



Welcome Back Everybody!!

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Dates for diary:

Notes for the Diary

Please see holiday dates on our school website and the Weduc calendar.
return. Thank you.

- Sunday 14th March- Mother's Day
- Wednesday 17th March- St Patrick's Day
- Friday 19th March- St Joseph's Day
- Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd March- Teams Parents Evening 'Settling Back to School'
- Friday 26th March- Break Up Easter holidays
- Sunday 28th March—Palm Sunday
- Friday 2nd April- Good Friday
- Sunday 4th April- Easter Sunday



Congratulations!

Some lovely news to share with our school community this week... Mr Dougall and his wife Ellie are delighted to share with us that they are expecting a baby!! How wonderful to be able to share such lovely news at the end of our first full week back together. Baby Dougall is expected to arrive in July.

Congratulations to you both... such an exciting time for you and your families.

Year of St Joseph

This Year across all Primary schools in the diocese, we will be joining in celebrating 'The Year of Joseph' The children will take part in prayers and reflections each month with a focus on what we can learn from Joseph and the example he sets to us.

St. Joseph Novena

Pope Francis has declared 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021 as the 'Year of St. Joseph'. This is 150 years after he was declared as the Patron Saint of the Universal Church by Blessed Pius IX on 8 December 1870.

There will be a Daily Novena from 11 to 19 March.

On the Feast of St. Joseph (19 March) there will be the Novena and time for reflection.

Watch the daily Novena via our YouTube channel here.



[St Joseph Novena Day 1 - YouTube](#)

Congratulations to our Stars this week!

Robins: Casper

Larks: Tomek

Swifts: Tommy C

Owls: Isobel



Mothering Sunday

No birthday celebrations this week in school. However on Sunday it is Mothering Sunday so I hope you all enjoy the day with your family.



Good to be back!

It has been a wonderful first week back to school.

Attendance exceptional. Children amazing!!!

Just to hear the buzz and excitement across school has lifted us all and so good to hear. The children continue to impress us, as they have done throughout this whole pandemic where they have had to adjust to new routines and home learning. The staff and I are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and would like to thank you once more for your support and commitment in helping us minimise any lost learning and also identify any areas of need/support.

We will be arranging a parents Teams meeting with all of our parents (see dates) to help us all continue to support our children and their individual needs. It is also an opportunity to reassure you as to how they have settled back to school.

I will put further info in an email on Weduc.

Thank you