



SAINT NORBERT'S CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

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Mission Statement: To live, love and learn in the footprints of Jesus.

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Dear Families,

Summer Fayre

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our Summer Fayre on Saturday, despite the changeable weather. This was a real success and enjoyed by all.

I must acknowledge the hard work of our wonderful PTA and all volunteers, who cheerfully ran stalls inside as well as outside through the rain. There is also the significant effort made behind-the-scenes and during the days and weeks leading up to the Fayre – PTA members and family volunteers do so much to support and prepare. Thank you!

Plants, cakes, biscuits and other items remaining from Saturday will be available to purchase on the school playground at 3pm today.

Sports Day – Thursday 27th June 2024

Our planned Sports Day events will soon be upon us and we are hoping that the weather will prove kinder to us. These events are competitive, and we are proud to celebrate all children's participation and effort, whilst also acknowledging sporting achievement.

The Early Years (Nursery and Reception) Sports Day is due to take place in the morning of Thursday 27th June. The pedestrian gate will be opened at 9:30am with the sports beginning at 10am. This event should finish at around 10:30am. Children in the Early Years should come to school in their shorts, t-shirts and plimsolls and bring their school uniform with them to change into once the sports have finished. They should also bring a teddy bear with them for the Teddy Bear Race, please.

If your child is not in Nursery on a Thursday and would like to take part, he/she should be brought to the church gate at 9:15am already changed into his/her shorts and t-shirt. You should then collect your child from the church gate once the sports have been completed. Do please let Mrs Burkill know in advance if your child is attending so we know to expect them.

Sports Day for the children in Classes 3, 4 and 5 will take place in the afternoon of 27th June and will begin at 1pm. The gate will be opened at 12:30pm for you to take your seats. Please do not arrive early as the children will be having their playtime and we need to prepare seating.



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Children in Classes 3, 4 and 5 should come to school in uniform as usual; they will need their PE kits and plimsolls ready to wear in the afternoon. All children must have a sunhat and water bottle with them.

Representatives from 'With Me in Mind' will be present during Sports Day afternoon should you wish to speak to them or obtain any information to support your child. The Friends of St Norbert's will also be serving free refreshments during the afternoon so please do not feel obliged to bring any money to the event.

When the afternoon sports have finished, the children will be asked to take all chairs and equipment back into school and change before going home.

Of course, all of this planning will be subject to change depending on the great British weather. In the event of rain, a text message will be sent to your child's main contact by lunchtime to confirm whether or not the Sports Day is going ahead. Postponing an event is never an easy decision and I would like to thank you in advance for your understanding should this prove necessary.

We very much look forward to seeing you at school for our celebration of sport.

Reminder - Photographs

If you do come to support your child on Sports Day, please take photographs to capture memories if you wish to but I must ask you not to use these on social media or public websites, please. Your understanding and support with this is gratefully appreciated.

Families with Children in Year 6: Transition Day to the Axholme Academy

Unfortunately, the Axholme Academy have had to arrange one of their Year 6 transition days on the same date as our Sports Day - children moving to the Axholme Academy in September are invited to take part in two transition days on both Thursday 27th and Friday 28th June. This date clash has proven to be unavoidable, despite our best efforts; I am sorry for this.

Should your Year 6 child wish to take part in both the transition day on 27th and our Sports Day, I can arrange for a member of Saint Norbert's staff to collect and return him/her from the Axholme Academy at 11:45am. Children should make their own way to the Axholme Academy and not call into our school beforehand in the morning.

If your child is affected, could you please let me know if:

- a) he/she will be visiting the Axholme Academy on the Thursday morning and would like to be collected at 11:45am to join in with our Sports Day;
- b) he/she will be staying for the full day at the Axholme Academy and therefore not taking part in our Sports Day;
- c) he/she will remain at Saint Norbert's all day and therefore only attend the second Axholme Academy transition day on the Friday.

NB: Children who do choose to take part in our Sports Day will need to bring their packed lunch back with them or we can arrange their normal school lunch for this day.

Please let the office know what your child will be doing by the end of tomorrow (18th June) so that we can also advise the Axholme Academy and ensure that all children are accounted for and kept safe.

Class 3 Celebration of the Word

Class 3's 'Celebration of the Word' (collective worship) will take place on Friday 28th June. Doors will open at 2.20pm with the event starting at 2:30pm. Please note that there can be no admittance once the Worship has started at 2:30pm to avoid disrupting the children's hard work.

Staffing Updates

Now that the necessary recruitment processes are sufficiently advanced, I am finally able to share further details with you regarding forthcoming staffing changes.

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Amys – a former member of Saint Norbert’s staff – will be returning to work with us as Teaching Assistant and Manager of Goldstar Out-of-School Club. Mrs Amys should be in post no later than by the beginning of September this year.

I am also delighted to say that Miss Peterson – another former member of Saint Norbert’s staff – will be returning to work with us as Class Teacher in Class 3 from the start of the Advent Term. She will be visiting us before the summer holidays to meet with the September 2024 Class 3 cohort during our transition morning.

Finally, it will be our great pleasure to welcome Mrs Sherwood to the team from the beginning of July; she will be managing our Breakfast Club and working as another valued member of our Teaching Assistant team.

These changes do, however, mean that we will be saying some sad ‘goodbyes’ at the end of term, though we very much hope that it will be more a case of ‘see you soon’. We will be seeing less of Mrs Peake, Miss Yeats and Mrs Sheehan, who have all become friends to and much-appreciated members of our Saint Norbert’s team. As long as they are willing, we would be delighted to see them come to work with us again occasionally when the opportunity arises. I would like to thank each of them for their considerable commitment and dedication to the children in their care.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A Dawson".

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