



28th February 2025

Dear parents / carers



Open The Book

Before half term, children from Cardinal Newman's Open The Book team came to deliver yet another super assembly to children in KS1. The theme was linked to the parable of The Great Banquet. This parable reminds us that in God's Kingdom there are many, many people who have been marginalised by this world. In the parable, because people were too busy with unimportant things, they turned down the invitation and missed the great feast. The invitation to the banquet is Jesus' invitation for us to accept His salvation. Accepting salvation means that we ask Jesus to forgive us for our unhelpful choices and choose to do the things He wants us to do. It was lovely to see some of our children from KS1 take part with some of the acting roles.



Pilgrims of Hope

The Church's Year of Jubilee began in January and the theme for this year is 'Pilgrims of Hope' - a call to embrace hope in our world. Pope Francis says, *"Let us train ourselves to recognise hope. We will then be able to marvel at how much good exists in the world. And our hearts will light up with hope. We will then be able to be beacons of the future for those around us."* We have encouraged you to talk with your children and consider how your family can contribute and help those in need. Your involvement will help make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and reflect the hope and compassion of the Year of Jubilee. Thank you to Chaska, Year 6, for the prayer he has written.



**Oh Almighty Father,
Give us the strength to be pilgrims of hope this year.
Let us see the light of Your Spirit in 2025.
Oh glorious Lord, give us the gift of hope and help us to spread it to the world.
Give us the same gift of peace and kindness that You gave to Mary, the Mother of God.
Amen.**

Year 5 Art

Year 5 have been learning about space. In Art, children produced a retro-futurism inspired, mixed-media space image. To start, the children carefully drew and cut out their own astronaut. They then created stunning mixed-media space inspired backgrounds, layering their astronaut on top. The children were very proud of their work. Great work.



St David's Day

Reception were delighted by one of their member's wonderful celebration of St David's Day. Dressed in traditional Welsh attire, she shared her knowledge of the customs and traditions associated with this special day. She even gifted each student in the year group a beautiful daffodil, the national flower of Wales, as a reminder of St David's message of kindness and community. Thank you for bringing St David's Day to life for us all.



Thank you for your ongoing support. Rachel Breen,
Headteacher

Road Closure - Southbound directional lane closure for gas works on Dyke Road

Message from SGN Southern Replacement.

From Monday 10th March, for a duration of three weeks, SGN will be closing Dyke Road to southbound traffic from the junction of Upper Drive to outside the Audi Garage. Please see map below showing the location of the closure.

Southbound traffic will be diverted to The Upper Drive, Old Shoreham Road and back onto Dyke Rd.

Vehicle access to the Audi Garage and businesses within the closure will be via the northbound carriageway.

Bus routes will be diverted – to replace the bus stop outside the public house, a temporary bus stop will be located in the parking bays outside 60 to 66 on The Upper Drive.

Why is this closure necessary?

This unplanned urgent closure has been agreed with the council to enable engineers to carry out vital connections to maintain gas pressures in the mains network. To avoid several sets of multiway lights causing significant disruption to traffic and access to businesses, a decision has been made to close the southbound lanes as the safest and least disruptive option. We apologise in advance for the inconvenience this closure will cause and thank you for your patience and understanding.



Staff car park – for staff only

A reminder that the staff car park is for staff only. It is not for dropping off for Breakfast Club or for drop off at usual time if the weather is bad.

For Breakfast Club, choir or another reason for your child to be in school early, please park on The Upper Drive. Children will then walk down the path that runs behind the staff car park and buzz in through the Breakfast club gate.

Parent cars pulling into the car park increases risk of car park accidents when additional cars are manoeuvring to park and then get out etc. We have had an incident this week when several members of staff were unable to enter the car park due to parents dropping children off. This then impacts the working day of the school and ensuring everything runs smoothly and in a timely manner. Your support with all of the above is greatly appreciated.

Lent and Easter

As part of our Lenten preparations, we have the following events and services planned for KS1 and KS2 to help prepare the children for Easter. Please note that access to these events will be via the gate on Radinden Manor Road, see gate timings below. There will be a retiring collection and money collected will go towards City Mission.

Wednesday 2nd April

- 9:00am **Reception** Easter Liturgy - Assembly (Gates will open 8:55 - 9:05am).
- 2:15pm **Year 3 and 6** Stations of the Cross with Parents (Gates will open 2:10pm).

Thursday 3rd April

- 9:00am **Year 1** Easter Liturgy Assembly (Gates will open 8:55 - 9:05am).
- 2:15pm **Year 4 and 5** Stations of the Cross with Parents (Gates will open 2:10pm).

Friday 4th April

- 9:00 **Year 2** Easter Liturgy Assembly (Gates will open 8:55 - 9:05am).

During Lent, we will be collecting food for the Hangleton and Knoll foodbank and you can donate food in the KS2 shelter anytime. There is a collection box in the foyer of the office all year round so please do always drop off what you can any time of year too.

<https://www.hangletonfoodbank.org/>



World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March, we will celebrate World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed in pyjamas or comfy clothes as, over the day, they will enjoy some cosy reading time. Please ensure that suitable footwear is still worn. Children can bring in their favorite book from home.



The Outdoors Project – free trial

The Outdoors Project are offering a free trial at their after school club. It runs every Wednesday for Years 1 - 6, finishing at 4:20pm. Please contact them at brighton@theoutdoorsproject.co.uk if you'd like to sign up for a free trial

The activities coming up are: making treasure maps, Nerf, Easter egg hunts, cooking over a campfire, making bush craft baskets, & foraging.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
SPRING TERM '25 BOOK NOW

FUN, EXERCISE, FRESH AIR & DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR THIS TERM INCLUDE:

DINO DAY & TREASURE MAPS
APACHE FIRELIGHTING & SHELTER MAKING
POKEMON CARD MAKING & STACK ATTACK
PHARAOH'S REVENGE & EGYPTIANS
PLOP TRUMPS & WILD CATS
NERF: BATTLEMENT & MISSION IMPOSSIBLE
MAKE A BASKET & FOREST PHOTO FRAME
MOLKKY & CAMPFIRE MARSHMALLOWS
THE KEY INGREDIENT: LOTS OF FUN!

COTTESMORE ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY
 WEDNESDAYS 3:15 - 4:20PM
 YEARS 1-6
 19th JANUARY - 28th MARCH 2024
 TOTAL COST: £26 / £10-16CH TERM

MORE INFO & BOOK: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK
 OFSTED REGISTERED & CHILD CARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Valentine's
CAKE SALE

Thank you to everyone who baked and brought items to the cake sale.

Together, we raised
£334

Summer Adventure Camp

We are an OFSTED registered adventure camp with activities such as climbing, archery, bush craft, high ropes, scooters, zorbs and so much more.

HAF bookings

FREE HAF bookings for camps in Brighton are open and bookings are going fast although we do still have availability.

<https://summeradventurecamp.co.uk/cardinal-newman-school>

SAC
 Summer Adventure Camp

JUNIOR Adventures
 For children aged 6-16 with parents paying by cash, debit, credit card / bank

BOOK NOW

SummerAdventureCamp.co.uk
 Visit our website to book your Adventure this Easter and Summer 2025

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MONDAY 10th	- Science Week - Year 3 Pedestrian Training
TUESDAY 11th	
WEDNESDAY 12th	- Year 2 St Monica Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 13th	Y6 Hove Fire Station – Safety in Action
FRIDAY 14th	Year 4 Swimming
MONDAY 17th	- St Patrick's Day - Year 3 Pedestrian Training - Year 5 Bikeability
TUESDAY 18th	Year 5 Bikeability
WEDNESDAY 19th	- Year 2 St Patrick Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm - Year 5 Bikeability
THURSDAY 20th	Year 5 Bikeability
FRIDAY 21st	- World Poetry Day - Y4 Lets Dance 2025 at the Brighton Dome - Year 4 Swimming
MONDAY 24th	- Year 3 Pedestrian Training - Year 5 Bikeability
TUESDAY 25th	Annunciation of the Lord Year 5 Bikability
WEDNESDAY 26th	- Year 3 St Martin Forest School am - Year 3 St Cecilia Forest School pm - Year 5 Bikeability
THURSDAY 27th	Reception school trip to Drusillas Year 5 Bikeability
FRIDAY 28th	- Year 4 Swimming - PTA Easter Egg Hunt after school
MARCH / APRIL	
MONDAY 31st	Year 3 Pedestrian Training
TUESDAY 1st	
WEDNESDAY 2nd	- World Autism Awareness Day - Honeypot Party 9am Reception Easter liturgy in hall for parents 2.15pm Stations of the Cross with Parents – Year 3 and Year 6 (Radinden Manor gate open at 2.10pm for entrance - please don't use the front office).
THURSDAY 3rd	9am Year 1 Easter liturgy in hall for parents 2.15pm Stations of the Cross with Parents – Year 4 nd Year 5 (Radinden Manor gate open at 2.10pm for entrance - please don't use the front office). - PTA uniform sale after school – items between £1 and £2
FRIDAY 4th	- Year 4 Swimming 9am Year 2 Easter liturgy in hall for parents

EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April
Outdoors Project Holiday Club on school field
20th April – Easter Sunday

APRIL	
TUESDAY 22nd	
WEDNESDAY 23rd	Year 5 St Oscar Forest School am
THURSDAY 24th	
FRIDAY 25th	Year 4 Swimming
APRIL / MAY	
MONDAY 28th	
TUESDAY 29th	
WEDNESDAY 30th	- Year 4 St Cuthman Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 1st	Grandparents day celebration in Forest School. 1.45pm – 2.45pm. All welcome. Entrance via field gate off The Upper Drive.
FRIDAY 2nd	- Year 4 Swimming - Year 2 Beach School - Reception PTA film show after school
MAY	MAY – MONTH OF MARY
MONDAY 5th	Bank Holiday – school closed
TUESDAY 6th	
WEDNESDAY 7th	- Year 3 St Cecilia Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 8th	Year 5 school trip to Rampion Wind Farm
FRIDAY 9th	Year 4 Swimming
MONDAY 12th	- Year 6 SATs Monday - Thursday - Mental Health Awareness Week
TUESDAY 13th	
WEDNESDAY 14th	- Year 3 St Martin Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 15th	
FRIDAY 16th	- Year 4 Swimming - Year 1 school trip to Arundel Castle - Mental Health Awareness Day to mark the end of Mental Health Awareness Week
MONDAY 19th	Reception Screening for height, weight, vision and hearing
TUESDAY 20th	Reception Screening for height, weight, vision and hearing
WEDNESDAY 21st	Honeypot Party
THURSDAY 22nd	PGL Marchant Hill TEAMS meeting with parents at 3.45pm
FRIDAY 23rd	11am Mary Mass for all, followed by 12.15 pm family picnic on the field

HALF TERM

Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May
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JUNE	
MONDAY 2nd	
TUESDAY 3rd	
WEDNESDAY 4th	- Year 2 St Patrick Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 5th	- PTA uniform sale after school – items between £1 and £2 - Year 3 Beach School
FRIDAY 6th	Year 2 Beach School
MONDAY 9th	Year 1 (and some Year 2) Phonics Screening test week
TUESDAY 10th	6.20pm welcome meeting for new Reception (Sept 2024) parents
WEDNESDAY 11th	- Year 2 St Monica Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm - Black History Workshops for Y2 to Y6
THURSDAY 12th	Black History Workshops for Y2 to Y6
FRIDAY 13th	
Sunday 15th	First Holy Communion at the Sacred Heart 9.30am Mass.
MONDAY 16th	
TUESDAY 17th	
WEDNESDAY 18th	- Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (18th – 20th) - Year 5 St Josephine Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 19th	Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (18th – 20th)
FRIDAY 20th	- Year 4 Beach School - Year 6 – Residential trip to Marchants Hill (18th – 20th) - Refugee Day - New Reception Starters Teddy Bear's picnic 10.15am – 11.15am (Entrance via field gate on The Upper Drive)
MONDAY 23rd	
TUESDAY 24th	
WEDNESDAY 25th	Class photos with JP Photographic - Year 6 St Maximilian Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 26th	Year 5 School Trip to Deers Leap
FRIDAY 27th	- Summer Fair - Year 3 school trip to Cuckmere Haven
JUNE / JULY	
MONDAY 30th	
TUESDAY 1st	
WEDNESDAY 2nd	- New Reception storytime sessions. Group A 10.30am – 11.30am and Group B 1.30pm – 2.20pm (Entrance via KS1 playground gate on The Upper Drive) - Year 6 St Benedict Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 3rd	
FRIDAY 4th	- Year 6 Transition Day - Newman festival
JULY	
MONDAY 7th	Year 6 dress rehearsal to all of school
TUESDAY 8th	Year 6 show to parents. 1.15pm – 2.45pm (entrance via Radinden Manor) and 6pm – 7.30pm (entrance via gate off staff car park onto KS2 playground). Children arrive at 5.30pm.
WEDNESDAY 9th	- Sports Day sessions for KS1 (parents welcome). Entrance via field gate on The Upper Drive 9.15am – 10.15am Reception 10.30am – 11.30am Year 1 1.30pm – 2.30pm Year 2 - Year 4 St Lewinna Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 10th	- Year 2 school trip to Port Lympne Safari Park - First Holy Communion Mass and breakfast for children in Year 3 and 4
FRIDAY 11th	Reserve date for Summer Fair
MONDAY 14th	Staff leavers assembly
TUESDAY 15th	
WEDNESDAY 16th	- Sports Day sessions for KS2 (parents welcome). Entrance via field gate on The Upper Drive 9.15am – 10.45am Year 5 and 6 1.15pm – 2.45pm Year 3 and 4 - Year 6 leaver's disco 4.30pm until 6pm (children only unless parent helpers) - Honeypot Party
THURSDAY 17th	PTA uniform sale after school – items between £1 and £2
FRIDAY 18th	9.15am Year 6 Leavers Mass and picnic - Last day of term – school closed for summer
MONDAY 21st	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
TUESDAY 22nd	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils