



# School Newsletter

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**For parents, carers, staff, pupils, governors and parishioners**

## ***Chaplaincy Team training!***

Last Wednesday, our newly appointed Chaplaincy team visited Downside School for a day of reflection and workshops linked to their role in strengthening the prayer life of the school. We joined up with several schools from our CAMINO partnership, including St Augustine's, St Paul's, St Mary's, St John's, St Benedicts, St Patrick's, along with St Gregory's and Downside. It was an enriching day, which started with a special mass in the beautiful Downside Abbey, before members of the secondary schools' chaplains led the primary pupils in a variety of workshops. This included a session on the 'Lectio Divina' – a form of prayer based on Gospel reflections, the Rosary and creating thoughtful and beautiful prayer spaces. Our chaplaincy team gained lots of ideas which they are keen to share with the school family, and have already begun applying what they have learnt by helping to lead us in our Rosary prayers last Friday, on a day where Pope Francis called for at least 'one million children to pray the Rosary'.



## ***Harvest & Creation Assembly!***

Thank you so much for all of your kind donations that the children brought to school with them last Friday for our Harvest & Creation Celebration. During our assembly, we reflected on the gifts of Creation that we benefit from and how lucky we are to have some of the things in our lives that we all too often take for granted – clean water, food, shelter and education! We thought about those who are less fortunate than ourselves and linked this to the 'gifts' that the children brought as an offering, celebrating how we have come together in a special way to try and help those in our local communities who are vulnerable or are in need of some extra support this Autumn time. The donations will be split between our own OLOL Foodbank in the front foyer, and local foodbanks in the area.

## ***Church Visits...***

Many classes have been visiting the Church in the last couple of weeks to spend time with Father Jim and support their learning. Reception had a tour of the Church whilst Year 1 and Year 2 both participated in a 'mock' Baptism, understanding some of the key symbols and events of such an important sacramental milestone. A huge thank you goes to Father Jim for offering his time and leading these sessions with such passion and energy – the children loved it!



### **Library Visit...**

Our Reception class took their first steps out of the grounds together to visit the library this week and were welcomed by the lovely team of librarians to learn all about how great a library can be for us to enjoy lots of new stories and learn lots of new information. Thank you to the parent helpers who volunteered their time to accompany the children – it is much appreciated!



### **Parents' Evening**

We hope you found your meeting with your child's teacher useful this week. We believe ourselves to be partners in educating your child, so working together in this way to share how children are getting on, socially, emotionally and, of course, academically, is vital. Our teachers enjoyed this opportunity to talk in more detail about each individual child, and were thankful for lots of positive comments and encouragement. It means a lot for us in such a busy vocation! If, for any reason, you were unable to make an appointment, please contact the school office and your class teacher will happily get in touch with you early next term to try and meet.

### **Dates for your diary...**

#### **NOVEMBER**



<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Term 2 starts, 8.45am
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTFA Lego Club, 3.15pm (KS1)
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 2 + Year 3 trip to Aerospace
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Open Afternoon for Prospective Parents, 2pm PTFA Autumn Craft Session, 3.15pm
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 6 Height & Weight Checks with School Nurse
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccines
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Celebration Worship, 9am (parents will be invited on Wednesday if their child has earned a Headteacher certificate)
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Non-uniform day in return for Parish Fayre Tombola donations
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Open Morning for Prospective Parents, 10am Year 2 and Year 4 Road Safety Workshops
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Celebration Worship, 9am (parents will be invited on Wednesday if their child has earned a Headteacher certificate) Year 5 PTFA Cake and Uniform sale, 3.30pm
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Parish Christmas Fayre
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 1 + Year 4 trip to Aerospace

<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Open Evening for Prospective Parents, 5pm
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	PTFA Lego Club, 3.15pm (KS2)
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 6 Class Celebration Assembly, 9am (Parents of Year 6 class warmly invited)

## DECEMBER

<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Tree Dressing Day at Kingswood Park – Year 4 – Further info. to follow
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PTFA Christmas Secret Room
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	PTFA Christmas Disco – Further information to follow
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception and KS1 Nativity, 2pm – Further information to follow
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Christmas Celebration, 2pm – Further information to follow
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Term 2 ends, 3.15pm

## TERM DATES 2024-2025

<b>Term 1</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
<b>Term 2</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<b>Term 3</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
<b>Term 4</b>	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
<b>Term 5</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025 – Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025
<b>Term 6</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025 – Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025

## INSET DATES 2024-2025

<b>INSET 1</b>	<del>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024</del>
<b>INSET 2</b>	<del>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024</del>
<b>INSET 3</b>	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
<b>INSET 4</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
<b>INSET 5</b>	TBC

## OPEN DAYS

<b>1. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 5.30pm</b>
<b>2. Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2pm</b>
<b>3. Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 10am</b>
<b>4. Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 5pm</b>



An opportunity for any families who are looking for a place in Reception for September 2025 to have a look around the school and come and hear what we are about. Please spread the word!

Please remember tomorrow (Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November) is an INSET day. We hope you have a lovely half-term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

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**KINGSWOOD LANTERN PARADE**

3RD NOVEMBER 2024  
16:30-19:00  
KINGSWOOD PARK  
PARADE BEGINS AT 17:30

FREE FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT!

LANERN-MAKING WITH COLOURED MINDS

CAKES & DRINKS FROM KIND REGARDS COFFEE

CIRCUS PERFORMERS

AND MORE!

Lantern making will be available throughout the day at Kings Close Shopping centre's Social Sunday or you can come to the park at 16:30 to make a lantern before the parade begins!

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT EVENTS@KINGSWOOD-FLORRY.CO.UK

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