

**ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
(WITH NURSERY)
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy Easter! I hope that you had a happy and holy Easter with your family and friends. Thank you for the kind gifts, cards and words that were shared with us. They were very much appreciated. Thank you also the choir, readers, servers and actors who supported the cathedral over the Easter holidays at the Chrism Mass and Stations of the Cross.

After celebrating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ at the weekend, it was with great sadness that we received the news on Monday morning of the death of the Holy Father, Pope Francis. As a school community, we spent time in prayer this week and invite you to pray as a family using the prayer below:

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,
whom you made successor of Peter
and shepherd of your Church,
may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven
the mysteries of your grace and compassion,
which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
Amen.

Living Eggs

As part of our work on Easter and new life, we welcomed 10 Living Eggs in to school this week. They are in the main office where we will watch them hatch and grow. Children will have the opportunity to marvel at the wonder of new life as they watch and handle the tiny chicks for the next 2 weeks. You are very welcome to come in and see the chicks with your child at the beginning or end of the day, before they return to the farm on Friday 2nd May.



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Mrs Brown

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Brown is recovering very well from surgery and with a treatment plan in place is hoping to start a phased return to school very soon. We are very excited to welcome her back.

Summer Uniform

As we are now in the summer term, children can wear summer uniform if they would like to. 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

Asda Cashpot for Schools

Thank you to everyone who donated to our school through the Asda Cashpot for Schools initiative. We were delighted to receive £353.67 which we will be using to update the class wet playtime boxes.

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

Sports Days

We are delighted that Arundel Court Primary School have offered us the use of their field for our sports day (Years 1-6). It will be held on the morning of Wednesday 21st May. Nursery and Reception sports day will be held at school on Tuesday 20th May.

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.

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

April

Friday 25th Yr 2 school trip
Monday 28th 2.45pm Nethercott Meeting

May

Thursday 8th VE Day Celebrations

Monday 12th Yr 6 SATS Week
Tuesday 20th Nursery and Reception Sports Day
Wednesday 21st Yr 1-6 Sports Day

Half Term: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

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
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