



Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have all had a restful summer break; it has been wonderful to welcome the children back and hear all about their adventures over the summer. A special warm welcome to our Reception children and families who have joined us this week. We thought it might be helpful to provide some updates and a reminder about one or two things before the end of the first week.

School Environment

During the summer months there have been a lot of changes and updates to the school environment. We are absolutely delighted with the work completed and the great difference that this has made to the learning environment. The children are also full of excitement about the new carpets, widened doorway and outdoor area in KS1, new chairs in each classroom, and of course, our new House Saints! There really has felt a renewed 'buzz' and pride in our school this week.

I must thank Emmaus MAC and our governors for their support with this essential work, Mrs Debbie and Mr Dixon for their hard work over the summer in ensuring that the work that took place was as smooth as possible, to our cleaners for getting school looking fresh and ready for the children to return and our staff who came into school over the summer to get their classrooms ready and inviting after the work had been completed. Below are some images of our school – we're very proud of the changes made! Furthermore, there's more to come with work planned in the memorial garden and the school hall (more on that in the weeks to come).



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House Saints



Following our successful CSI inspection last year, we spoke with the children and as a staff team about how we can continue to grow as a school. We discussed our House Saints of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John and all of their qualities, but how important it is to share with the children further diverse Saints within the Church. Our previous House Saints of course are well known to the children and we discussed with our pupil leadership teams if it was the right time to introduce new Saints and different qualities that reflect the Church and our school.

As such, at the end of last school year, our Liturgy Leaders and Caritas Ambassadors chose 4 new house saints, to reflect the diversity and inclusivity at the heart of our Catholic Faith. They are proudly displayed in our school hall for all to see and the children will learn more about them as the weeks progress, as well as learning which House they are now in. Mrs Mitchell has sent out a further letter with information today regarding a homework project around our new House Saints.

As an aside, when sports day comes around, I hope it is a lot easier for parents to find a yellow t-shirt as opposed to purple!

School bags / trainers

Thank you to our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children who have only brought in their PE kit and a book bag this year. The corridor is looking far more spacious for our children. A reminder that all children in school require a spare pair of trainers for the use of the trim trail and for break/lunchtimes in KS2.

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