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Dear Parents,

We hope that this has been a good week for you.

The Catholic life of our school

The Wednesday Word

This Wednesday's Word: **CHANGE**

Please take time if you can to read the Wednesday Word publication with your child/ren this weekend.

We all can improve and change for the better."

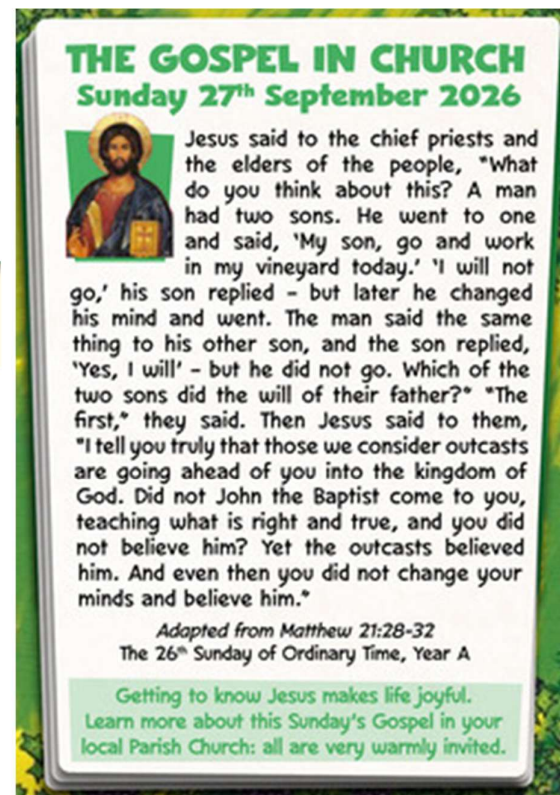
Pope Francis (Pope from 2013-2025)

Throughout the school years, the whole family will grow and change - learning more about life and about one another. Change can be an exciting part of family life.

In this Sunday's Gospel, the father represents God and the sons represent ways that we can respond to God. Initially one son refused his father's request, but then he had a change of heart for the better. This Gospel sets us a challenge.

Sometimes we may not always respond to God in the best way. However, God our Father is always there to welcome a change of heart. No matter how many times we need to start again - God will be there for us.

Enjoy a very special time together this evening, hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **CHANGE**.



Dom Henry Wansbrough



**Good News
for Everyone**

In this Sunday's Gospel, both sons changed their minds - but only one of them changed for the better. Each new day is an opportunity for us to change. We can ask God to help us to change and so enrich our lives and the world around us - to love as Jesus loved - to change for the better.

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Our Harvest Celebration – School and Parish Family Mass in Church – Sunday 4th October

Please make every effort to join us in St Urban's Church for Mass on Sunday 4th October at 10:30am.

Our children will be reading, playing the music, singing and offering the gifts of bread and Wine during the Offertory Procession.

This particular Sunday follows the CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day on Friday 2nd October. Next week, a CAFOD Family Fast envelope will be given to each child for monetary donations. If you can spare some change, please put it in the envelope and return it to school as soon as possible after next week. **We also ask for donations of tinned and packet food next week if you can which we traditionally donate to the SVP on your behalf.**

Thank you so much for your anticipated participation.



Attendance News



Our whole school attendance figure for this week is 96.7%

Our whole school statutory attendance figure for the year so far is 96.6%

Congratulations to both YEAR 3 and YEAR 5 for achieving the highest attendance this week – both at 99.7%!

Congratulations



... to Solenne, Pearl, Brody, Francis, Hannah W, Amelia M, Anashe, Joseph H, Rhoda, James M (JP), Emmie, Edie, Carlton, Alex M, Adi, Siwoo, Leonardo, Annabelle H, Beau, Jesse and Lenny.



These children have been recognised for showing the virtue of **LOVE OF LEARNING** for their great work and attitude to learning this week or for being Writer of the Week.



Well done and congratulations to all of our children.

Macmillan fundraiser



Thank you so much to you all for the support given to this event by sending in baked donations for the sale and your monetary donations.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed having their cakes/buns in the classroom this afternoon, as you can probably imagine.



Thank you too to all who stayed to support the general cake sale at the end of the day.

All monies will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support on behalf of our school community.

Many thanks to you all. Well done to the children and Mrs Jamieson for their great help!



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Sports News

Last Friday, the U11s football team hosted St Paul's for the first league game of the new season. The game was, as it has been in recent years, a close fought fixture with both teams determined to gain the local bragging rights.

St Paul's took an early lead after some hesitant defending from St Urban's. However, the home team grew into the game and looked the stronger of the two going into half time. The second half saw more of the same as St Urban's put more pressure on the St Paul's goal but without ever really testing the keeper. Eventually, the St Paul's defence could withstand no more and St Urban's had their goal. The game finished 1:1 with a deserved share of the points for both teams.

St Urban's then travelled to St Paul's on Monday evening to play a friendly match. Blazej Morus In Year 6 was an additional player to the team that drew the match on Friday. Unfortunately, St Urban's lost the match 2:0 but the result did not count towards the league campaign. Well done to all involved in both matches.



Emergency contact – including updated mobile phone number



A recent check on our school communication platform Eduspot – Teachers to parents showed that our communications sent via text have only been successfully delivered to 80.8% of our parents which is quite low. Email delivery rate was only 79%. For both of these methods of communication, this is most usually because we must only be holding for some parents their out-of-date mobile phone numbers or email addresses. Please therefore can I ask all parents whose number or email address has recently changed to remember to communicate to us their new ones as soon as you have a change. We absolutely must have up to date contact numbers should there be a need to contact you in an emergency. All communications sent are important for parents to read and we do not want some to be out of the communication loop either. Thank you.

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Parents' Evenings

Please put parents' Evening dates in your diary – Tuesday 20th October and Thursday 22nd October 2026.

The usual booking system will be in place and a text will be sent out next week, when bookings open.



Diary of Events until October half term

04.10.26	Harvest School Mass in Church – 10:30am
05.10.26	Y6 Bikeability (Mon-Weds)
07.10.26	FOSU Autumn Disco
12.10.26	High Adventure Residential Trip Monday to Wednesday – Y6
20.10.26	Parents' Evening 1 6.00-8.30pm
22.10.26	Parents' Evening 2 3.30-6.00pm School closes to children
23.10.26	Staff training day 2
HALF TERM BREAK 01.11.26 - Application window opens for Reception 2027	
02.11.26	School re-opens for Autumn 2 term

We wish you all a happy and relaxing weekend,

Tara McStay
Headteacher

COMMUNITY NOTICES



FOR PARENTS & CARERS

HEALTHY FAMILIES: GROWING UP

FREE 8-SESSION PROGRAMME

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We'll cover essential topics like:

- Building a healthy family routine
- Understanding children's behaviour
- Positive mealtime tips
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It changed the way we do things as a family, in the best way: we're eating better, moving more and enjoying time together. I'd recommend it to any parent, it's practical and really works!!

- Parents from the Healthy Families: Growing Up Programme

When: Wednesday 7th October
Where: Kerr Mackie Primary School (cabin)
Time: 9:00 am til 11:00

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