

ST COLUMBA C OF E SUMMER 2 NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another incredible school year, this final newsletter reflects on just some of the highlights that have made this year so special for our children, please see below, and you class letter for some of these reflections.

From enriching trips and exciting visitors, to school-wide events and celebrations, it's been a joy to see your children learning, laughing and growing together. These experiences wouldn't be possible without the dedication of our incredible staff team and volunteers, who consistently go above and beyond to create lasting memories and meaningful learning opportunities for every child and the whole school community. We are deeply grateful for their passion, professionalism and unwavering care.

One of the best measures of a successful school is the way children run through the gates each morning, smiling, happy, and ready to learn. That energy and sense of belonging says more than any test score. Nevertheless, we are incredibly proud of our Year 6 cohort for their exceptional SATs results this year:

- Reading – 90% (National: 75%)
- Writing – 70% (National: 72%)
- Maths – 80% (National: 74%)
- Combined – 70% (National: 62%)

These results are a testament to the children's focus, determination and resilience, and the commitment of our adults in school. We wish all our leavers the very best as they move on to the next phase of their education, we know they will continue to shine.

We are also pleased to share a staffing update: Miss Woodhouse has been appointed to the Senior Leadership Team as our new Assistant Headteacher. Her expertise in phonics, Early Years and English will play a key role as we roll out our new phonics scheme and continue driving standards across the school.

We're proud to say that once again, we've had another year of staff stability, which brings invaluable consistency for our children and supports the school's continued growth.

This year, pupil, staff and parental voice has been overwhelmingly positive, a real testament to the strong relationships, shared values and mutual respect that underpin our school community. We know we won't always get everything right; we are human, but every decision we make is with the children's best interests at heart. Of course we welcome any feedback to help improve in any areas; we are always looking for ways to improve. We appreciate when any points are raised with compassion and professionalism that we show to others.

Thank you for trusting us, for working alongside us, and for supporting your children and our staff through the many changes and challenges that education continues to face.

Wishing you all a restful and joyful summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year.

Kind regards,
Mrs Viola
Head Teacher



YEAR 6 LEAVERS



On Wednesday we went to Portsmouth cathedral with a few other local schools and took part in some lovely activities, some focusing on prayer, some focusing on teamwork and community. The children built prayer pyramids with 'stained glass windows', rehearsed their leavers songs, took part in a paired lego-building activity and explored the cathedral and found their installation artwork that they made earlier this term!

In the leavers service, they sang with the other schools, collected our new candle and listened to the Bishop and his dog Bonnie!

Monday we had our leavers service in the church. The whole school attended, along with many parents, grandparents and family friends. The children shared their favourite memories of St Columba in the form of poems, sang songs with the whole school and watched video montages of their journey through primary school. They received a blessing and a Bible from Reverend Sam and shared their aspirations for the future.

Good Luck in the future, you will all be greatly missed.



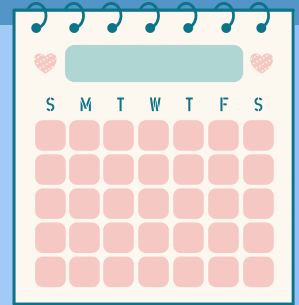
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MUSIC MARK
SCHOOL
2024 - 2025



Dates for your Diary



September



3rd & 4th - INSET DAY

5th - FIRST DAY BACK

15th - Oak Class meet teacher 3:15 pm

16th Hazel Class meet the teacher 3:15 pm

17th - Beech Class meet the teacher 3:15 pm

18th - Willow Class meet the teacher 3:15 pm

29th - Oak Class Butser Farm Trip

October

2nd - Phonics meeting Year R/1 2:40pm

8th - Beech Class Wetlands Visit

22nd - Church - Harvest 9:30

27th - 31st - HALF TERM

November

5th - Maths information session 2:30pm

10th - 11th - Parents Evening

2026

JANUARY

5TH - RETURN TO SCHOOL

28th - Coffee afternoon

FEBRUARY

16th -20th - HALF TERM

MARCH

23rd - Easter Service 9:30

30th EASTER HOLIDAYS

APRIL

13TH - RETURN TO SCHOOL

29th - Supporting children with anxiety workshop

30th - SATs Parents information

MAY

11th -14th - SATs week

22nd - INSET DAY

25th - 29th - HALF TERM

JUNE

1st - INSET DAY

19th - Sports Day

JULY

20th - Leavers Service

December

11th Christmas Jumper and Lunch

15th - Carols on the cross - Time TBC

17th - KS1 Nativity

19th - INSET DAY

22nd - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

INSET DAYS

2025/26

3rd September 2025

4th September 2025

19th December 2025

22nd May 2026

1st June 2026

SAVE THE DATE

SPORTS DAY



WIZARD OF OZ



The children have been working on this since January!

We had auditions to allocate roles, then pupils worked tirelessly to learn their lines and stage directions - some pupils had over 100 lines to learn!

Art club worked each week to paint the scenery for the backgrounds, Hazel class made their own poppies and mouse ears to wear, and we learnt the songs during weekly singing worship. We used our oracy skills to make sure the speaking parts were clear, expressive and projected to our audiences.

The whole school got involved with the show and we're so proud of how it turned out!

