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Dear Parents,

— WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL

Firstly, we would like to express an official 'Welcome back' to everyone as we reach the end of the first week of this new school year.

We extend a warm welcome too, to Mrs. Griffin who has joined the staff teaching team as a part-time teacher in Reception Class. We also welcome Mrs. Brindle, our newly appointed teaching assistant who will work alongside Mrs. Clifford together with Miss McHale in Year 2 to support the children.

This week, we have prayed for our Year 7 pupils starting high school and next week, our new Reception class will make a start at St Urban's. These are momentous times for all of these pupils and their families and we wish them all great happiness in their new beginnings.

School Mass in Church – this Sunday 6th September at 10:30am

In the most recent parish Bulletin, Fr Chris writes:

DID YOU KNOW THAT 2026 IS THE JUBILEE OF ST URBAN'S CHURCH?

75 years ago, the Parish of St Urban was established. The Diocesan archives show that from 1902 to 1951 it was a chapel-of-ease to the Cathedral and the chapel was on Brookfield Road. In 1951 a presbytery was purchased on Monkbridge Road and the first Parish Priest was appointed - Fr Eugene Tehan. The present St Urban's opened in 1963 and the old chapel became the parish hall, unfortunately the hall was later demolished.

This coming Sunday 6th September, we hope to gather as many of our school community as possible to celebrate together with the Parish. Please make every effort if you can to join us at 10:30am in St Urban's Church. Afterwards there will be a "bring and share" lunch together for those who wish to stay to mark a special year for the parish.

Of course, it is not just a "St Urban's event" and people who normally go to Our Lady of Lourdes are warmly invited, after all we are one parish family.



Please join us if you can – as well as singers and musicians, since school will be providing the musical accompaniment at Mass.



Headteacher Miss T McStay
Deputy Headteacher Mr S Stockdale

Virtues to Live By...

Our Virtue for the first part of this half term is:

LOVE OF LEARNING

Signs you have a love of learning:

I want to learn new things
I am excited and enthusiastic to learn
I enjoy learning
I am open minded
I give time to my learning
I always search for the truth
I know what I want to achieve

Our Virtue to Live by:

Love of learning

I am a lifelong learner.

I am excited and enthusiastic to learn.

"Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance." Proverbs 1:5



A reminder about reading expectations



Reading, being read to, and sharing books in the home helps to build a child's vocabulary and understanding of the world. Research shows children who start school with good vocabulary and communication skills make friends more easily, have fewer behavioural issues and are more likely to do well academically. A strong, early foundation in language has even been linked to better mental health as children get older.



Reading with your child, or encouraging your child to read independently for just ten minutes each day can make all the difference. Please make some time for this every evening – we expect it, and it will really make such a difference for your child.

Here are some tips to help children of all ages to enjoy reading and to get reading more often.



- Your child does not have to read an entire book in one go!
- Any time spent sharing or talking about a book is beneficial, even if it is just a couple of minutes at a time.
- If they have to close the book early because it is time for tea, or they are just losing interest, that is okay.
- Reading can take a lot of mental energy and taking breaks gives children a chance to slowly build the mental stamina they need, so that soon they will be able to read for longer stretches of time.

School Money Reminders

Dinner Money for this school year is £2.95 per day for Years 3-6 inclusive which is £14.75 per week. Breakfast Club and After School Club charges are £6.00 per session and £13.00 per session, respectively.

Today, I am re-sending the letter that was previously sent to all parents on 12.06.26. This is purely sent as a reminder of the information surrounding charges and more importantly, the changing parameters for free school meals eligibility. If you need to discuss this, or are not sure of anything, please do contact me or call into the office where your enquiry will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

Name labels on clothing please!



In order to avoid our lost property storage container filling, we ask you to clearly label your child's clothes – particularly jumpers, cardigans and hoodies – with their name. Please then check after washes that the name remains and has not washed off. And that it can be seen clearly. You will be saving yourself a lot of money in a reduced need for replacements and you will be saving us a lot of time in trying to reunite these items with their owner. If your child's name is on the item, they will surely have it returned to them, should they lose it/them.

New Bike and Scooter Park/Shelter in the playground

We are grateful to FOSU for the funds contributed for the purchase and installation of the bike and scooter racks/shelters.



The hope is that with safe storage during the day now taken care of, more children will be encouraged to scoot or cycle to school every day!

For those making use of the racks/shelter, please refrain from riding or scooting through the yard at the beginning and end of the day. The bikes or scooters must only be ridden outside of the school grounds.

Extra-curricular activities

The extra-curricular activities in school are scheduled for lunchtimes and/or after school. Individual staff who have volunteered to run these clubs will communicate directly with parents as soon as possible.

I shall send out dates for your diaries as soon as possible. Attached to your email today is your child's class curriculum overview for this half term and a reminder of the holiday dates for this academic year.

We wish you all a happy and relaxing weekend,

Tara McStay
Headteacher

**Hello from
our new
Year 1!**



**Hello from
our new
Year 2!**



**Headteacher Miss T McStay
Deputy Headteacher Mr S Stockdale**

**Hello from
our new
Year 3!**



**Hello from
our new
Year 4!**



**Hello from
our new
Year 5!**



**Headteacher Miss T McStay
Deputy Headteacher Mr S Stockdale**

Hello from
our new
Year 6!



Next week we will welcome our new Reception children!

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



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LEARN • BELONG*

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FOR YOUNG VOICES**

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Open to everyone.*

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& GIRLS
AGED
8-16**

- VOICE**
Developing singing and self-expression
- FRIENDSHIP**
Making friendships that can last a lifetime
- COMMUNITY**
Connecting with others and building confidence
- CONFIDENCE**
Growing in confidence on and off the stage

STARTS THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

ARRIVE FROM 6.00PM SINGING 6.15-7.15PM

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