



## Reflection

In Sunday's gospel Jesus encourages us to meet together in his name and says he will be with us. Jesus says that God listens to and answers our prayers.

When we meet people, whether it's to pray, to learn, to sing, or to talk, or to do something else together, if we invite Jesus in, then he will be with us, listening to us and guiding us.

We can meet together in Jesus' name at church, at home and at school.

Can you think of any other places where this happens? Spending time with others is really important.

In the coming week, when you join together in Jesus' name with other people to pray or to sing, remember that all around the world other children are also joining together in Jesus' name. Say a prayer for them: that all children around the world may live happy and healthy lives, in peace and free from poverty.

**Prayer:** Christ Jesus, we thank you for being with us. Watch over us and all our sisters and brothers around the world. Help us to work together in peace and unity, so all people may live free from poverty. Amen.



## Mission statement day

We have had a wonderful start to the year! The children have come back ready to learn, looking smart and well rested and we have even had our first set of new Reception children who have settled in wonderfully.

This year we have started the year with a mission statement day to really understand what our mission is and how we live it. The children thought so carefully about how it links to our virtues, class saints and the Bible and how we could live it. Each class will be adding their work to the school website and share their work on Twitter. We are now all ready to live our mission;

**Happy together in God's family, we love, grow and learn.**



## Virtues to live by

Our virtues for the next 3 weeks are courtesy and respect. Signs of living these virtues are:

- I respect myself and know I deserve respect from others.
- I treat everyone how I would like to be treated.
- I use good manners.
- I respect and follow school and classroom rules.
- I speak politely to everyone.
- I listen to others.
- I praise others for their good conduct.
- I respect and look after my own and other people's belongings



**Important - Health and Safety notices – please read**

**Exiting the playground**

A number of parents are walking through the lines of children as the children are walking into school. We appreciate you may be in a rush to get to work but we ask that you walk behind the lines of children not through them so the children don't get lost or pushed out of the way. We are trying our very best to be punctual at the beginning and end of the day following parent feedback. Please help us by not disrupting the lines.

**Blue path**

Please do not walk through the school car park. Stick to the blue path so cars can see you to ensure the safety of yourselves and the children.

**Play equipment**

Please do not allow your children to go on the play equipment in KS1 or exercise equipment in KS2 before or after school.

**Car park**

The car park is for school staff and parish use only. Please do not use before or after school.

**Snacks**

**Please be reminded we are a nut free school due to a number of children with severe nut allergies.**

Children are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit or healthy snack for playtimes. Healthy snacks do not include sweets, chocolate bars, biscuits, crisps, cheese strings. If you are unsure if a snack is suitable, please query with the class teacher or office.

Children should only bring water to school; no juice is allowed.

**Uniform**

Please be reminded of uniform expectations for our school particularly around hair and jewellery.

- Children may not wear jewellery to school. Anyone with pierced ears should wear **one pair** of studs during school time. If your child has had an additional piercing they will be required to remove one set of earrings. Please ensure the earrings are small studs so they do not get caught in PE and playtimes.
- 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. If your child has had their hair dyed over the summer, please try to remove it. Please also remove colourful hair braids too for Monday.

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### Annual calendar

Please find attached our annual calendar. These dates are subject to change but we will always share the full half term's dates in the diary dates and newsletters so please keep an eye out for changes. These are also available on the school website.

### PE days

PE will start from the second week of term, **w/c 11<sup>th</sup> September**. We are continuing to ask children to come dressed in their PE kit on their new year group's PE day. Please see below.

Year group	PE day/s
Reception	Monday and <b>Tuesday*</b> <b>From 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>
Year 1	Monday and Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday
Year 4	Tuesday (swimming – commencing 12.9.23) and Thursday (PE)
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Friday



### PTA survey

Last year the PTA supported the school in many ways but their main area was to reduce the cost of trips by giving each year group a set amount of money to go towards the price of the coach. This supported both parents and school as it reduced the cost of the trips but also allowed us to continue to enrich our curriculum.

This year we would love to know what your preference would be for the PTA to raise money for; towards the cost of trips, towards curriculum resources or towards playground equipment. Please vote by **Friday 15 September** using this link

<https://forms.office.com/e/yKeVaWPP9H>

### Office

To support the school office's ever increasing workload, the office will be closed on a Tuesday from 9.15am. Any phone calls will be answered by the answerphone and emails will not be actioned until the afternoon. If it is an emergency, please email with the word urgent in the subject heading or leave a voice message explaining the emergency and we will act on it as soon as possible.

### Curriculum newsletters

Curriculum newsletters have been sent out today. To find out more about what your child will be learning this term, please see our [knowledge organisers](#) on the school website.

### Family Mass

We will be having our first family Mass of the year on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 11am, all our families are warmly invited to join the parish.



### **Y6 and Y3 curriculum parent meetings**

Please see below for the Zoom codes for the Y3 and Y6 curriculum parent meetings next week. These will also be recorded and added to the school website so you can access them at a convenient time.

Topic: Y3 curriculum meeting

Time: Sep 11, 2023 04:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89207040813?pwd=ZzRMUUUyZcGZpVmNWSFhDODFLS25BUT09>

Meeting ID: 892 0704 0813

Passcode: 424724

Topic: Y6 curriculum meeting

Time: Sep 12, 2023 04:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84219997063?pwd=WHpmOEpxanBKOU1HRk1leFRGT0p6Zz09>

Meeting ID: 842 1999 7063

Passcode: 426686

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### Awards

#### Headteacher Awards

Year 1 – Rita B & Mollie M  
Year 2 – Ella L & Emily M  
Year 3 – Noah Collinge & Lucy H  
Year 4 – Alice PB & Arthur D  
Year 5 – Oonagh KE & Ethan S  
Year 6 – Joseph E & Callum G

#### Virtue Awards – Courtesy/Respect

Year 1 – Corny P  
Year 2 – Hugo H  
Year 3 – Ben G  
Year 4 – Ramona C  
Year 5 – Will R  
Year 6 – Phoebe B

### Diary Dates

\*denotes parents welcome

#### September

Monday	11		Intake 2 Reception
Monday	11	4.00pm	Year 3 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Tuesday	12	4.00pm	Year 6 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Wednesday	13		Year 4 trip
Wednesday	13		Intake 3 Reception
Monday	18	3.30pm	Year 6 residential meeting*
Monday	18		Science dome for Year 2, Year 3 and Year 5
Wednesday	20	4.00pm	Year 4 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Thursday	21		Open the Book
Thursday	21		Individual photographs
Sunday	24	11.00am	Family Mass in church*
Tuesday	26		Year 1 class trip
Wednesday	27	4.00pm	Year 2 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Thursday	28	4.00pm	Year 1 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Friday	29	9.30am	Year 3 and Year 6 Mass in church*
Friday	29	2.30pm	Macmillan Coffee Morning*

#### October

W/B	2		Whole school 'Ready Steady Read' sponsored read
Tuesday	3	4.00pm	Year 5 curriculum parent meeting via Zoom*
Wednesday	4		Reception Class Saint Day – St Francis of Assisi
Thursday	5		Rosary Day
Friday	6	2.30pm	Harvest Festival*
Monday	9		Year 6 Residential
Thursday	12	3.30pm	Reception phonics workshop for parents*
Friday	13	9.30am	Year 4 and Year 1 Mass in church*
Wednesday	18	9.30am	Year 6 Leeds United Primary Choices
Thursday	19	9.15am	Year 3 class assembly*



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Tuesday	24	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Wednesday	25	9.15am	Year 4 class assembly*
Wednesday	25	2.00pm	Reception stay and play session*
Thursday	26	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Thursday	26		School closes
Friday	27		Training Day

### Parish news

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If your child is about to move into year 3 or above and would like to begin preparation for the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation, 1st Communion or Confirmation please speak to either Fr Michael or Fr Marc after Mass. Here are the Sunday afternoon Catechism Session Dates for your diaries, all at 3pm in Holy Name Church Hall: 17th Sept, 15th Oct, 19th Nov, 10th Dec, 28th Jan, 25th Feb, 17th March, 21st April, 19th May, 23rd June.

### OLK CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUPS

Holy Name gospel class (9am Mass) and St Mary's Children's Liturgy Group (11am Mass) will start again this Sunday, 10th September. We hope you have all had a lovely Summer and we are looking forward to seeing you all again. New children and parents are always welcome!

### CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AFTERNOON

A Christmas Crafts afternoon will be held in Holy Name Church Hall on Saturday, 14 October 2023 from 2.00 - 4.30 pm, in aid of the Catholic, primary school being built in Nekemte, Western Ethiopia, by Father Melaku (Verona Fathers/Comboni Missionaries), based in Horsforth. Tickets: £5 for adults and £3 for children aged 5-11. Materials and refreshments included. Tickets on sale after all Masses on 10, 17 and 24 September 2023. Places are necessarily limited; please buy your tickets as soon as possible to support the children of Ethiopia. Any queries, please phone Stef Howard on 0113 225 3474.

### 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