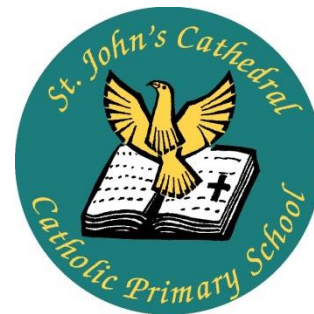


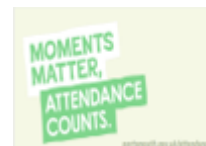
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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we travel through this last half term, we do so with gratitude and a strong sense of purpose. This is always a special time in our school life - a time to celebrate all that has been achieved, reflect on how far our children have come and look ahead with excitement and hope.

We give thanks for the many blessings we share as a school family and pray for those who will be moving on at the end of the year and for those preparing to join us.

Thank you as always for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. I am always really proud of the strong relationships that are fostered in our community and thank you for everything that you and your family do to make our school the incredible community that it is.

Congratulations

Congratulations to those children who made their First Holy Communion this summer. We continue to pray for them and hope that they will always find in The Eucharist peace, hope and the courage to be the voice for the voiceless.

Sports day

Thank you so much for the support and enthusiasm you showed at your child's sports day. It is always lovely to see parents and carers cheering for each other's children and making everyone feel valued and good about themselves. We are also very grateful to CM Sports for putting on the excellent events.

Year 5 and 6 Trip to Wintershall

Please be reminded that the coach company have altered the departure time due to restrictions on the roads. Children need to be at school by 8am on Friday for an 8:10am departure.

Local Offer Live Today

Local Offer Live is a free, fun-filled event packed with exhibitors, workshops and activities at the Mountbatten Centre on 17 June from 2pm to 7pm. It is an afternoon of services offering advice and support for children and young people with SEND.

Over 30 exhibitors will be there, showcasing inclusive summer activities as well as offering advice and signposting. These include PPV, the Neurodiversity Team, Portsmouth SENDIASS, Portsmouth Carers Centre, and The Mental Health Hub.



Mrs Gardner and Mrs Brown

Please continue to pray for Mrs Gardner and Mrs Brown who are both doing incredibly well but are still too unwell to return to work.

Uniform

As a reminder, please see the summer uniform list below:

Yellow and white gingham check dress

or yellow gingham matching top and shorts/skirt (do not mix eg by wearing gingham shorts and polo shirt)

or grey shorts with a white polo shirt

black or white sandals may be worn in the summer

White or grey socks. (if wearing tights, winter uniform should be worn)

School baseball cap with or without school logo

Class Masses/Celebrations of the Word

Years 3 and 4: To be confirmed

Years R and 1: Friday 10th July at 9.30am at the cathedral

Year 6: Monday 20th July at 9am in school

INSET Day

Don't forget that Friday 26th June is an INSET day. The school and nursery will be closed to children.

Transition Days

Year 6: Portsmouth schools have designated Monday 29th June and Tuesday 30th June as transition days. Year 6 children who will be attending a Portsmouth secondary school will be invited to their new school on these days.

Reception to Year 5: In previous years, we have sent home transition packs for children with special educational needs to support families in preparing them for their new classrooms, staff and routines. However, we have reviewed that this year and recognise that there are many children who may be nervous about changes and so have decided to make a universal offer for transition; All children will spend 2 days with their new staff on Monday 29th June and Tuesday 30th June and then following this families will receive a video reel of the new classroom. This film will support you in preparing your child for their new class by talking about where they line up, where they put their coats and bags etc. I hope that you will find it beneficial.

End of term assembly

Reception and KS 1 assembly is at 9am on Wednesday 8th July.

KS 2 assembly is at 9am on Monday 13th July.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

L. Park
Head Teacher

DIARY DATES

2025-2026

June

Monday 1st

back to school

Wednesday 10th

Class photos

Wednesday 17th

Reception drama day

Wednesday 24th

Year 5 book awards

Year 1 trip

Choir to Annual Schools' Mass

Friday 26th

INSET day – school closed

July

Wednesday 8th

R,1 and 2 end of term assembly

Monday 13th

Yr 3-6 end of term assembly

Thursday 16th

Year 6 show 1.45pm and 6pm

Tuesday 21st

Children break up for summer

Wednesday 22nd

INSET day – school closed

DIARY DATES

2026-2027

September

Tuesday 1st

INSET day – school closed

Wednesday 2nd

INSET day – school closed

Thursday 3rd

Back to school Year 1-6

October Half-Term 26th-30th October

Christmas 21st Dec – 1st January

Feb half term 15th-19th February

Easter 26th March-9th April

June half term 31st May-4th June