



ST PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

17th January 2025

Diary Dates

21st January – Phonics Session 9am

24th January – Jubilee Launch Day

23rd January – National Handwriting Day

27th January – National Story Telling Week

After School Clubs

Monday – Sports Club Free

Tuesday – Games Club £1

Wednesday – Dance Club £1

Thursday – Movie Club £1

Disruption in school – There will be some disruption in school over the coming weeks. This is due to ICT instillation of new white boards and changes to the classrooms.

First Holy Communion Children – Sunday 19th January Lisa will open the doors at 9:45 to start the Session at 10am. Please support your child with Mass attendance. If you have any difficulties in staying for Mass, please see Lisa and she will be able to oversee your child during the service until you are able to pick them up.

Phonics - Mrs Urwin will lead a phonics information session for Class 2 parents on Tuesday 21st January at 9am. Please do your best to attend so that you are well placed to support your child in their learning.

SWIMMING - Class 4 will go swimming on a Monday this term and will need their kits each week. Please remember this is a curriculum subject and children must attend weekly. If your child is anxious about resuming swimming, please see a member of staff discretely and we can support them as required.

Earrings - Please remove your child's earrings on PE and swimming days if they are not able to do it themselves. Only studs should be worn for school. Please sign an indemnity form for your child to wear earrings if you haven't already done so.

Winter Coats

Can you please make sure your child comes to school dressed for the winter with a warm coat, hat, gloves etc. it is getting really cold outside, so they need to be well wrapped up. If you need any help at all with coats, hats etc, please drop us a confidential email on our secure stpx@stpx.bwcet.com address. We can help with this.

Attendance

A summary of our attendance rules is on our website with some links to government websites for you to read about this in more detail. Please take the time to look at this before considering any holidays in term time. Our policy is available online or you can request a hard copy from the office. Please remember that the school follows the Trust, LA and National Policy for promoting attendance. Absences through illness should be called in each day. Where a call isn't received, office staff will attempt to contact parents through parent / carer or emergency contacts. Where we are unable to make contact, school staff may carry out a welfare check to make sure children and families are not in need of assistance. This is a safeguarding requirement.

School Uniform orders Please remember that you now order school uniform direct from our supplier. The link is <https://studentuniform.co.uk/stpx015/>

Reading Books

Could you please make sure your child brings their reading book and reading record book into school each day? Thank you.

Glasses/Water Bottles/ PE kits

If your child wears glasses please make sure they bring them to school, also their water bottle thank you. Children will soon get back into their routines but it would be helpful if parents support them in remembering PE and swimming kits too.

P.E.

Class 1 and Class 2 is on a Thursday and Class 3 and class 4 is on a Tuesday. Could you please make sure your child comes to school in their uniform on PE days and brings a kit with them to change into. PE kits should consist of plain black or blue shorts / tracksuit bottoms or leggings, a school T Shirt or pale blue / white t shirt and plimsoles or trainers. Strictly no football kits allowed.

2025 The Jubilee Year of Hope

Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a year of Jubilee. The theme is "*Pilgrims of Hope*", hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of COVID-19 pandemic, and a climate crisis.

In our school, and in schools and Parishes across the Diocese, we will mark this jubilee year with special events . We will share these with you over the coming weeks.

In each school we will introduce a 'Holy Door' and this will be an important part of our launch. Here is an outline of the planned events across the year.

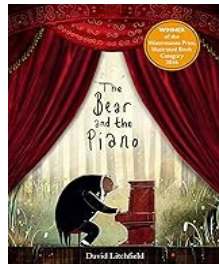
Month	Theme
January	24 January – Launch Day Opening of doors
February	What is hope?
March	School based pilgrimage
April	Taking hope home
May	Signs of hope
June	27 June – Jubilee Day
July	Positive affirmation of hope
September	Hopes for the coming year
October	Global pilgrimages
November	21 November – Jubilee Finale
December	Advent mission – passing hope forward

We are reading these books

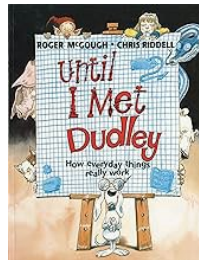
Class 1



Class 2



Class 3



Class 4

