



St George and St Martin

Start of Autumn 1



Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. I hope that you have had a great summer break and had some much needed family time.

Over the summer, a new heating system was installed. The staff worked hard last week to get the school back to looking as good as it always does,

Unfortunately, due to this work taking longer than expected, we were unable to complete jobs that were originally planned for the summer. This included removing the old gazebos at the back of the Key Stage 1 building. This should be happening during this week. It also meant we were unable to install the gym equipment on the Key Stage 1 playground. This will now take place during October half term.

It has been lovely welcoming the children back to school today and welcoming our new Nursery children to the start of their 8 year journey with us. Everyone has settled so well and is definitely ready for the challenges of their new class.

We welcome Mr Howle who will be with us in Year 6 for this year whilst he is training to become a teacher.

At the start of this academic year, we are asking that Year 1 and 2 children come into the Key Stage 1 building by themselves to reduce the congestion in the cloakrooms and corridor and make everyone safe. If you need to pass a message onto your child's classteacher, this can be done through the teacher on the door or by letting myself or Mr Bridgewater know on the playground.

A reminder to please ensure your child's name is in all uniform and coats, so that we can do our best to reunite them when things are lost.

Autumn Term Clubs

You will be able to book onto our after-school clubs for this term from Wednesday 3:30pm and a letter with the clubs available for this term will be sent tomorrow

Places in classes

We currently have places in all classes with the exception of Reception. If you know of anyone requiring a place, please get in touch with the school office.

Baby group

Our baby group will continue after the Easter holidays. To try and encourage more families to access, we will be changing the time to 9 – 10am on Tuesdays.

Attendance Rewards for this year

The children have decided that for 100% attendance for the year, there will be a trip to Flip Out for those children who manage 100% attendance for the year. The class with the best attendance will watch a film with treats.

Operation Encompass

We are proud to be an Operation Encompass school. Operation Encompass is a police and education early information sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support for children and young people experiencing domestic abuse. Information is shared by the police with a school's trained Key Adult (Mrs Farmer) prior to the start of the next school day after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident thus enabling appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The SHARP System

Children can report any concerns that they have about themselves or others anonymously by using the SHARP system: <https://sgsmnewman.thesharpsystem.com/>

Diary dates for this half term

9 - Wednesday 9th September

9 - 11am Year 6 Inspire morning - please come along and learn about St Maximillian Kolbe

3:30pm After-school clubs booking opens on Arbor

Thursday 10th September

9 - 10:30am Year 1 Inspire morning - please come along and learn about St Teresa of Calcutta

6 - 8pm Prospective parents meeting at St Margaret Ward for children in Year 5 and 6

Sunday 13th September

Education Sunday

Tuesday 15th September

3:30 - 4:30pm - meet the teacher (there will be 2 meetings, one at 3:30pm and one at 4pm. Please do your best to attend one of these. If you are unable to attend one of these, but would still like to meet with the teacher, please contact the school office and we will do our best to arrange)

Thursday 17th September

9:15am Whole school Mass - all welcome

Friday 18th September

11 - 12 Year 6 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

Monday 21st September

International Day of Peace

10 - 12 Year 6 visit St Margaret Ward to take part in a History lesson

Thursday 24th September

8:50 - 9:20am Stay and pray - come along and pray with your child

Friday 25th September

9am Year 6 class assembly - 2 places reserved per child

Sunday 27th September

St Vincent de Paul feast day

Monday 28th September

9 - 11am Year 5 Inspire morning - please come along and learn about St Vincent de Paul

Tuesday 29th September

Feast of the Archangels

Wednesday 30th September

8:50 - 9:20am Stay and read - come along and read with your child

11 - 12 Year 5 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

Thursday 1st October

St Teresa of Lisieux Feast day

9:15am Whole school Mass - all welcome

2:45pm Celebration of the Word for St Teresa of Lisieux - all welcome

Friday 2nd October

Photo day



Diary dates for this half term

Sunday 4th October
St Francis of Assisi Feast day

Monday 5th October
Year 2 Inspire morning – please come along and learn about St Francis of Assisi

Wednesday 7th October
Family Day – details to follow

Thursday 8th October
6pm Combined Schools' Mass

Friday 9th October
9am Year 5 class assembly – 2 places reserved per child
1 – 3pm Year 6 visit St Margaret Ward to take part in an art lesson



Monday 12th October
St Carlo Acutis Feast day
9 – 11am Year 4 Inspire morning – please come along and learn about St Carlow Acutis

Wednesday 14th October
11 – 12 Year 4 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

Friday 16th October
9am Year 4 class assembly – 2 places reserved per child

Monday 19th October
8:50 – 9:20am Stay and do Maths – come along and do Maths with your child

Tuesday 20th October
1 – 3pm Year 6 visit SMW to take part in an Art lesson

Thursday 22nd October
Treat day – please send a small treat for your child to eat at break time
9:15am Harvest Service – all welcome
3:20pm School closes for half term