



Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

Finally, a full school year with no major disruptions! We are very pleased to have completed the year and reinstated many of our usual activities and events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for rising to the occasion with us when we have faced challenges; storm Eunice, winter vomiting bugs and the most recent heatwave.

Despite all of this our children have taken part in a wide variety of sporting events – winning us the Gold Schools Sports Award – and also trips to the local museum and art galleries. Swimming and clarinets have resumed and the Easter and Summer productions took place. Year 6 had a wonderful time on their residential trip to Youlbury and have also enjoyed their traditional end of year Mass, picnic and fun. All the children were able to visit their new classrooms and meet their new teachers in preparation for next year, and it was great to welcome parents back to our annual Sports Day. In the new academic year, we hope to have parents in regularly again for celebration assemblies and for events such as our Mothers' and Fathers' Day lunches.

We are very pleased that the school's successes have been recognized in our Section 48 Inspection report and in the Place2Be Mental Health Award received last month. Next year, we are expanding the services that we are able to offer your children and we are grateful to the ongoing support from Jonathan from Place2Be in providing these.

We would like to say a huge "thank you!" to Mrs Poncini and Mrs Roxburgh for all that they have done for our school community in their time here and for their enormous contribution to the improvements which have taken place in recent years. They are both retiring this summer, and we wish them every happiness and blessing as they begin this next exciting chapter in their lives.

We also wish good luck and congratulations to Miss Mehta and Miss Canham who are getting married this summer.

We hope that, whatever you have planned for the summer holidays this year, you will enjoy the time with your wonderful children and find some time for rest and refreshment. I would like to wish you all a happy, safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday 5th September** at the usual time.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,
Clare Smith





Thank you to all the children who have done their best this year to come to school every day and for their families who understand the importance of supporting their children’s learning. We appreciate that children do get poorly and there are some absences that cannot be avoided.

The Government guidelines state that we should aim for 96% or above as an overall average and this school year we have achieved 94.08%.

New Government legislations are changing and you will receive a letter in September explaining the new guidelines and fixed penalty notice that may apply. Our new School attendance policy will also be updated over the Summer and will be updated on the website.

We are always happy to help and discuss any issues you may have regarding your child’s attendance in school.

**Attendance Academic year
2021-22**

Year to date	94.08%
Lates	288
Reception	90.54%
Year 1	90.41%
Year 2	94.94%
Year 3	95.28%
Year 4	96.37%
Year 5	94.50%
Year 6	95.06%



Dates for the diary

September 2022

Monday 5th— Start of Term 1

October 2022

Monday 24th—Friday 28th—Half term

Monday 31st—INSET day

November 2022

Tuesday 1st—Start of Term 2

School lunches

We are keeping the cost of school lunches at £2.20 per day for children in years 3-6 and children in Nursery who stay all day and request a school lunch. School meals must be paid in advance of being taken and we ask that you login to your Parentpay account and check your account and pay any outstanding balances by the end of July.



School Uniform

In September we expect the children to be in full uniform and with proper **black school shoes**. Please remember, as well, that the PE kit is **navy and white**. It is not necessary to purchase the school logoed t-shirt for PE but if you are buying new jogging bottoms over the summer, please buy navy ones and a plain white t-shirt.

UNIFORM

School uniform is available to purchase from: Cross Embroidery,
Units 5 & 6 Lower Cherwell Street, Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX16 5AY
Opening Times for Cross Embroidery; Monday- Friday - 9.00am - 5.00pm Saturday - 9.30am
- 1.30pm

<https://www.crossembroidery.com/schoolwear/8-st-josephs-catholic-primary-school>

EYFS/KS1 GIRLS:

- Round neck sweatshirt/sweat cardigan with school logo
- White polo shirt
- Grey skirt or grey tailored school trousers- grey tights or knee length white socks
- A blue and white checked dress can be worn in the summer term



KS2 GIRLS:

- V neck sweatshirt/sweat cardigan with school logo
- White, reverse collar blouse or white shirt and school tie
- Grey skirt or grey tailored school trousers- grey tights or knee length white socks
- A blue and white checked dress can be worn in the summer term

EYFS/KS1 BOYS:

- Round neck school sweatshirt with school logo
- White polo shirt
- Grey or charcoal trousers and Grey socks



KS2 BOYS:

- V Neck sweatshirt with school logo
- White collared shirt and school tie
- Grey or charcoal trousers and Grey socks

P.E. KIT Reception—Year 6

- T-shirt and shorts
- Trainers must be worn for outdoor PE.



Children must have black plimsolls for indoor use. Carpet slippers are not considered to be safe in school and are not permitted.

ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR SHOULD BE CLEARLY MARKED WITH A PERMANENT MARKER.

Nail varnish is not permitted in school. Where worn, varnish will be removed by a member of staff.

Jewellery—It is school policy that no jewellery is worn in school for Health and Safety reasons. In Early Years' settings it is too dangerous for your child to wear any jewellery as it can get caught, especially earrings.

Academic year 2022-2023

	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022
Sunday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Monday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Saturday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023
Sunday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Monday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Saturday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	7 14 21 28
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023
Sunday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Monday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Saturday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26

Bank holidays

Dec 26th

Dec 27th

Jan 2nd

April 7th and 10th

May 1st and 29th May

Inset Days

Sep 1st, 2nd

Oct 31st

Jan 4th

July 20th