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Newsletter - July 2026



Gosh - here we are at the final 2 weeks of the school year! It has been a year full of joy, magic moments and learning for all. On Thursday 9th July, Mrs Howard will head off on maternity leave as she prepares for the arrival of her second baby. I am sure you will join with me in sending Mr & Mrs Howard, and a very excited 'big brother to be', our love and prayers for the safe arrival of baby Howard.

Mr Barry will leave us on Wednesday 15th July after his temporary year's contract. It has been great to have him with us, and we send our love and prayers with him too, as he moves on to his next school.

And of course, our Year 6 children - what an adventure it has been! A great cohort of children who have made us literally laugh and cry! We wish them all the luck in the world as they head off, with our prayers, on to the next stage of their lives. Thank you for entrusting them to us - it has been an utter pleasure.

Catholic Life and Mission

On Sunday 26th June, 9 of our Year 4 children made their First Holy Communion - it was a beautiful Mass, when all of their families and special friends came together to share in their Sacramental journey. We ask God to bless each and every one of them.

Collective Worship

Our Celebrations of the Word are an extremely important part of our week - especially our class Celebrations of the Word, which the children help to prepare and lead for each other. These take place in the classroom, the hall, the forest school, the peace garden and even on the tyre park. Our children design their focal point, choose their prayers, music and reflection ideas. They are wonderful moments of calm and reflection for all.

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RE lessons

We are now a year into following a new RE scheme - 'Lighting the Path'. This scheme has been endorsed by Salford Diocese. EYFS and KS1 have been using it since September 2025, whilst KS2 have been sampling the pilot materials. Their section of the scheme will be fully in place in September 2026. We have been astounded by the children's response to the scheme - they really are retaining immense knowledge about scripture, learning about links between religions and also more able to link scripture to everyday life. Our children really do make us proud every day!

School/Packed Lunch Choices

As you will now know, all parents/carers need to log on to the Arbor app to make lunch choices for both school lunches or indeed to select the packed lunches option. Paper copies of menus will no longer be available - everything you need to know is on the app. If you have any 'teething troubles' with this then please contact Mrs Woodridge in the office and she will endeavour to help you.

Please also note that as a 'healthy school' we do promote healthy packed lunches. The children should not have more than one sweet option in their lunch - I have seen several children with sometimes up to 3 sweet items - this causes a sugar spike, and then a slump soon after and they are simply then not equipped for their afternoon learning! I have also seen children with a 'share' size bag of crisps - again this is not appropriate, please only send a single portion bag of crisps.

Dates for your diary - July 2026

Wednesday 1 st		Moving Up Morning
Thursday 2 nd		Tiddly Tots Moving Up Assembly
Tuesday 7 th		Year 6 to the Crucial Crew Workshop
Thursday 9 th	1.30pm	Year 5/6 play for parents/carers
Friday 10 th	9.30am	Year 5/6 play for parents/carers
Monday 13 th	9.00am	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Wednesday 15 th	9.00am	EYFS & Key Stage 1 Sports Day
Thursday 16 th		Crazy Choice Day
Friday 17 th	9.00am	Year 6 Celebration Assembly (Y6 parents/carers invited)
Friday 17 th	1.00pm	School closes for the Summer holiday (Year 6 parents/carers please gather on the main playground!)

Wednesday 2nd September 8.40am Doors open for the start of term

Wednesday 2nd September 8.45am Registration

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I invite you to share this prayer at home with your child/ren

Loving God,

We thank you for the year we have shared at Holy Souls — for learning, laughter and the friendships that have grown.

Bless every child, parent and member of staff with rest, joy and safety over these summer weeks.

Fill our days with gentle adventures, kind encounters and time to grow in faith and love. Keep us mindful of those who need extra care and help us to be signs of your kindness when we return.

May we come back refreshed and ready to learn.

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May I take this opportunity to wish all of our families a lovely Summer break full of God's blessings.

Danielle Ellison

Headteacher



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