



ST PIUS X CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

24th January 2025

Diary Dates

27th January – National Story Telling Week

Friday 21st February School closes for Half Term

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.

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.

Punctuality

We currently have a small number of pupils arriving late to school regularly and this is impacting on progress. Lessons start promptly at 8.55a.m. in all classes. Some pupils are missing the start of crucial phonics lessons or teaching inputs in Maths and English. From Monday we will need to close the main door at 9.00a.m. so would ask if all children can be in class before then please. Anyone arriving after registration, unless by arrangement, should press the buzzer and we will take your child to the classroom for you. Thank you for your help.

Attendance

Well done to those pupils and their families who have improved their attendance over recent weeks. We still have 11 pupils currently in school who are listed as persistent absentees. This means they have lower than 90% attendance. Whilst we fully understand the impact of illness on attendance, we would encourage children to be in school when they are able to do so. Often coughs, colds etc can be managed in school with some tissues and some TLC if your child otherwise feels well.

Please be aware that all absences should be called into the office or via email. Medical evidence is requested from pupils who are already below 90% attendance. This can be in the form of an appointment card or prescription so that the absence can be authorised. Please check Arbor apps regularly for communications from school.

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

After School Clubs

Monday – Sports Club Free
Tuesday – Games Club £1
Wednesday – Dance Club £1
Thursday – Movie Club £1

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. Children must not wear earrings for PE if your child can not remove them please make sure they have been removed before they come to school.

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.

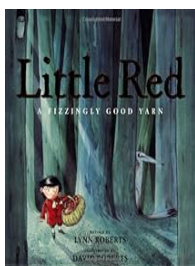
In our school, and in schools and Parishes across the Diocese, we will mark this jubilee year with special events. We will share these with you over the coming weeks.

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

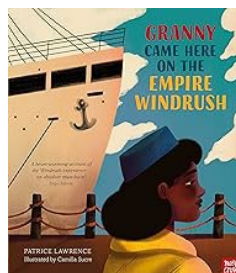
Class 1



Class 2



Class 3



Class 4





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