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12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

**Dates / Events for the school year 2025/2026**

Thank you for the very positive welcome, it has been great to meet so many parents and carers on the school gates each day. Pupils have been delightful this week and we are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

**Events:** The school staff team have planned out the school year. My wife and I are both full time working parents and know how difficult it is to attend school events, especially when given short notice. We hope parents will find these dates useful.

**PTFA:** Our PTFA are small in numbers but have big ambitions on making a positive impact on all our pupils! You'll see from the event dates that they have planned a lot already. The PTFA AGM meeting will take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3.20pm in the playground. Please come along and see how you could help out.

**Celebration Assembly:** Every Friday morning, we will be holding a Celebration Assembly in school. If your child does any activities outside of school, please send in any certificates / awards / trophies so we can celebrate their achievements with the whole school.

**Clubs:** We are keen to start after school and lunchtime clubs. Y6's are desperate for a football team. If any parents or carers have the time to run an after school or lunchtime club, please let the school office know. All volunteers will be required to apply for an Enhanced DBS check prior to commencing. School will pay for and process this application.

**Volunteers:** We would welcome an army of volunteer readers or classroom helpers in school. All we ask is that you have at least a regular weekly hour to spend in school. Again, please let the school office know. All volunteers will be required to apply for an Enhanced DBS check prior to commencing. School will pay for and process this application.

**Queries / concerns:** If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school. If it is class specific, then please approach the class teacher in the first instance. Our school office staff are also always happy to help. I will also be at the school gate morning and evening whenever possible – please approach me with any issues.

Kind Regards, God Bless, Mr Francis McDonnell – Interim Headteacher

Date / Time	Event
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September 3.00pm+	PTFA Tuck Shop
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 9.00am	EYFS/Y1 parent session in school. How to help your child to learn Reading & Phonics
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 10.00am	New Year School Mass – <b>All Welcome</b> ☺
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 3.00pm+	McMillan Big Coffee Cancer Research fundraiser. <b>Please can we ask for donations of cakes / biscuits.</b> Children can buy treats at break time, and the school community after 3.00pm



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Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Eight Year Six pupils are attending a reward event at Buddens Activity Centre.
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 9.00am	EYFS parent session in school. How to help your child to learn through play.
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September 3.00pm+	Scholastic Book fair after school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>School Census Day – we need as many children as possible to have school dinners on this day as we will receive more funding ☺</b>
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 3.20pm	PTFA Annual meeting – please come along!
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October – time to be confirmed	Harvest Festival – <b>All Welcome ☺ Please can we ask for donations of tinned and dried food.</b> These will be donated to a local food bank –
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2.00-6.00pm	<b>Parent / Carer Open Evening – please book through the school office</b>
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	NON UNIFORM DAY – £1 donation if possible
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October R/Y1/Y2 <b>3.15-4.00</b> Y3-Y6 <b>4.15 - 5.15</b>	PTFA Halloween Disco! £1 entry includes drinks and sweets!
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 10.45-11.15	Celebration Assembly – <b>All Welcome!</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Headteacher's TOP TABLE!!! ☺
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 3.15</b>	<b>School closes for Half Term</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Staff training day – school closed to pupils
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bonfire Night: Please speak with your child about firework safety
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	ODD SOCKS DAY!!!!!! +Anti-Bullying week begins
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day Liturgy in school
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	School Nurse administering Flu Vaccinations
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	NON UNIFORM DAY – BBC Children in Need Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual School Photographs
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Launching our Christmas Shoebox Appeal
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December – Time TBC	Advent Mass in school – <b>All Welcome ☺</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA – <b>Present Donations Please</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm+	PTFA Christmas present room ☺
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm	EYFS/KS1 Nativity Performance – <b>All Welcome ☺</b>
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper day! School Christmas Dinner & Class Christmas Parties & PTFA Raffle
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Headteacher's TOP TABLE!!! ☺
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 5.30pm	Carols in our Parish church – <b>All Welcome ☺</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 10.45-11.15am	Celebration Assembly – <b>All Welcome!</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 3.15</b>	<b>School closes for Christmas</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	Staff training day – school closed to pupils
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 3.30-4.30pm	Y4 parents session in school – How to help your child with the Multiplication Check.



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Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 3.30-4.30	Y6 parents session in school – How to help your child prepare for SATs Tests.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>School Census Day – we need as many children as possible to have school dinners on this day as we will receive more funding ☺</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2.00-6.00pm	<b>Parent / Carer Open Evening – please book through the school office</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	NON UNIFORM DAY – £1 donation if possible
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February R/Y1/Y2 <b>3.15-4.00</b> Y3-Y6 <b>4.15 - 5.15</b>	PTFA Valentine's Disco! £1 entry includes drinks and sweets!
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 10.45-11.15am	Celebration Assembly – <b>All Welcome!</b>
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Headteacher's TOP TABLE!!! ☺
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 3.15pm</b>	<b>School closes for half term.</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Ash Wednesday – Lent begins.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Staff training day – school closed to pupils
<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	WORLD BOOK DAY! <i>EVERYONE TO DRESS UP!</i>
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day! = NON UNIFORM DAY ☺
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Group / Class School photographs
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 9.00am	Y1 parents session in school – How to help your child with the Phonics screen check test.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 10.45-11.15am	Celebration Assembly – <b>All Welcome!</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Headteacher's TOP TABLE!!! ☺
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>School closes for Easter</b>
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Palm Sunday
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Sunday: He Is Risen!
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Pupils return to School</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	British Values Week
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April 3.00+	PTFA Tuck Shop
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – school closed</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	VE Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Test +Breakfast each day ☺
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs Party Day!!!
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	<b>School Census Day – we need as many children as possible to have school dinners on this day as we will receive more funding ☺</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 10.45-11.15am	Celebration Assembly – <b>All Welcome!</b>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Headteacher's TOP TABLE!!! ☺
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>School closes for Half Term</b>
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Pentecost
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Staff training day – school closed to pupils
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Pupils return to School</b>

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Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check Tests.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics screening Test
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	NON UNIFORM DAY – £1 donation if possible
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June <b>R/Y1/Y2 3.15-4.00 Y3-Y6 4.15 - 5.15</b>	PTFA Disco! £1 entry includes drinks and sweets!
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Father's Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day – whole school – <b>All Welcome</b> 😊
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2.00pm	Y6 Performance to parents
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July +Time TBC	Y6 Leaver's Liturgy +Awards – <b>All Welcome</b> 😊
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Headteacher's TOP TABLE!!! 😊
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 10.45-11.15am	Celebration Assembly – <b>All Welcome!</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>School closes for the summer</b>
<b><i>Lots more to be planned! 😊</i></b>	

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