

Dear parents and carers

13th February 2026

As we approach half term (where's that time gone), we have all been thinking about our emotions as part of Children's Mental Health Week. All classes have been able to reflect on different emotions and completed a beautiful piece of work titled 'My Place' which highlights the importance of feeling safe and that we belong.

Following on from Racial Justice Sunday, the chaplaincy and mini-Vinnies have worked together to create an activity for all the classes. The children led and delivered it themselves and the outcomes will be used to make a new display in our library. It is gratifying to see how they confidently present in front of a whole class- we clearly have many future leaders.

To finish, may I wish you all a happy and restful half-term and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 23rd February.

Joe McIntyre (Acting Head of School)

GOLD BOOK

Reception - Rafi

Year 1 - Isla

Year 2 - Gianna

Year 3 - Sofia

Year 4 - Noah

Year 5 - Yoan

Year 6 - Sienna

This can now be found on school website. [GOLD BOOK](#)

Netball

Well done to the netball team for a fantastic 14 -1 win over Essendon yesterday.

Opal News

Opal are looking for donations of metal utensils for the mud kitchen. If you have any unwanted metal spoons, whisks etc please drop them in the green Opal bin on the playground

Thank you.

Safer Internet Day

The focus for this year's Safer Internet Day is AI technology which is becoming more and more prominent in our daily lives. Below is a link with top tips for parents that you may find useful:

[Safer Internet - Top Tips for Parents and Carers](#)

Emails

There has been an issue recently where emails from admin or office have been going into junk folders. We have been responding to all emails and apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused. The issue has now been resolved but please check your junk folder for any responses you are waiting for.

Thank you.

Term Dates 26/27

There has been a slight change to the 2026-2027 term dates. There is now a Trust Inset Day on Friday 25th June 2027 when school will be closed to pupils. The website has been updated with the new dates.

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Aspens – School Meal Price Increase

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to let you know about a small change to the cost of school meals.

From Monday 23rd February 2026 (after the February half term), the price of paid Key Stage 2 school meals will increase from £3.05 to £3.15.

We know that any increase in costs can be difficult for families. We have tried to keep this rise as low as possible. The increase is 10p per meal and is in line with the rising costs of food and other expenses.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Collection from After School Clubs

As you will be aware we have had new gates installed at the end of the path to the right of the carpark. This is to further ensure the safety of all children, in the school, and parents/carers and siblings during after school club collections.

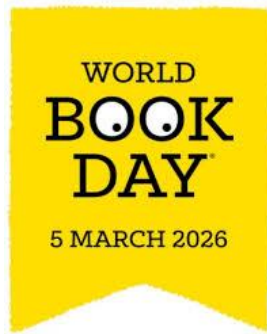
From Monday 23rd February the collection from After School Clubs will be:

Day	Club	Pickup
Monday	Netball	New gates
	Art Club	New gates
	Football	New gates
	Foundation Sports	No change to existing arrangements
Tuesday	Football	New gates
	Foundation Sports	No change to existing arrangements
Wednesday	Gymnastics	No change to existing arrangements (Hall)
	Foundation Sports	No change to existing arrangements
Thursday	Art Club	New gates
	Choir	New gates
	Cooking Club	New gates
	Karate	No change to existing arrangements (Hall)
	Foundations Sports	No change to existing arrangements
Friday	Foundations Sports	No change to existing arrangements

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National
Year of
Reading
2026

World Book day on Thursday 5th March is fast approaching us. Ours was such a success last year that we will be repeating many of the ways we celebrated! This year is also the National Year of Reading so even more reason to get stuck into books!

Costumes – we would like all children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas as these are comfy clothes we all like to read in! They can also bring a (small) teddy if they wish.

Book tasting – We are inviting all parents of years 1-6 to stay after morning drop off and spend some time in your child's class 'tasting' books in our class Book Cafés! There will be a selection of age-appropriate books of all different genres and styles. Come in and try a few of these out and make a note of the titles and authors you both enjoyed reading together. You may be able to borrow them from school or find them in the library or book shop. We'd love as many parents as possible to attend but it would also be lovely if you could also sit with children in the class who may not have an adult. It will be 9:10-10am so there is plenty of time to go to each of your child's classes if you have more than one. Pyjamas are not necessary for adults! (unless you want to!) Reception have already arranged their 'Cookies and Bookies' session for parents for the afternoon.



Book Swap – We would like the children to bring a previously loved book to school that maybe they have grown out of or no longer read. These must be in good condition. During the day, they will all get the opportunity to choose a new book from these donations to take home. If you have more than one to donate, please do, although each child will still only take home one as there may be children who don't have any they are able to bring in. Please can books come in from Friday 27th February (not before) so we have them ready for 5th March?

DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) – All children need a book they are currently reading and enjoying in school on this day. It does not have to be a book from the school reading scheme. Throughout the day, an alarm will go off when all children and adults will stop whatever they are doing and read for 5 minutes until the next alarm. There are always lots of groans when that second alarm goes off as they are enjoying their book!

There will be lots of other things going on throughout the week from teacher swaps to buddy book sharing and I'm sure your children will tell you all about them. Here is a link to World Book Day's family webpage for ideas of promoting reading at home. We look forward to seeing you on 5th March at the Book Cafés!

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>

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British Science Week

6th – 15th March

We will be taking part in the St Francis of Assisi Academy Trust, British Science Week Competition. The theme is:

Curiosity: What's your question?

Children should think about:

- What questions they have about science
- Whether they can answer or investigate these questions
- How they will present their question and findings (poster, spoken explanation, speech, PowerPoint, drawing or model)

The project is due in by **Friday 13th March**. Mrs Dowd will then choose a winner from EYFS, KS1, lower and upper Key Stage 2 and the trust to judge the following week.



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School Term / Holiday Dates 2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026 Tuesday 1st September – Friday 23rd October	
Tuesday 1 st September	Schools closed to pupils - INSET DAY
Wednesday 2 nd September	Pupils return to school
Monday 26th October – Tuesday 3rd November Half – Term Holiday	
Wednesday 4 th November	Pupils return to school
Friday 18 th December	End of term - school closes 1.30pm
Spring Term 2027 Monday 4th January – Thursday 25th March	
Monday 4 th January	Pupils return to school
Monday 25 th January	Schools closed to pupils - INSET DAY
Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February Half – Term Holiday	
Thursday 25 th March	End of term - school closes 1.30pm
Summer Term 2027 Monday 12th April – Thursday 22nd July	
Monday 12 th April	Pupils return to school
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June Half – Term Holiday	
Friday 25 th June	School closed to pupils - TRUST INSET DAY
Tuesday 20 th July	End of term - school closes 1.30pm
Wednesday 21 st July	Schools closed to pupils - INSET DAY
Thursday 22 nd July	Schools closed to pupils – OCCASIONAL DAY

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♥ Friends of Sacred Heart (FOSH) ♥

🏠 PENNY WARS 🏠

FOSH are at it again but this time it's a competition between the classes

How Penny Wars works

From Monday 23rd February 2026 to Thursday 12th March 2026, students will be asked to collect as many coins as they can and bring them into class, during that period. Each class will have their own money jar for all their coins to go into. The jar will be collected and counted and the winning class will be announced on Friday 13th March 2026 celebration assembly.

The winning class will win the Penny Wars prestigious trophy and it will be theirs until the next battle commences

Thank you for your continued support.

FOSH is looking for parents and carers to help support our school community. No experience needed just a little of your time. We currently have great support from our parents but would love to share the load wider across our school community - if you think you can help please email warefosh@gmail.com.



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WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY
THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY

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Late pick up until 5pm **£11**

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Tennis, Rounders, Dodgeball,
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