



St Raphael's

NEWSLETTER

Welcome back!

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year and it is so nice to see the children and families again after the summer break. On a personal note, thank you to everyone who has wished me well as I start my role as Headteacher. It is an honour to lead such fantastic children, staff and community and I am sure this next year will be faith-filled and successful! ~ Mr Matthews



Sacramental Programme

*Our Year 3 children will have the opportunity to join our Sacramental Programme and work towards making their Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the new year. We will send out more details in due course but Father Owen has asked that if anyone wishes to discuss Baptism for their child with him, to do this as early as possible in order to organise this **before the end of October 2026**. If children in Years 4, 5 or 6 wish to take part, please speak to me on the gate or via email.*

2026 results

All areas of school continue to shine and the results of our children are something to be very proud of. I will send more details of the results this term but once again from Reception class, Y1 phonics, Y4 multiplication check to Y6 SATS, the children have done themselves proud!



Upcoming dates

*Our first whole school Mass will be at **9:15am** on **Friday 25th September**. This is when we traditionally welcome new members of our school community from Reception class and anyone who has joined school within the last year. We will also host our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning straight after. More details will be sent out shortly.*

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Reminders

The children have come back to school looking very smart in their uniforms including their PE kits. The PE kit is a St Raphael's T-shirt and navy shorts (not cycle shorts or skorts please) and black pumps for indoor PE and trainers for outdoor PE. If PE is outdoor and the weather is cooler the children can wear blue jogging bottoms and a blue sweatshirt.

Please could I remind parents that earrings are not allowed in school as outlined in our Uniform Policy but clear retainers/stoppers can be used to help healing if needed.

Year 6 Leaders

Our new Year 6 children are already eagerly discussing potential leadership roles and will soon be writing their speeches as they look to take on the responsibility of leading different areas of school. This is a fantastic opportunity to develop leadership, organisational and communication skills! We will hand out badges on **Friday 18th September** during assembly. All are welcome to attend.



Snacks and lunch

We are a nut-free school so please ensure that all snacks and lunches that are sent in school, are free from nuts to help protect staff and children who have allergies. For snacks, fruit is provided to children in EYFS and KS1. All other children can bring fruit in to eat at break.



Online booking for club, dinners and more!

School continues to offer a superb before and after school club run by staff the children are all familiar with in a safe and fun environment in school. Details are on the website and bookings are made through your Magicbooking account!

School dinners have been a great success last year and we continue to offer parents the choice of when and what the children eat by logging in to School Grid and choosing the meals before 9:30am that day.

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Key Dates

DATE	EVENT	TIME
Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th September	Y6 Bikeability	All Day
Wednesday 9th September	Meet the Teacher (drop in)	Teachers available between 3:30-4:15pm
Friday 18th September	Year 6 Leadership Roles Presentation in assembly	9.05am
Friday 25th September	St Raphael's Day Mass & Buddy Presentation	9.15am
Tuesday 6th October	RISE Theatre Group (Y1-Y6)	All Day
Wednesday 7th October	Individual photos	Morning
Monday 12th October	Flu vaccinations	Morning
Friday 23rd October	School closed - Staff INSET	All Day

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