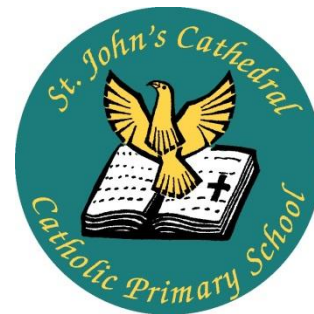


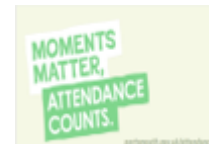
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2nd June 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. I hope that you had a lovely half term with your children.

Staffing updates

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Brown has returned to work on a phased return. Mrs Coyle and Mrs Bailey will continue in Reception but I am sure that the children will get to see lots of Mrs Brown too.

Mrs Bradley has gone on maternity leave and we wish her and her husband well in their final preparations before their new baby is born. We welcome Miss Simmonds who is going to be teaching in Year 2 for the next few weeks.

After a long and very successful career in teaching, it is with sadness that I have to inform you that Mrs Beaton will be retiring at the end of this academic year. She has been an incredibly committed member of our school community and has had a huge impact on so many children and families in the many roles she has undertaken. In the last few years as SENCO, she has transformed our provision for children with special educational needs. Over the next few weeks, she will start handing over to our new SENCO – Mrs Brown (congratulations Mrs Brown!) and so any meetings and reviews this half term they will do together to ensure a seamless transition.

Class Masses/Celebrations of the Word

Wednesday 4th June Year 3 Mass in the hall
Friday 13th June Years 1 and 2 Celebration of the Word
Friday 20th June Years 4 and 5 Mass
Monday 7th July Reception will join Year 6 for their Leavers' Mass

Rescheduled Sports Day

We are pleased to let you know that we have rearranged Yr 1- 6 sports day for Thursday 12th June. It will be held at Arundel Court and the arrangements will be the same as for the original date.

Transition Days

Portsmouth schools have designated Monday 30th June and Tuesday 1st July as transition days and so many of our Year 6 children will be visiting their secondary schools on these days. We have therefore decided to have these 2 days as our Meet the Teacher Days when children will temporarily move to their new classes and start preparing for life in their new year group.



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End of term assembly

Assembly will be held in the hall on Monday 21st July, at 9am for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and at 2.30pm for Years 3-6.

INSET Days

Friday 27th June 2025

Thank you once again for all your support.

Yours sincerely,

L. Park
Head Teacher

DIARY DATES

June

Monday 2nd

Back to School

Yr 4 Multiplication Check starts

Wednesday 4th

Pilgrims of Hope Day

Thursday 5th

Reception school trip

Monday 9th

Yr 1 Phonics Screening starts

Friday 13th

Year 1 and 2 Celebration of the Word

Monday 16th

Year 1 trip

Wednesday 18th

Year 6 trip

Friday 20th

Year 4 and 5 Mass

Friday 27th

INSET Day

Monday 30th

Transition/Meet the Teacher Day

July

Tuesday 1st

Transition Day/Meet the Teacher

Monday 7th

Reception and Yr 6 end of year Mass

Thursday 17th

Yr 6 Show

Monday 21st

End of Term Assembly

9am KS 1

2.30pm KS 2

Tuesday 22nd

1.30pm Break Up for Summer