday 2nd October** it is CAFOD Family Fast Day.

On this day we are asked to have a little less food to eat so that the money we save can be given to others in need.

We are inviting the children to

Pay **£1 or more**

to wear their brightest clothes and the money raised will be donated to CAFOD

Admissions

Primary and junior school admissions opened on Tuesday 1 September 2026



If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, you will need to apply for reception class for the school year 2027-2028, even if your child already attends a nursery or pre-school.

Applications can be made online at School admissions | Leicester City Council and will need to be submitted by no later **than 15 January 2027**. I

f you apply after this date, your application will be considered as late, and you may lose out on your choice of school.

Please take the time to read the information provided on our website as you can find details of our schools along with other important information including your catchment school.

You may prefer for your child to attend a school outside of your catchment area and you have the right to list any schools on your application.

However, we strongly recommend that you use all four preferences available to you and include your catchment area school in your application.

You will receive priority for a place there and it means that you increase your chances of securing a place at a local school if all of your higher preferred schools are full.

Secondary school admissions opened on Tuesday 1st September 2026



Please share the below message with your school community.
If your child is due to start at secondary school from August 2027, it's time to apply for a secondary school place. Applications can be made online at School admissions | Leicester City Council and will need to be submitted by no later **than 31 October 2026**. If you apply after this date, your application will be considered as late, and you may lose out on your choice of school.
Please take the time to read the information provided on the admissions website as you can find details of all schools along with other important information including your catchment school.

You may prefer for your child to attend a school outside of your catchment area and you have the right to list any secondary schools on your application. However, we strongly recommend that you use all four preferences available to you and include your catchment area school in your application. You will receive priority for a place there and it means that you increase your chances of securing a place at a local school if all of your higher preferred schools are full.

Diary Dates

Date Wk beginning	Word of week Virtue CST Protected characteristic	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday/Sunday
21.9.26	Dialogue Stewardship	COTW – CAFOD harvest				National Teaching Assistant Day English Civil War Workshops	
28.9.26	Listen Stewardship		Year 3 & 4 to Mass at Church			CAFOD Harvest Fast Day Fundraiser	
5.10.26	Rosary Stewardship	Harvest Mass	EYFS Network Meeting			Year 6 Class Assembly (Joint)	Sunday 11th Oct Year 3 &4 Lead at Mass at St Joseph's
12.10.26	Respect Stewardship		Parent Meeting	Parent Meeting			
19.10.26 Half term holiday							
26.10.26	Holiness All CST principles		Photographer in School	M and M productions			
2.11.26	Change Solidarity					Year 4 Class Assembly	
9.11.26	Remembrance Solidarity	COTW – Year 5 Remembrance					
16.11.26	Youth Solidarity		Year 5 & 6 to Mass at Church			TRUST EVENT /INSET DAY	
23.11.26	Kingdom Solidarity						Christmas Fayre
30.11.26	Hope Promoting peace	Advent Mass				CAFOD world Gifts- fundraiser	
7.12.26	Peace Promoting peace			Foundation Stage Nativity	Christmas Disco		
14.12.26	Joy Promoting peace	COTW Year 6 Christmas	KS1 Nativity	Christmas Dinner			
21.12.26 28.12.26							

Christmas break							

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Term dates 2026—2027 v3

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Holidays

Bank Holiday

5 INSET/Training days in total . 3 are set on this CMAT calendar inset/training days. 'Schools will determine when the 10 hours will be disaggregated time after school'