

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

Welcome back to the start of our summer term. I hope that Easter brought you a time of rest, renewal and joyful celebration. As we return to school, we carry with us the hope of resurrection and the reminder that God walks alongside us in all that we do.

This term is always a special one in the life of our school. The lighter days, warmer weather and sense of new beginnings creates a wonderful atmosphere for learning and growing. Our children return with fresh energy and enthusiasm ready for the opportunities ahead, embracing our mission of loving to learn and learning to love.

Thank you

Thank you for the kind words, gifts and cards that were shared with staff before Easter. They were very much appreciated as is your ongoing partnership and support.

Thank you also to the children who led the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at the cathedral. Thank you for giving up your time and for leading a prayerful and reflective service for our community.

Big Lent Walk

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Big Lent Walk to raise money for CAFOD. We are pleased to have raised over £100 to help fight global poverty. If you haven't donated yet, there is still time so please go to our fundraising page to help us meet our £200 target.

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 24th April.

Mrs Gardner and Mrs Brown

Please continue to pray for Mrs Gardner and Mrs Brown who are both doing incredibly well but are not yet able to return to work.



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

Class Masses/Celebrations of the Word

Year 2: Wednesday 6th May at 10am in school

Year 5: Thursday 14th May at 2pm in school

Years 3 and 4: Monday 29th June at 9am in school

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

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

Sports Days

Nursery and Reception sports day will be held at school on Tuesday 19th May.

Yrs 1-6 sports day will be held at school on Wednesday 20th May.

Transition Days

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. The rest of the school will spend the 2 days with their new class teachers in their new classrooms to prepare them for moving up in September.

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

April

Monday 13th

Monday 27th

Back to school

Nethercott Trip

May

Monday 4th

Thursday 7th

Monday 11th

Tuesday 19th

Wednesday 20th

Friday 22nd

Bank holiday – school closed

Year 5 swimming starts

SATs week for Year 6

Nurse and Reception Sports day

Years 1-6 Sports day

Break up for half term

Half term 25th-29th May

June

Monday 1st

Wednesday 10th

Wednesday 17th

Wednesday 24th

Friday 26th

back to school

Class photos

Reception drama day

Year 5 book awards

INSET day – school closed

July

Wednesday 8th

Monday 13th

Thursday 16th

Tuesday 21st

Wednesday 22nd

R,1 and 2 end of term assembly

Yr 3-6 end of term assembly

Year 6 show

Children break up for summer

INSET day – school closed