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follow Christ example ,
to always do our best.



Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

Welcome back to our Autumn Term!

It is wonderful to have our children back at school and what a wonderful start we have made to the new year.

Our children are looking incredibly smart in their school uniforms—the school ties look really smart, and give us a sense of identity as a very special school community. Well done to all of those children who have remembered to wear them!

Lots of work has taken place during the school holidays, which I am sure your children have told you about—new signs reminding us of our Mission and Behaviour Rules, new doors, new carpet, new displays and our new Faith Space in the entrance to the junior playground which is VERY nearly complete.

Our new school times have worked brilliantly well—lunchtimes have been much improved, with more space to play, more equipment to use and more opportunity for our dinner supervisors to give their attention to playing with the children.

Thank you to everyone who has remembered to collect at 3:15pm.

Our first Mass of the school year will be next WEDNESDAY at 9:05am and it will be led by Year 6—please do join us if you can.



In our behaviour, we are
Ready, Respectful and Safe

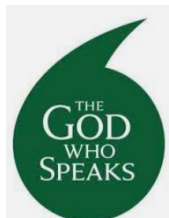
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Catholic Life and Mission

The God who Speaks



This week, in our first Gospel Liturgy of the year, we reflected upon our VOCATION as a member of the St Wilfrid's School Community and reflected upon our MISSION

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We shared the Gospel of Matthew and heard how Jesus called his first disciples and the children talked about what Jesus calls them to do. They made promises of how they would live out the school mission this year ; next week we will display these round school as a reminder for us all.

Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile : Values and Virtues

Infants

Juniors

All of our amazing Infants—**generous** in their wonderful behaviour

All of our amazing Juniors —**generous** in their wonderful behaviour

Catholic Social Teachings

This half term, we will be being

Stewards of Creation



We will be reflecting on the wonder and beauty of God's Creation and reminding ourselves of our mission, set by God, to care for the world.

Each class has taken on their own Stewardship of Creation project.

We remember that creation is not only about caring for plantation and creatures, but also about our fellow humans.

Virtues of the Half Term



This half term, we are

Grateful and Generous

We are **grateful** to be back at school, together, as the caring community that we are and we are **generous** in our loving, caring, sharing and respectful behaviour.



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Dates for your Diary

Teacher Days for Academic year 2023-24

~~Monday 4th September 2023~~

Friday 29th September 2023

Friday 27th October 2023

Monday 19th February 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Date	Event (more dates will be added as finalised, so please continue to check)
5th September	Back to School
Autumn 1	Season of Creation
8th September	Feast Day of the Nativity of our Lady MAC Feast Day. Children to bring in a drink and a cake/biscuit to celebrate
13th September	First Mass of the School Year—9:05am
12th September	Nursery Group 1 start
19th September	Nursery Group 2 start
20th September	9:00am—10am Coffee Morning All welcome!
26th September	Nursery Group 3 start
27th September	Year 4—Adopt a School Cooking Session 1
29th September	INSET day
6th October	Flu Vaccinations -Rec to Y6
12th October	St Wilfrid's Feast Day Celebration
27th October	INSET day—children finish for half term on 26th October
6th November	Back to School

Over the next few weeks, each year group will hold a 'Meet the Teachers' meetings - watch this space for dates .

Date	Event
14.9.2023	Year 6
	Year 5
	Year 4
	Year 3
	Year 2
	Year 1
	Reception



Healthy Schools



Schools of Sanctuary

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Attendance

This year we have simplified our attendance awards, but the message is the same...

You have to be in to win!

Weekly

The class who have the best attendance **above 96%**

wins

Free Choice Friday at morning playtime the following week.

Classes have decided what their Free Choice Friday treat will be ready for when they win!

Termly

Pupils will get a certificate if they achieve 96% and above attendance

One term of 96% bronze certificate

Two terms of 96% silver certificate

Three terms of 96% gold certificate

If class teachers are concerned about your child's attendance they will speak to you in the first instance and work with you to put something in place to improve this

Please note that holidays in term time will NOT be authorised.

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET IS 96%. This week we have achieved 91.1%

Class	%
RDG	94.8%
RBB	100%
1DS	90.4%
1P	95.2%
2G	95%
2M	84.5%
3CM	91.7%
3G	83.7%
4C	96.4%
4S	95.2%
5P	90.5%
5B	93.2%
6G	86.2%
6W	87.1%

**The class winning Free Choice Friday this
week is ...**

RBB



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Extra Messages

A message from John Henry Newman Catholic College

For current Year 6 parents of pupils with a SEND who are coming to us in September, we will be holding a Year 7 SEND parents' coffee morning

Monday 11th September 9.00-11.00am

For current Year 5 parents of pupils with a SEND who are interested in attending JHNCC for September 2024, we will be holding a Year 6 SEND open morning.
This is separate to and before the main Open Evening. It is for parents who intend to apply to us and pupils can come too if their school allows.
It will be Wednesday 20th September 9.15am-11.15am.

To attend either morning, please just email me to let me know (for numbers and refreshments)
vmcmenamin@jhncc.org

Many thanks and kind regards

Mrs Vanessa McMenamin
Strategic Director of SEND and additional needs
John Henry Newman Catholic College

A very warm welcome again, to all of our new staff and pupils who officially started this week.

- Mrs Ruth Ovia will replace Mr Casey Gordon as our new Emotional Support Worker—she will be in each Wednesday
- Mr Graham Stokes is our new temporary site supervisor whilst Mr Irons is away from school, unwell
- Miss Donald, who is not new (!) is in role as our new Pastoral Manager, replacing Mrs Whittingham
- Miss Chauhan and Mrs Sennett are our new Year 4 teachers
- Mrs Gazey is our new Year 3 teacher
- Miss McGrath is our new Year 2 teacher

We remember those in our St Wilfrid's family who need our prayers.
Please pray for Ms Brown and her family at this time, as her mum passed away during the summer break.
Eternal Rest grant unto her O' Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.
Ms Brown's brother is also seriously unwell at this time. For all the family, we pray for strength.

We wish you all a lovely weekend—enjoy this beautiful weather
Mrs Milligan, Mrs Husted and all the Staff.

