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Congratulations to our Year 6 leavers! We are so proud of everything you have achieved. As you begin your exciting new adventure, remember to dream big, work hard, and always believe in yourselves. Good luck!

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Farewell and See you Soon Miss Hann!

After many years as a valued member of staff at St. Patrick's, we would like to thank Miss Hann for all her hard work and dedication. We wish her every success with her new Coffee Cart business venture. The good news is that Miss Hann will still be with us every Friday, so why not stop by and purchase a hot drink?

Thank you, Miss Hann, and best wishes from everyone at St. Patrick's!



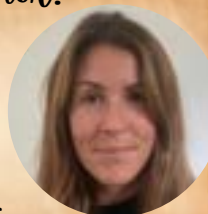
Congratulations and Good Luck Miss Head!

We would like to congratulate Miss Head as she begins an exciting new role at another Cardiff school. During her time at St. Patrick's, she has made a valuable contribution to our school community, and we are grateful for her dedication, hard work and care for our children. We wish her every success and happiness in this new chapter of her career. Good luck, Miss Head, and thank you for all you have done for St. Patrick's.



Thank you and See you next year Mrs Gardner!

We would also like to thank Mrs Gardner for her excellent teaching and support of our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils this year. Her commitment, enthusiasm and encouragement have helped our children to grow in confidence and achieve their very best. We are grateful for all her hard work and the positive impact she has had on our pupils. I am sure we will see her again in the new academic year. Thank you, Mrs Gardner, for a wonderful year.



A Message from Mrs Jones Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another successful school year, I would like to thank our children, staff, parents, governors and wider community for their continued support. We are incredibly proud of all that our pupils have achieved this year, both academically and personally, and they have been wonderful ambassadors for our school.

We say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6 leavers as they begin an exciting new chapter. They leave St. Patrick's with many happy memories, and we know they will continue to make us proud. At the same time, we look forward to welcoming our new starters and their families to our school community in September.

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff for their hard work, commitment and care throughout the year, and our parents for your partnership and support.

As the summer holidays begin, I wish everyone a happy, relaxing and safe break. Enjoy spending time with family and friends, creating special memories and making the most of the weeks ahead. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed, rested and ready for a new year of learning. Please note that school will be closed to pupils on Tuesday 1st September for staff training and will reopen to all children on Wednesday 2nd September. Have a wonderful summer and God bless.

Mrs Jones

Prayer of the Month by Mary

Dear God,
Please look after everyone in the summer holidays and make sure we all have fun and relax.
Amen





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INSET Dates 2026-27

INSET (In-service Education and Training) days are a series of days, usually 6 per academic year, during which children do not attend school and staff receive professional development or are given time to complete administrative tasks. Please note the following dates that school will be closed to pupils.

Autumn 2026	Spring 2027	Summer 2027
Tuesday 1st Sept 2026	Monday 4th January 2027	Monday 5th April 2027
Monday 14th September 2026		Monday 19th July 2027
		Tuesday 20 th July 2027



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Starting Reception in September 2027



Please see below for the arrangements for our new Reception starters during the first four weeks of term, as they gradually build up their timetable and settle into school life.

Starting School 	Group A	Group B	Group C
Staff & Pupil Arrangements	  12 children	  12 children	  12 children
Week One: Induction Day 9.30am - 1:30pm	Wednesday 2nd Sept	Thursday 3rd Sept	Friday 4th Sept
9:30am - 1:30pm	Week Two beginning Monday 7th September 2026		
9:30am - 2pm	Week Three beginning Monday 14th September 2026		
8:45am - 3pm	Week Four beginning Monday 21st September 2026		



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Leadership Structure 2025-26

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Senior Leadership Team

Headteacher



Mrs Jones

Deputy HT &
ALNCo



Mrs Perrett

Lower School
Lead



Mrs Williams

Acting DHT
Upper School Lead



Mr O Hagan

Pastoral Lead



Miss Sullivan

Middle Leadership Team

Language,
Literacy &
Communication



Miss Newson

Prayer & Liturgy
Catholic Life &
Mission



Miss Townsend



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Meet your New Teachers!

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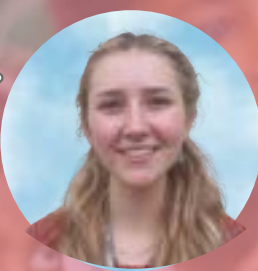
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Nurture

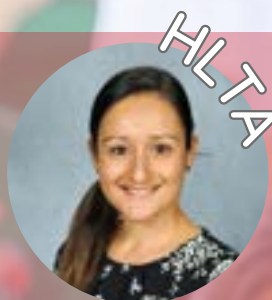


Miss Pearce



Miss Mae

Rec E



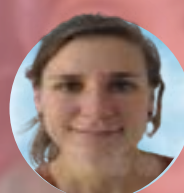
Mrs Evans



Miss Mc Donald



Mrs Udry



Mrs Bright



Mrs Parsons

Year 1-2CC



Mrs Crilly



Mrs Collins

Year 1-2B



Miss Bohlin



Teaching Assistant

Year 3-4N



Miss Newson



Mrs Danilowicz
Interventions

Year 3-4E



Mr Ellis



Mrs Danilowicz
Interventions

Year 4-5T



Mrs B



Mrs Davies

Interventions

Year 4-5SM



Miss Newson



Mrs B



Mrs Davies

Interventions



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Meet your New Teacher 2024-25

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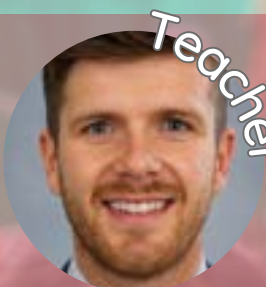
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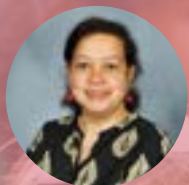
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Y5-6OH



Mr O'Hagan



Mrs B



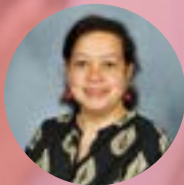
Mrs Davies

Interventions

Y5-6R



Mr Raymond



Mrs B



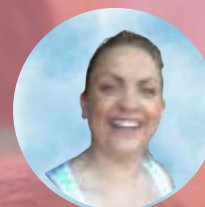
Mrs Davies

Interventions

Wellbeing Team



Mr Howlett



Mrs Cooper

Senior Clerical Assistant



Mrs Davies

Admin & Finance Officer



Mrs Udry

Estates Manager



Mr Parsons

Breakfast Club & Midday Supervisors



Mrs Pride



Mrs Sangweni



Miss Desmond



Mrs Ali



Mrs Suma



Mrs Fitzgerald



Mrs Aherne



Mrs James



Mrs Jones



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Nurture
Miss Pearce
86%

Reception/Y1
Miss McDonald
86%

Reception/Y1
Mrs Evans
86%

Overall
Attendance
89%

Year 1-2
Mrs Crilly
93%

Year 1-2
Miss Bohlin
94%

Year 3-4
Miss Head
86%

Year 3-4
Miss Townsend
86%

Year 4-5
Mr Ellis
89%

Year 4- 5
Miss Newson
94%

Year 5-6
Mr O'Hagan
94%

Year 5-6
Mrs Maddocks
89%

This month's top attending classes are:



Congratulations to all of this month's winners of the highest class attendance!

School Starts:
8.55am
Doors Open:
8.45am



Attendance & Punctuality

For all the children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and be at school **on time** every day the school is open, unless the reason is unavoidable. Any absence affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will seriously affect their learning.

Unauthorised absences are those which the school and the Governing Body, following Government guidelines, do not consider reasonable and for which no 'leave' has been given. This type of absence can lead to the Local Authority (Educational Welfare Service) using sanctions and / or legal proceedings including **fixed penalty notices and fines**.

Unauthorised absence includes:

- **Pupils persistently arriving late to school i.e. more than 10 sessions per half term**
- Parents / carers keeping children off school unnecessarily e.g. because they had a late night or for non-infectious illness or injury that would not affect their ability to learn
- Absences which have never been properly explained
- Shopping trips
- Looking after other children or children accompanying siblings or parents to medical appointments
- Their own or family birthdays
- Day trips
- **Holidays in term time**

We never take such action lightly and would far rather work with parents/carers to improve attendance without having to resort to enforcement action. Attendance is regarded as highly important and we will use our powers if this is found to be the only way of getting a child to attend school.



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WORLD REFUGEE WEEK 2026



The theme for Refugee Week this year was 'Courage'.

We launched this important week with a special assembly led by our CST Ambassadors. We then set up our own 'Refugee Camp' and with the help of our Y5&6 pupils, our learners were immersed into a day in the life of a refugee; eating, sleeping, building homes and receiving medical treatment.

Our pupils participated in many activities throughout the week learning how Jesus was a refugee and how we need to welcome everyone with open arms.

The Little Disciples closed this important week with a reflection assembly,



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Prayer & Liturgy

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St. Patrick's School Anthem

**Chorus: St Patrick's School
Is where dreams take flight
Where we learn to shine
Make our futures bright
With teachers who inspire**

**Let's build a foundation for the life we
desire**

You'll find us in Lucknow St, Grangetown
You're always
very welcome

So come on down! Family support is really a
must

We wear green with pride And in God we
trust

In faith

We grow

*With hope for the future and love for one
another*

Chorus

*We're thankful for our caring staff
Who go out of their way to make sure we're
okay*

*The shamrock on our hearts will forever be
A part of our lives*

*Learning lessons. From Jesus Is the key
The values we share make us who we want
to be*
Chorus



Year 6 Leavers

On Monday, we celebrated our Y6 pupils' final mass at St. Patrick's!

We learned from the gospel of Matthew: 'You are the salt of the earth. Your light must shine so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.' We are the church. We are the followers of Jesus.

We prayed for our pupils to always remember with fondness their time at St. Patrick's. To give thanks for the memories, friendships and faith that have shaped their journey.

We asked God to guide them with courage, wisdom and hope as they begin an exciting new chapter. May they continue to grow in faith, with hope for the future, and love for one another.





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Catholic Life & Mission

By Miss Sullivan, RE Leader



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Pre-loved Uniform

All donations welcome

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Tyfwn mewn ffydd â gobaith ar gyfer y dyfodol a chariad tuag at ein gilydd

- ✓ Green polo neck t-shirts
- ✓ Green round neck jumpers/ cardigans
- ✓ Green hoodies with logo
- ✓ Grey trousers/ shorts/ skirts/ pinafore
- ✓ Black joggers/shorts

Drop Box



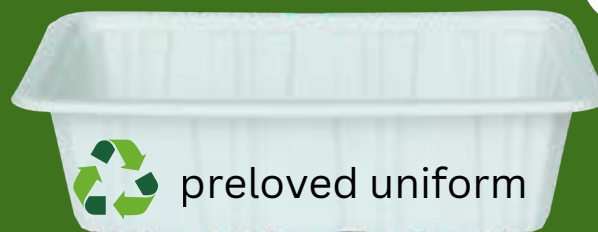
Appeal for Uniform Donations!



Our drop box will be outside the main school entrance and the double white doors every day in July and September.

If you have uniform that your child has grown out of, we can give it a new loving home!

Drop Box!



When is our uniform shop open?



Our Eco council are passionate about reducing, reusing and recycling uniform. They are supported by Mrs Cooper to run the shop. You can gain access to the shop during Big Bocs Bwyd events every month. Uniform can be purchased for a small donation.





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Expressive Arts Festival

By Claudette Crilly, Expressive Arts Lead



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The sunshine stayed with us as we celebrated the Arts Festival with dancing, singing and percussion performances. There was also an art sale, a bouncy castle, coffee and ice cream for everyone to enjoy. We are incredibly grateful to all the parents and families who came along to support us and help make the event such a wonderful success.





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Our July Learning Journal, Nurture

By Miss Pearce



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We have had a
bright and sunny
June/July in
Nurture!

We had lots of fun on
our trip to Barry Island!



We learned to ride the big bikes,
building our confidence, balance
and coordination. We are so
proud of our determination and
resilience!





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Our July Learning Journal, PS1

By Mrs Evans & Miss McDonald



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PS1: Sunshine, sand and smiles!

PS1 band enjoyed an exciting trip to Barry Island as part of our descriptive writing journey! The purpose of our visit was to experience the beach environment first-hand and immerse ourselves in the sights, sounds, smells and textures of the seaside. The children explored the beach, listened to the waves crashing, felt the sand beneath their feet, spotted seabirds overhead and breathed in the salty sea air.



We enjoyed a refreshing ice lolly together, taking a moment to relax and appreciate the beautiful seaside surroundings.



The children carefully constructed sandcastles, demonstrating teamwork, creativity, and growing confidence in their play.



The children explored the texture of the sand by gently burying their feet, engaging in sensory play and shared enjoyment.



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Our July Learning Journal, PS2



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Y1-2



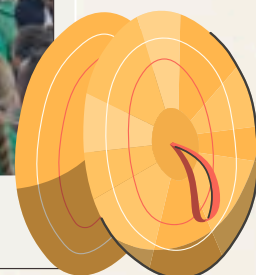
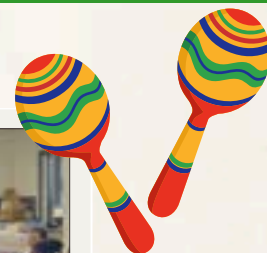
The children have enjoyed a fun and exciting final month of the school year. We have been busy practising for the Arts Festival, with some children taking part in extra rehearsal sessions. Their cooking skills and independence in the kitchen continue to grow and they are continuing to develop their skills in maths, developing their understanding of tens and units as well as learning about arrays.

It has been a fantastic year filled with exploration, learning and new experiences. We are very proud of all the children's achievements and the progress they have made throughout the year.

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Y3-4

Year 3/4 were delighted to welcome John Minkes from the Cardiff Reform Synagogue. During his visit, the children learned many interesting facts about Judaism and gained valuable insight into Jewish beliefs and traditions.



Year 3/4 enjoyed an exciting percussion workshop with Stick 2 Expressive Arts. The children learned about the percussion family and explored musical elements such as tempo, dynamics (loud and soft sounds), and rhythm. They thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experience and enthusiastically took part in the workshop.



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Our July Learning Journal, PS3

By Katy Sullivan, PS3 Lead



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Strike



Y6 Disco



BOWLING!



Pizza in the Park

OUR JULY JOURNEY



MOSQUE VISIT



trips



AUTHOR VISIT FOR 4-5N



TRIPS!



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Year 6 Leavers 2025

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Year 6 Leavers



Our year 6 children have had a fun-filled final week in St. Patrick's!

A bowling trip, a visit to Barry Island, our Leavers Mass at the church, a school disco and a graduation!

We wish them lots of luck in their new high schools, they will be missed by us all!

Miss Sullivan, Mr O'Hagan and Mrs Maddocks.



Class of 2025





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Welsh Language & Culture

By Miss Newson & Miss Bohlin, Welsh Leaders



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Siarter Iaith!



Shwmae from Criw Cymraeg! In just 1.5 academic years, we've managed to achieve the highest recognition for Siarter Iaith. Our original Criw Cymraeg presented the information and our hard work and got us gold!



Shwmae from Criw Cymraeg! In just one year, we've managed to achieve the highest recognition for Siarter Iaith. Our students and staff have really embraced the Welsh language, boosting their skills and love for our culture. We're all proud to be part of this amazing journey!

Parti Criw Cymraeg



After earning our gold accreditation, Criw Cymraeg threw a lively event to celebrate our love for the Welsh language. It was a joyful time, but also a bit sad as we said goodbye to our Year 6 members we'll really miss. We wish them all the best and know they'll keep spreading their passion for Welsh.



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Primary's Choice



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Sports News

By Tiarnan O Hagan, Physical Literacy Leader



SPORTS DAY



Two sunny days of games and excitement made Sports Day 2026 one to remember. Thank you to all the families who showed up and cheered. Well done to St. Winefride for proudly retaining the trophy.



GRANGETOWN SPORTS DAY

Our athletes did us proud at the Grangetown Inter-School Sports Day, showing real effort, fair play and respect. We're thrilled to celebrate that we won the event. A huge thank you to Steve Khaireh for organising such a great day.



We competed in the first-ever Southern GAA Games in Swansea. Our team got all the way to the final! It was a brilliant day out.

GAELIC FOOTBALL





Staying Safe Online This Summer

As we approach the summer holidays, many children will have more free time to spend online. Whether they are playing games, watching videos, chatting with friends or exploring new interests, the internet offers fantastic opportunities to learn and have fun. However, it is important that we continue to help children develop safe and healthy online habits

Top Tips for Keeping Children Safe Online

1. Talk About Online Safety

Have regular conversations about the apps, games and websites your child uses.

2. Keep Devices Visible

Encourage children to use devices in family spaces where adults can supervise.

3. Check Safety Settings

Review privacy settings and parental controls on apps and devices.

4. Protect Personal Information

Remind children never to share personal details or photos online.

5. Follow Age Ratings

Check that games, apps and websites are suitable for your child's age.



Managing Screen Time During the Holidays

With fewer routines during the summer break, screen time can quickly increase. Technology is an important part of modern life, but balance is key.

Create a Family Screen Time Plan

Agree clear expectations together. This might include:

- Screen-free times during meals.
- No devices before bedtime.
- Regular breaks every hour.
- Daily limits for gaming or entertainment.

Encourage Other Activities

Help children enjoy a balance of activities by encouraging outdoor play, reading, sports, creative projects and family outings. Having a variety of options available can reduce the temptation to spend long periods online.

Lead by Example

Children learn from the adults around them. Modelling healthy digital habits, such as putting phones away during family time, can have a positive impact.





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Summer Enrichment

By Tony Ellis, Digital Safety Leader



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Food & Fun School Holiday Enrichment Club

Healthy food,
active days
and enriching
experiences in
a safe, familiar
school setting.

Monday-
Thursday
Weeks 3-5 in
the Summer
Holidays!

Sport, play,
cookery,
creative
activities,
digital projects.

Building
confidence,
supporting
wellbeing,
staying active,
trying new
things.

Informal
learning, and
other
enrichment
sessions.

Hello
Summer!





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Purchasing Uniform

Please continue to send your child to school in appropriate uniform. Should you need support with purchasing uniform please speak to the Headteacher or Mrs Thomas.

Uniform can be purchased from EMA uniform shop or our School uniform shop where our Eco Council recycle preloved uniform.



- ✓ green polo shirts
- ✓ green round neck jumper
- ✓ green cardigan
- ✓ dark grey shorts
- ✓ dark grey pinafore/ skirt
- ✓ gingham dress (summer term only)

Uniform for Wellbeing Days & P.E.

Please continue to ensure your child comes to school in the correct wellbeing uniform on PE and forest school days.

green hoodie



black shorts



black joggers

round neck t-shirt



black trainers



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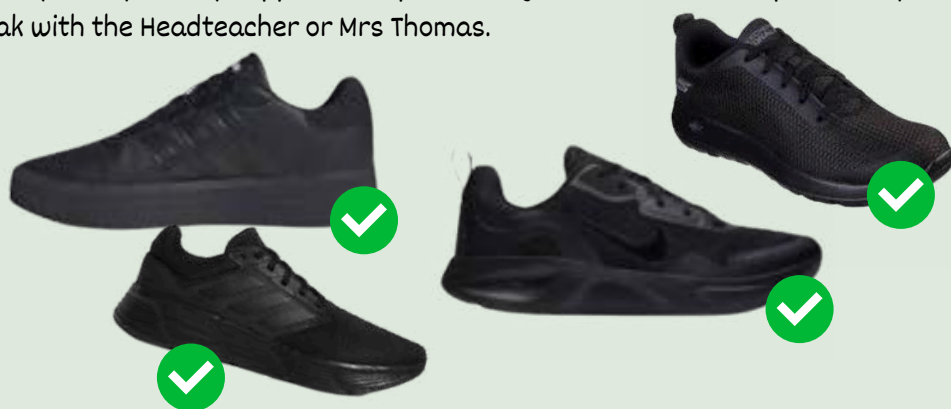
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Suitable Footwear

Children should come to school in footwear that fully encloses the foot for health and safety reasons. Footwear should be black to meet our school uniform policy. Should you require any support with purchasing suitable footwear, please request to speak with the Headteacher or Mrs Thomas.



- ✓ black foot wear shoes, boots, trainers
- ✓ black logo or no logo
- ✓ velcro/ laces
- ✓ Fully enclosed

Your child may be provided with black daps/ plimsolls if they do not come to school in suitable footwear.

Unsuitable for school

Certain footwear choices are not suitable for school. Please see examples of footwear that do not meet the expectations of our school uniform policy.



No white soles



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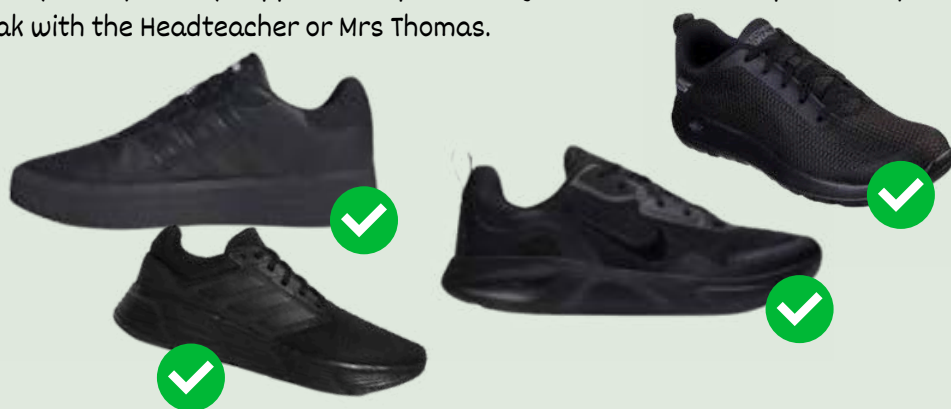
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More than Just Free School Meals

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It's not just... Free School Meals

All children from Reception - Year 6 are entitled to Free School Meals so why apply?



We can reduce / or remove the cost of your child's trips, visits and after school clubs



School Funding is impacted by number of families who meet this criteria.



Grants and funding often offered more readily

Apply Online!

CLICK HERE

Apply here



Primary and secondary school pupils will get **additional financial support** from school if their family receives:

- Income Support
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Income Based Jobs Seeker's Allowance
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit, or Child Tax Credit with an income less than £16,190
- Universal Credit if the net household earnings is less than £7400.
- *Families who get Working Tax Credit do not qualify.

Once you submit an application, you will be notified in writing of the outcome.

If you are eligible for free school meals, your child's school will be notified so that they can update their records.



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School Essentials Grant



You could receive a grant of £125 per child if they attend primary school or are in years 8, 9, 10, or 11. As the applying parent or guardian, you must be receiving one of the following:

- **Income Support,**
- **Jobseeker's Allowance (income based),**
- **Employment Support Allowance (income related),**
- **Child Tax Credit, with a household income of £16,190 or less,**
- **Pension Credit (guarantee element), or**
- **Universal Credit with net household earnings of less than £7,400.**



If you receive Working Tax Credit you will not be entitled to the grant. If you meet these criteria, please complete the School Essentials Grant application form. We will check if you are entitled to this payment with the Department for Work and Pensions.

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School Essentials Grant

Apply for the School Essentials Grant.
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Please provide your contact details

* = required information

Title

First name*

Last name*

Date of birth*



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Dates for your Diary in Septemeber



1st September
INSET DAY 1
SCHOOL CLOSED

2nd September
FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM
School Open to Pupils
Gates Open 8.45am
School Starts 8.55am

3rd September
New RECEPTION Children
GROUP A
9.30am- 1.30pm

4th September
New RECEPTION Children
GROUP B
9.30am- 1.30pm

5th September
New RECEPTION Children
GROUP C
9.30am- 1.30pm

7th September
ALL Reception Children
9.30pm - 1.30pm

11th September
Y3-4 Band
Immersion Day
'Animal Encounter'

14th September
SCHOOL CLOSED
INSET DAY

21st September
Reception Stay and Play 9-
9.45am

25th September
Welcome Back
Community Picnic
(Weather Dependent)
1-2pm





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Dates for your Diary in October



1st October
Restart a Heart Webinar
Y4-6

5th October
Stay & Read
Reception
Parents/Carers
9-9.45am

19th October
Stay & Play
Reception Parents/Carers
9-9.45am

22nd October
Y1-2 Band
Author Visit

23rd October
Harvest Disco

MONDAY 26th - FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER
HALF TERM
SCHOOL CLOSED