



What a busy week it's been with trips, communion liturgy and competitions. Just today we have had 3 year groups out on trips, which you will hear all about in the newsletter next week. We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Summer fair on Sunday, 12-4pm. It promises to be a great day and it looks like the sun will be shining on us. See you there!

First Communion Liturgy

Year 3 & 4 had a lovely morning on Thursday celebrating the completion of the First Holy Communion programmes at St Aidan's, St Mary's and our various surrounding parishes. They all looked incredible in their special clothes! Thank you to Father Gerard for taking the time to lead our celebration liturgy!



Covid Updates

Please be aware that we have positive cases of Covid in almost all classes and among both staff and pupils. There are new guidelines for schools and parents to follow (mainly regarding timescales), so please see below for further details.

Cases are rising locally and nationally so please be vigilant. Current guidance is that adults should stay at home and avoid contact with others for 5 days and children should do the same for 3 days, returning then to normal activities if they are well enough (see below).

What to do if you've tested positive for COVID-19

If you have COVID-19, you can pass on the virus to other people for up to 10 days from when your infection starts. Many people will no longer be infectious to others after 5 days.

You should:

- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days
- avoiding meeting people at higher risk from COVID-19 for 10 days, especially if their immune system means they're at higher risk of serious illness from COVID-19, even if they've had a COVID-19 vaccine

This starts from the day after you did the test.

If a child or young person aged 18 or under tests positive for COVID-19, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days. This starts from the day after they did the test.

Children and young people tend to be infectious to others for less time than adults. If they're well and do not have a temperature after 3 days, there's a much lower risk that they'll pass on COVID-19 to others.



St Mary: Keyaan N & Oliver Mcl
St. Francis: Sienna Harewood
St. Joseph: Valentina Navarro-Ward
St. Bernadette: Harriet Dring
St. Theresa: Sammy Famodimu
St. Peter: Lily de F & Ava M
St Paul: Rahmani Nsiah



St Mary: Rocco C & Somi O
St. Francis: Nicolas Pedicini
St. Joseph: Ethan Downing
St. Bernadette: Julia Bolun
St. Theresa: Edward Dance
St Peter: Nathaniel L & Ethan K
St Paul: Alex Zoethout

Infant athletics

Our infant athletics team went to Thomas Becket yesterday to take part in the Catholic schools athletics competition. They jumped, ran and threw their hearts out. Eliana won a silver medal for the individual sprints and thanks to a great team effort and very supportive cheering party (thanks parents and relatives) we came third overall. Amazing. Thanks also to Mrs Gray, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Paull for taking the group.



Soundstart

We had our end-of-year Soundstart concert on Tuesday. Our Yr 3 class impressed us greatly with the range of tunes they had learned in such a short space of time. We also bid a fond farewell to Mr Wheatley who, after 8 years working with our children, is relocating to Cambridge. We wish him all the best for the future.



Year 1 Sea Life trip



Last Friday (too late to make the newsletter deadline) our Year 1's loved their first ever school trip. They visited Sea Life and learnt all about the sea animals. The highlight was playing on the beach, although they didn't enjoy sharing their lunch with the seagulls!

Weather Warning

Next week there is very hot weather in the forecast. Please ensure that pupils come to school with a **full water bottle, sun-screen already applied and a sun hat**. We will be making use of the wooded area at break times to ensure that children are protected from the sun.

Achievement

Well done to Ethan D (Yr 2) and Rocco (Yr R) for achieving their next belts in taekwondo, to Fearne for earning 2 rosettes in a gymnastics festival and to Stanley (Yr 3) for being awarded best team player by his football club. Well done to all of you.



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