

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



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Virtue to Live By:
Kindness and Trust

Dear Parents and Carers

In Sunday's Gospel on yesterday, Jesus reminds us, "If you love me, keep my commandments," and promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate who stays with us and guides us in truth.

As we move through this month of May, we are reminded in a special way of Mary's faithful yes to God, her care for the Church, and her place as Mother of Jesus and Mother of us all.

Marian Service: We were delighted to celebrate this beautiful Marian devotion in church on Friday, when Miss Kavanagh's class led a wonderful service. It was lovely to see so many of you join us so generously by sending in flowers, readings and other contributions. Thank you for helping to make the service such a prayerful and memorable occasion. During May, we will also be offering the opportunity for children to say the Rosary voluntarily at break times, continuing our prayers to Mary throughout this special month.

SATs: Our Year 6 pupils have now begun their SATs this week. We know how hard they have worked throughout the year and are very proud of the effort, resilience and maturity they have shown. We will be keeping them in our prayers and wish them every success as they complete this important week.

Sports Day: With fingers crossed for good weather, we are excited to announce that our annual Sports Day is planned for **Wednesday 20th May**, beginning at **10:00am**. The day will start with a brief opening ceremony and warm-up before the school splits into two parts:

Reception and Key Stage 1 will take part in traditional races in the morning, while Key Stage 2 children enjoy a range of sporting activities. The groups will then swap over in the afternoon.

We warmly invite you to join us for all or part of the day. In line with our safeguarding arrangements, however, we are asking all visitors to **complete the Google form** in advance. Without advance notification, we will not be able to allow entry onto the school site. Please use the double gate on the church side of the car park for all access and exit on the day, as this will be the only entry point this year.

You are very welcome to bring a deckchair, blanket and picnic basket, though we ask that you please note that alcohol, smoking/vaping and dogs are not permitted on school grounds. Refreshments of tea, coffee etc will also be available to purchase during the day. Children will remain under the supervision of school staff throughout, and parents may join their own child(ren) at lunchtime only. For safeguarding reasons, no other children or friends may join you for lunch. Photography and filming are permitted, but we ask that any images are not shared online without explicit permission.

On the day, children should come to school in their **sports day kit** (Team colours will be shared with you shortly) rather than uniform. Your child will bring home their PE shorts beforehand, and these should be worn with a top in their House colour. If preferred, their PE top may also be worn. Please make sure your child has comfortable shoes, socks, sun cream, a hat and a water bottle. We are hopeful for a joyful and memorable day for all.

Skateboarding: A small group of children also visited Fearnville recently for the chance to try skateboarding, and they had a brilliant time learning a new skill. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and courage as they gave something new a go.

On **Friday 22nd May**, our **Year 3 pupils** will enjoy an exciting day out to **Mission Out**, where they will take part in adventurous and active learning experiences. We know they will have a fantastic time.

It is hard to believe, but the school will close for **half term on Friday 22nd May at 3:30pm** and will reopen to all pupils on **Monday 1st June**.

At the start of the new half term, Year 4 will complete the statutory **Multiplication Check**, and we wish them well as they show all they have learned.

On **2nd June**, our **Year 6 pupils** will begin transition work led by **MindMate**, helping them prepare for the changes ahead as they move towards high school.

Finally, a very important date for our parish and school community: the **First Holy Communion Mass** will take place on **Sunday 7th June at 11:00am in St Nicholas Church**. More information will follow shortly. In the meantime, please do ensure that your child is attending Mass and that their form is being signed by Father.

Thank you, as always, for your support, kindness and partnership.

God Bless
Mrs Burns
Headteacher