



St Eugene de Mazenod Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Our school gates open at 8.40am. Please bring your child to school before 9am. Children who come in late can be embarrassed to come into class and they miss important learning time and key explanations from their teacher and/or adult led reading time. Reading starts at 9am in Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2. Other curriculum lessons start at 9am in the older children's classes, with the explanation from the teacher. If this is missed children struggle to catch up with the learning and feel less confident. We monitor punctuality closely for this reason. Please help your child to feel confident in their learning and have a calm productive start to their day. Thank you for your help with this:)
Best wishes, Mrs Smith (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

School Uniform... The children in St Eugene's always look very smart. It is a good opportunity at the beginning of a new year to check that your child has the correct uniform. A reminder that children should not be wearing jewellery to school. Small stud earrings are allowed and an inexpensive watch from Year 3 to Year 6 (not smart watches). Children are asked to remove their watch to take part in P.E. lessons. Come and speak to Miss Gayle or Miss Jess in the office if you have any queries about uniform. [Go to the school website—information for parents—school uniform—for details.](#)

Thank-you very much Dylan and Elizabeth for modelling the correct St Eugene's uniform for us.

Long hair should be tied back

School cardigan or jumper with logo

Grey pinafore, skirt or grey trousers (or red and white summer dress in the summer term)

White, black or grey tights or socks



White polo shirt with logo

School cardigan or jumper with logo

Grey trousers (or shorts in the summer term)

Plain black school shoes or plain black trainers

Reading is Important... At St Eugene's we teach reading skills in every class, every day. We also have a story time session daily in every class, where we are not teaching reading strategies at all, but enjoying a fabulous book with your child and developing the children's a love for stories. We know that you are your child's first and most important teacher. We work in partnership with you. Research, for many years, has told us that the children who do best in education have had a good foundation in talk and literature at home. Please ensure that your children is reading daily at home. Reading is a necessity for learning and is a lifelong skill. We know that children who struggle to learn to read have a much harder, steeper path with all other areas of learning. It affects their social skills, well-being, attainment and progress. This in turn means that a child who does not succeed with reading has a poorer life chance and fewer opportunities as an adult. Listening to your child read and sharing a book daily is so important. That precious 20 minutes every day is time very well spent. When your child is older, you will look back on daily story time at home as a very special part of your parenting. Thank-you if you joined our parent information session this week, which was about early reading and phonics. We hope that you found it helpful.



I have received and read the St. Eugene's Catholic Primary School newsletter of 16.01.2026
Name of child _____ Class _____
please return this slip to school office and your child might win a prize:)

Important dates for your diary...



Friday 30th January Non Uniform Day
Friday 30th January Movie Afternoon KS1 and Movie Night for KS2 children (more details next week)

Wednesday 18th February: Ash Wednesday—this is the start of Lent

Half term break: 16th to 20th February

WB 23rd February Keeping Safe Studies

Thursday 26th February Non Uniform Day

Thursday 26th February 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with YR parents in the hall

Friday 27th February : Academic Review Day

Monday 2nd March Spring Disco tickets on sale

Tuesday 3rd March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y6 parents in the hall

Wednesday 4th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y5 parents in the hall

Thursday 5th March: Word Aware Day

Friday 6th March 9.05-9.35 PTFA meeting, all welcome

Tuesday 10th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y3 parents in the hall

Thursday 12th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y4 parents in the hall

Tuesday 17th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y2 parents in the hall

Thursday 19th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y1 parents in the hall

Friday 20th March PTFA Spring Disco 6-8pm

Friday 27th March Non Uniform Day

Friday 27th March last day of Spring Term

Work of the week...

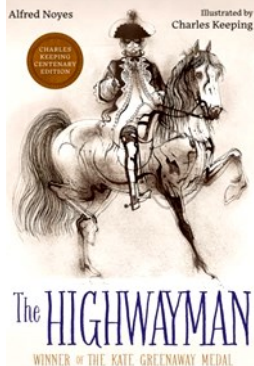


Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office). Do come and take a look.



Myla (Y5) has written a beautifully constructed piece this week. She writes in role as Tim the ostler, a character from the narrative poem: "The Highwayman" by Alfred Noyes. Myla's writing conveys Tim's love for Bess, the landlord's daughter, and his jealousy of the dashing highwayman. Myla has used powerful and descriptive language. We can really imagine his thoughts and feelings.

Well done Myla, super writing!



Our Prayer...

On Sunday we listened to the Gospel of Matthew



Lord Jesus,
Every time we make the sign of the cross, accept this as our special prayer to you.

It reminds us that through baptism we belong to you, and are children of God.

Let all who are baptised

know that they are part of your family.

Help us all to go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived.

Amen



Good attendance is very important for your child's attainment and progress.

Each week the class with the very best attendance are celebrated in our assembly.

This week our attendance champions

were: **Year R with 100%.**

Well done Year R!



Person of the Week!

Well done to these children for showing how we live our school values!



Reception: Dean
Year 1: Brandon
Year 2: Sienna-Rose
Year 3: Bethel
Year 4: Sabella
Year 5: Yohan
Year 6: Arthur