



## Prayer for Queen Elizabeth



For Queen Elizabeth and her exceptional reign,  
her deep affection for her people,  
her lifelong desire to serve the common good,  
her humility and grace, hard work and dedication,  
we thank You, Living Lord.  
Be with the King and members of the Royal Family  
as they mourn the loss of a mother and grandmother  
as well as a friend and monarch –  
in the royal palaces, crown them with Your loving-kindness.

Be with our national leaders –  
the First Minister and the Prime Minister  
at this time of uncertainty and change –  
in the corridors of power, crown them with Your heavenly wisdom.

Be with her people in nation and Commonwealth as they mourn a monarch and peace-maker  
and rejoice in the cultural diversity celebrated under her reign –  
in the four corners of her realm, crown us with peace and goodwill.

Be with the hidden folk throughout the world  
who are struggling to make peace, longing for healing,  
grieving the loss of someone they love –  
in pain and grief, crown the nations of the earth with the light of Your love.

## Death of the Queen

We are deeply saddened by Queen Elizabeth's death yesterday. School await further guidance from the DfE, as and when the funeral plans are announced. If there is to be a national day of mourning, all parents will be notified in advance.

Our priority is to follow the Queen's example of service, faith, love. She spent a lifetime living by duty and working for the good of others as her belief in God was strong and influenced her whole life. Her strength and commitment to her family is an inspiration to us all.

## Parish changes

We welcome Father Henry Longbottom and Father Michael Doody to our parish and look forward to working with them. Father Michael led us in a lovely Mass to today and helped us to think about how to love like Jesus and how to pray to Mary and the Holy Spirit. There will be a family Mass on Sunday 25 September at 11am at St Mary's church. We hope all our families can join us for the first family Mass of the year.

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### Welcome back

What a great start to the school year. The children have come in beautifully looking very smart and working hard. We also welcomed our first intake of Reception and look forward to the rest of the Reception class joining our school next week.

### Health and Safety

Please be reminded of the following health and safety notices:

- **We have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies so children must not bring in any nut products including Nutella. Please check cereal bars before sending into school.**
- Do not walk through the school carpark as cars do come in and out of the carpark during the school day. Children and families should walk on the blue path into school.
- Ensure you have informed the class teacher or office if somebody different to normal is picking up your child. We will not release children to friend's parents or unknown relatives if we have not been informed due to safeguarding.
- Make sure your children do not play on the climbing frames before or after school to ensure the safety of your children. Children should also not be playing with footballs to ensure children don't get hit by mistake. Children on the Key Stage 2 side must not use the fitness equipment after school.

### Staffing

We welcome Mrs Brooke to the school community as our new Year 6 class teacher. When Mrs Polzin begins her maternity leave at the end of September, Mrs Brooke will take over as assistant head.

### Fruit trees

We have an abundance of fruit on our trees in the KS1 playground. If anyone would like to take any, please feel free to so it doesn't go to waste. Another parent has been in touch with a food charity to ask them if they would like some too.

### Swimming

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, Year 4's swimming lessons will begin at Holt Park. The children should come to school in their PE kit with their swimming costumes on underneath. Children should bring a towel, underwear, swimming goggles and a snack in a bag.

### Open classroom

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 9.15am – 10.15am we will be having an open classroom event, in place of the meet the teacher event that was cancelled in July due to the extreme weather. This is an opportunity to spend time with your child in their new classroom and get to know the class teacher. Please drop your children off as normal in the morning and then wait in the KS1 playground for Year 1, Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 and go to the KS2 playground via the school carpark and steps for Year 3 and Year 4. The class teachers will open the classroom door when they have completed registers and are ready for the session.

### School times

Don't forget from September the school day will begin at **8.50am** for all children and end at **3.20pm** for all children. Children should line up in the KS1 school playground when the bell rings at 8.50am.

### Macmillan coffee morning

All our families are warmly invited to the Macmillan coffee morning on **Friday 30 September at 9.15am** in the hall. We would appreciate any donations of **nut free** buns or cakes by Wednesday 28 September. We hope you can join us to raise money for this very worthy cause.

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### Curriculum newsletters

Curriculum newsletters have been sent out today. Knowledge organisers will follow next week when the photocopier can staple again but these are available on the website, Please have a look at what your child will be learning this half term. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact the class teacher.

### Uniform

Please be reminded of appropriate school uniform. The children looked very smart this week but some children were wearing nail varnish, make up, hair braids, boots and jewellery. Please remove these before Monday and see the uniform guidelines on our website or below.

For boys, the uniform is:

- Black shoes and dark coloured socks
- Grey trousers
- White button-up collared shirt (long or short-sleeved)
- School navy blue jumper with logo
- School tie (elasticated version for KS1 and self-tie version for KS2)

For girls, the uniform is:

- Black shoes
- White socks or grey tights
- Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore (blue gingham dresses may be worn after Easter)
- White button-up collared shirt (long or short-sleeved)
- School navy blue jumper or cardigan with logo
- School tie (elasticated version for KS1 and self-tie version for KS2)

P.E. kit for both boys and girls:

- Black pumps
- Royal blue shorts
- School white t-shirt with logo

Games kit

- Trainers
- Plain blue or black jogging bottoms
- School logo hoodie (outdoor)
- School white t-shirt with logo

**Children may not wear jewellery to school. Anyone with pierced ears should wear studs during school time.**

**Make-up or nail varnish is not allowed in school.**

**Long hair should be tied back with either a discreet headband or clips. These should be of a single colour, blue or white, to complement the school uniform.**

**Extreme haircuts, hairstyles and hair dye are not allowed.**

**Jumpers and cardigans must have the school logo on.**

We have gone out to other uniform providers so parents have a choice of shops. We will inform you asap of additional providers.

### Synergy days

Each year group had a brilliant session with Wilderness Outdoor Education this week for our synergy days. Each year we spend the first week of school working on our Leader in Me habits, particularly how to work together in our new school year and the children showed this throughout all the year groups.



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### PE days

On **Monday 12 September**, the children are all having a taster day with our new PE provider so all children from Year 1 – Year 6 (not Reception) will need to wear their PE kit on Monday. Due to this there will be a change in PE days for next week only. In addition to Monday the children will need to wear their PE kit on:

Year group	PE day/s
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday (swimming)
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Wednesday

### PE days w/c 19<sup>th</sup> September

Year group	PE day/s
Reception	Thursday and Friday* <b>From 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Year 1	Thursday and Friday
Year 2	Thursday and Friday
Year 3	Monday and Thursday
Year 4	Monday (PE) and Tuesday (swimming)
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Wednesday

### Headteacher Awards

Year 1 – Elsie C-B & Freddie S  
 Year 2 – Hannah B & Grace C  
 Year 3 – Freya C & Lucas P  
 Year 4 – Jacob P & Ruby M  
 Year 5 – Dexter B & Zachary J  
 Year 6 – Allegra S & Zemira Y

### Virtue Awards – love of learning

Year 1 – Austin S  
 Year 2 – Lucy H  
 Year 3 – Jimena G  
 Year 4 – Oonagh K-E  
 Year 5 – Jennifer Q  
 Year 6 – Chloe V



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### Diary Dates

\*denotes parents welcome

#### September

Monday	12		Intake 2 Reception
Wednesday	14		Intake 3 Reception
Wednesday	14	9.15 – 10.15	Open classroom*
Monday	19	3.30pm	Year 6 residential meeting*
Thursday	22		Open the Book
Thursday	22		Individual photos
Sunday	25	11.00am	Family Mass in church*
Monday	26	4.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 English parent meeting via Zoom*
Wednesday	28		Mini Vinnie Mass
Thursday	29		R, Y1, Y2, Y6 – Darker skies project
Friday	30	9.15am	Macmillan Coffee Morning*
Friday	30	11.00am	Year 3 and Year 6 Mass*

#### October

Monday	3	4.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 English parent meeting via Zoom*
Tuesday	4		Reception Class Saint Day – St Francis
Wednesday	5	3.30pm	Reception parents phonic meeting
Thursday	6		Rosary Day
Friday	7	11.00am	Year 4 and Year 1 class Mass in church*
Friday	7	2.30pm	Harvest Festival*
Monday	10		Year 6 Residential
Monday	10	4.00pm	Year 2 English parent meeting via Zoom*
Wednesday	12	4.00pm	Year 1 English parent meeting via Zoom*
Wednesday	12		Open the Book
Wednesday	13		Flu immunisations
Tuesday	18	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Wednesday	19	2.00pm	Reception stay and play session*
Thursday	20	9.15am	Year 5 class assembly
Thursday	20	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Thursday	20		School closes
Friday	21		Training Day

#### SUNDAY MASSES (Saturday Vigil)

Holy Name	6.30pm
St. Mary's	8.15am
Holy Name	9.00am
Assumption	9.45am
St Mary's	11.00am
Holy Name	11.15am