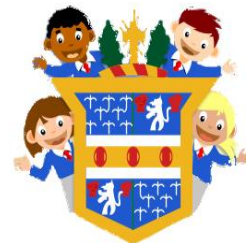


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Saint Patrick's Newsletter

(for parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners)

Week ending Friday 6th September

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer with family and friends. It was a lovely summer break for many of us at school and it has been lovely to see our children back and looking so well. They all seem to be so much taller and so happy to be back with their friends, and it is lovely to see them settling in their new classrooms, with their new teaching teams.



Welcome
Glad you're here!

WELCOME! A huge welcome to our new Reception class – Spencer, Theodore, Elodie, George, Isobel, Teddy, Felix, Nell, Margot, Adelaide, Ezra, Amelia, Beatrix, Lamira, Lola, Benjamin, Elsie, Max, Finley, Willow, Oscar, Leah, Elodie and Eric. We also welcome Alexander in Key Stage 2, to our school community.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

ATTENDANCE - As a school we continue to aim for our **school attendance to be 96%**. If you need advice or support on how to improve your child's attendance, please contact the School Office Team and we will be happy to discuss this matter further with you. From children having difficulty sleeping to medical concerns, please contact us and we can support your family or signpost you to the best people. **Please remember to inform the School Office Team if your child is not attending school and to give a reason for their absence, for our records. The Department for Education published revised guidance, which came into effect from August 2024 and was shared with families last term. We have attached the guidance to this newsletter and would ask you to be fully aware of the changes, which impact procedures and penalties.**



MEDICINE - Please ensure that your child's inhalers etc. are up to date and full. All medicines should be handed in to the School Office or the class teacher rather than sent in with your child. If your child requires medication to be administered during the school day, please complete a Medicine Administration form at the office.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION - Please take the time to ensure we have the most accurate and up to date contact numbers (home / work / mobile / emergency), current full address, email addresses and your child's up to date medical information on our files for the year ahead.

CHANGES TO PARKING IN CORSHAM – Many thanks to those parents who raised the issue of the changes to parking in the town, which came in effect during the holidays, and will impact some families at drop off and collection times from our school. We have raised the subject with Corsham Town Council and understand that they are trying to find a solution to this issue, and have been in touch with Wiltshire Council's Parking Services team with ideas and suggestions that might help the situation. Please see the reply from Corsham Town Council below. Wiltshire Local Authority can supply permits for 30mins in the morning and afternoon. **Please contact the School Office Team by 12 noon on Thursday 5th Sept, at the latest, and we will submit your requests.**

Free Car Parking – Update from Corsham Town Council

As you know, since 2020/2021, Corsham Town Council has funded the two hours free parking in the three town centre car parks. To do this, the Town Council has to pay Wiltshire Council – who own the car parks – for its loss of revenue. (Parking, car parks, parking meters and parking enforcement come under Wiltshire Council's powers and are not the responsibility of the Town Council.) Since Wiltshire Council's new parking meters were introduced in the town centre car parks in August, however, complaints have been received by the Town Council about the fact that it is not possible to have more than one free parking 'session' in any 24 hours, and the impact that this will have on school drop off and pick up, and for those using the car parks more than once per day.

Condition 15 of Wiltshire Council's Parking Order, introduced in 2022, states: 'Where the driver of a vehicle is required by any sign or notice displayed in a Parking Place to obtain and display a ticket to cover any free parking period, such ticket shall be obtained immediately on leaving the vehicle in the parking place from the Pay and Display Ticket machine... only one ticket to cover any free parking period may be obtained in any 24 hour period'. The new machines and the way they have been programmed means the Order is now fully enforced in Corsham.

The Town Council has passed on the complaints to Wiltshire Council's Parking Services, along with a number of suggestions on how the system could be adapted for school parking at the beginning and end of the day. For example, consideration should be given to the return period being reduced from 24 hours and/or two one-hour free tickets per day are permitted. This might, however, have cost implications for the Town Council.

The Town Council has received the following response from Parking Services: 'Customers should be able to purchase a ticket on the same day as using a free ticket. The parking machine supplier is being asked to check this. The team has also contacted the schools in Corsham to make them aware of the school permit scheme and we are moving at speed to issue as many as they need. This should address any concerns there.' The Town Council will be discussing this issue in more detail at its meeting on 9th September.

CURRICULUM

TAPESTRY AND GOOGLE CLASSROOMS – Google Classrooms will be accessible to Years 1 to Year 6 by week 2 and Tapestry available to Reception parents in week 3. If you encounter any difficulties, please speak to our Office Team, for further guidance. Here you will find all of our curriculum updates for your child/ren's class. This information includes:

- A curriculum update for the term
- Termly curriculum newsletter
- Weekly Home Learning
- * PE days for your child/ren
- * Termly key vocabulary
- * Notices e.g. school trip details, changes to normal timetable

MEET THE TEACHER DATES – Meet the Teacher Dates will be sent in a separate Parentmail. Please keep any eye out for this meeting date.

LITURGY AND CELEBRATION



MISSION AND VISION – This term we are all learning about our school Mission statement and how we can be Agents of Change in our world and share an 'Attitude of Gratitude', to make our community a positive place to live in. This will include learning about catholic social teaching and how much we need to value every person and the world we live in, as well as how unique we all are and making the most of the gifts we have been given. We will then move our learning on to focus on Creation.

EDUCATION SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER – Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September (8th September, in 2024) just as the new academic year starts. It is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established 176 years ago in 1848, and provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools and universities places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead. Father Michael will be leading Mass at 9am at Saint Patrick's Church.

ENRICHMENT

SWIMMING – This term Year 3 will be swimming at Springfield Community Campus on Wednesdays. All children must wear swimming hats. If children wish to wear goggles, they must have a letter of permission from parents. **Swimming begins on Wednesday 11th September.**

YEAR 5 SONGS FOR CHANGE - Voices for Life believes in a world where all children can make music to promote wellbeing and build sustainable communities. We are very excited that with the support of Wiltshire Music Hub, our Year 5 children will be taking part in singing workshops, and then will perform on 13th and 15th November at the Wiltshire Music Centre. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter. The project is based on a 20-minute song cycle, The Elements Cantata, to help children gain a comprehensive understanding of their own unique journey and the importance of the connection between nature and personal growth, and how this can be expressed and enhanced through music and the arts. More information will be shared with Year 5 parents by Mrs Cawthorne (Music Subject Leader) and Miss Wilkinson.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT – Please ensure that all children return to school in full school uniform. No makeup, nail varnish, jewelry (other than stud earrings and watches) are permitted. **SMART watches are also not permitted.** To prevent injury, no jewelry at all should be worn on PE days. Earrings should be removed and preferably left at home. If not, the child can take them out at school or cover them with micro pore tape. Staff cannot assist children in taking out or covering earrings. Unsuitable or extreme haircuts, hair dye or shaved patterns are not permitted.

Children are expected to wear black school shoes rather than trainers to school. In coming weeks, Reception and Year 1 children will need a pair of wellies to remain in school for outdoor learning. Your class teachers will inform you when they are needed.

Our school uniform defines us as a school community both in school and the local community. We are aware of the rising cost of living and its impact on all areas of our community. Please make use of the PTFA nearly new school uniform cupboard, which works on donations and is open for all every Friday at 3pm. **We would ask you to approach us if you have any issues with school uniform, school dinners etc. as we are here to help.** Please make sure that all uniform, including PE uniform, is clearly labelled and in line with the school uniform policy, as we want to make sure that all uniform is returned to the correct owner. This is on the school website under Parents -> Parent Information -> Uniform.

Thank you in advance for helping us to uphold our standards of uniform and pride in our presentation.

LUNCH AND SNACKS – Please remember that school dinners need to be booked through Edwards and Ward website in advance. Book your child's meals via ParentPay <https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4416633012625-How-to-book-meals-and-events#how-to-book-meals-and-events-0-0> Children are permitted to eat fruit or vegetable snacks only at breaktimes. Crisps or biscuits

and sweets are not to be eaten during breaktime. If your child is eating a packed lunch from home, **please just pack the amount of food that you know your child(ren) will eat to avoid unnecessary waste.**

OPEN DAYS - Saint Patrick's First Open Day for Reception Children joining school in September 2025, will be held on **Wednesday 16th October @ 9.30am**. Our second Open Day will be on **Thursday 14th November @ 9.30am**. All are welcome!



RECEPTION ADMISSIONS FOR 2025 - If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020, then now is the time to apply for a place at our school. You must complete an application form that is available from the school's admission team at Wiltshire County Council. **Please ensure you apply by the closing date of 15th January 2025 via Wiltshire Admissions** If your child is Catholic, you must provide a copy of the Baptism Certificate to the school by this date.

SECONDARY ADMISSIONS FOR YEAR 7 2025 - **Year 7 admissions must be submitted by 31st October 2024.** Please contact your secondary school for any supplementary information requirements.

AND FINALLY....

Dates for your Diary...

Wed. 4 th Sept.	First day back to School!
Fri. 6 th Sept.	No Celebration Assembly first week
Mon. 9 th Sept	Year 5 Singing rehearsal
Tues. 10 th Sept.	Year 5 and 6 Healthy Heroes am – PE uniform to be worn
Wed. 11 th Sept.	Y3 swimming 1/6
Future Dates....	
Please remember to look out for our Meet the Teacher dates!	
Tues. 24 th Sept – Individual photos	
Wed 25 th Sept – Flu vaccinations Reception – Year 6	
Thurs. 26 th Sept – Tiger Martial Arts Assembly	
Fri. 27 th Sept – Mass at Saint Patrick's Church (Year 5 and 6) Parents welcome	
Friday 4 th October – Harvest Festival led by Chaplaincy Team and Governors – school only	
Mon. 7 th Oct – Bikeability 1	
Tues. 8 th Oct - Bikeability 2	

INSET DAYS FOR 2024-25
Mon. 2nd September 2024
Tues. 3rd September 2024
Mon. 2nd June 2025
Tues. 3rd June 2025
Wed. 4th June 2025

Have a lovely weekend and welcome back everybody!

J. Courtney
Headteacher





GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS....

Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days



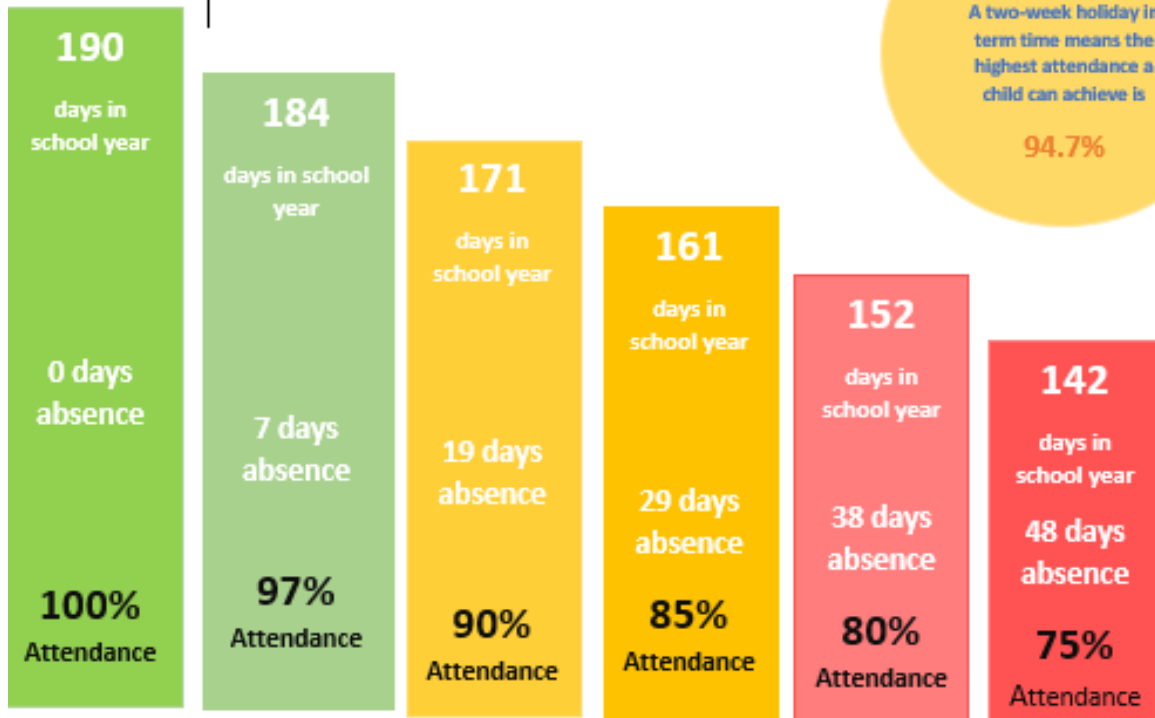
Remember:

Education is important-don't miss out!

Did you know?

A two-week holiday in term time means the highest attendance a child can achieve is

94.7%



Well Done!

A good attendance gives you the best chance for success

I'm concerned

A poor attendance gives you less chance of success

Serious Concern

Very poor attendance has a serious impact and effects life chances

DID YOU KNOW WHEN CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL THEY:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Learn how to look after themselves
- Have better career prospects
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make and maintain friendships

There are 365 days in a calendar year.

175 days are not in school

What can parents / carers do?

Ensure your child attends school every day and on time. **Have everything ready the night before to avoid delays in the morning.** Have good bedtime and morning routines with set times for going to bed and waking up. Try to make dental and medical appointments outside of school time or at weekends. Take family holidays during the school holiday. We are unable to authorise term time holidays. Contact us immediately if you need help or support with your child's attendance or punctuality. You must have the school's permission to take your child out of school only in exceptional circumstances.

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2025?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 31 October 2024

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2025?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at wiltshire.gov.uk or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 15 January 2025

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VOICES FOR LIFE
Join 200 children from local primary schools!

The Elements & Songs for Change

Featuring:
BBC Young Chorister of the Year 2023,
Belinda Gifford-Guy

The Elements Cantata
Written by Russell Hepplewhite & Jamila Gavin

Songs for Change
Written by Kate Courage

Wiltshire Music Centre
13th & 15th November 2024
6:30pm-7:30pm

Tickets from
wiltshiremusic.org.uk
£12 / £7 U18s
(Includes £2 booking fee)

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Corsham Churches Foodbank



Description

The Corsham Churches Foodbank can provide enough food for 3 days for individuals and families in crisis in the community area.

The foodbank runs on a voucher system. Vouchers are issued by professionals such as doctors, health visitors, social workers and staff from other support agencies.

Service Details

Locations:

St Aldhelm's Church, Pickwick Road, Corsham, SN13 9BS (directions displayed on map)

Organisation:

Corsham Churches Foodbank

Service Type:

Money and Finance

Website:

www.corshamchurchesfoodbank.org.uk

Time and date information

Opening Times:

- Tuesday 10am-12noon
- Saturday 10am-12noon

