

St Pius X Catholic Primary School



Success with Faith



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Spotlight on Attendance

We would once again like to remind parents and carers of the importance of children coming to school, on time, everyday. Children are required by law to attend an education provision, and failing to get your child to school, could result in a fine, or a referral to the Education Welfare Service.

As you know, the national requirement for school attendance is 96%. Missing a number of lessons in any subject can have a long-lasting impact on a child's progress and makes it very difficult for them to catch up.

This school year, we will be putting a spotlight on attendance, to help us meet, if not exceed this target!

With this in mind, we will be planning various activities to reward children who are in school, on time, every day. This will include special family lunches, prize draws and raffles and some special out of school visits.

For every full week your child attends school, they'll get one entry into the prize raffle. So the more complete weeks, the more entries! For example, if a child has had 100% attendance for the entire term, they'll have 8 chances to win!

Here are the children who have achieved 100% attendance this week...

Reception

Taijeon	Jakub
Melodie	Ava Rose
Kailen	Logan M
Charlie	Logan P
Kiara-Rose	Chloe
Skyla-Rose	Muhamed
Carter	Madalin
Sophie	Millie
	Billie

Year 1

Star
Raya
Logan
Millie
Jack

Year 2

Bonnie	Layla-Mai
Osteen	Noah
Timmy	Stelios
Keeley-Marie	Lena
Nykolas	Malachi
Max	Olaf
Gracie-Mae	Rubin
Angel	Jesse
Harper	

Year 4/5

Donte	Calvin
Matilde	Michael
Riley D	Louie P
Riley F	Riley W
Irene	
Jack	
Louie K	
Matthew	
Hugo	

Year 6

Summer	Lillie-Mai
Jana	Corey
Tyneeqwa	Tico
Hugo	Leo
Kaydan-Lee	Harry
Milly	Dimitra
Eve	Jakub
Lauren	Kabeer
Wesley-Jay	Yanis
Harvey	Keeley

Year 3/4

Paris	Alexius
Jeany	Kara
Kelan	Della
Jayden	Jamie-Leigh
Feebie	Ashton
Abbie	Lily-Rose
Casey Lee	Yazmin
Kaya	

Attendance of the Week

Reception - 98.6%

Year 5 Catholic Retreat Kintbury

This week, Year 5 went to Kintbury to take part in their first Catholic retreat. They participated in activities related to Advent and thought about the build up to Christmas, including building nativity scenes from natural resources and going on a Nativity walk.

The children enjoyed taking time reflecting on their lives and relaxing.

Year 5 got to spend quality time with friends and made new friends with children from De La Salle School in Malta, who we will definitely be staying in touch with!



Year 6 Brainbox Challenge

On Tuesday, Bristol University staff came to St Pius X to run The Brain Box Challenge!

This was a morning workshop in which Year Six explored how the brain works.

The pupils learned what their brain looks like, how scientists study it, how it might differ from other animals and how it gives rise to our behaviour. It includes a short taught component as well as practical, hands-on demonstrations, craft work, games, puzzles and experiments.



Dr Dave Turk, Reader in Psychology at the School of Psychological Science at University of Bristol emailed us to say. We all really enjoyed ourselves in your class. The children were brilliant. Extremely well behaved and they asked some extremely intelligent questions. We also ran a quiz at the end and they are the first class to ever score 10/10 in that!

Well done Year 6 – you have done us proud again!

Lost Property

Last week, we reminded parents about the importance of labelling their children's clothing, however we have still had multiple reports of missing uniform that cannot be located because it is unnamed.

If your child has misplaced a jumper, cardigan, or other item of clothing, please ask them to check their classrooms and cloakroom areas in the first instance.

Very little uniform is bought down to the office as 'lost property' and when it does, it is much easier to reunite with its rightful owner.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation with this matter.

Head Lice

We have once again had numerous reports from classes across the school about head lice.

Head lice are easily treated, and whilst they can be a nuisance and irritating to children, they are not a reason to keep your child home from school.

Most of the time, lice and eggs can be removed using conditioner and a good nit comb, and medicated treatments are available from pharmacies and even from your GP on prescription should they be needed.

We recommend checking your child's hair at least once a week and treating immediately should any lice be found.

Christmas Events Reminders

Nativity Performances

Thursday 13th December at 2.00pm & Friday 14th December at 9.30am

We still have plenty of space available for both of these performances so please make sure you come into the office and book your seats!

Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 18th December 2018

Forms to book your child's Christmas dinner should have been returned to the school office by today, however if you have not yet done this, please ensure you do so by Monday 10th December at the latest. If you have lost your letter, please just pop into the office to let us know and we can add your child's name to the list.

Christmas Disco

Thursday 20th December 2018

We are still on the look out for any donations of items that we can use in our Disco Raffle. If anyone has any new unwanted items that they would like to donate, we would be very grateful, and all money raised will go to supporting our school.