



Newsletter

We see Jesus in everything we do

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new academic year!

I hope that you have all had a restful and enjoyable holiday and have been able to make some precious memories with your families. On behalf of all the staff, teaching and non-teaching, I'd like to start the new year by thanking you all for your generous gifts and cards at the end of last term. They were all gratefully received and highly valued. Thank you.

The teachers have spent both Friday and today in school preparing the classrooms in readiness for the return of the children tomorrow. We are all very much looking forward to seeing them and hearing of their holiday adventures!

Cadent Gas Works

I am sure that many of you will already be aware from social media that the gas works on Parsonage Lane have over run and will not be finished before the start of term tomorrow. This means that Parsonage Lane is closed to all vehicles from the Dedworth Road end. Whilst the Maidenhead Road end remains open, there is a vastly reduced amount of space to park cars and the turning area is also very limited.

Whilst these works continue, **please do not drive into Parsonage Lane, from either end, if there is any other alternative**

From Wednesday morning we will increase the number of staff servicing the walking bus option from Dedworth Park (opposite the play area). If you must bring your child to school by car please drop them with the staff in the park for at least the remainder of this week. In order to facilitate as many drop offs as possible, please do not park your car at the park, simply drop your child and leave. **Please remember that we are unable to accommodate bikes or scooters on the Walking Bus.

For all children new to St Edward's Fledglings who are not used to the parking issues we have here at St Edward's, the disruption that this work will cause will be considerable and every single car driven down Parsonage Lane is likely to cause issues in an already busy area. Please try to avoid driving if possible.

PE Days

Please refer to the table below for the relevant PE days for the children. On their allocated day, the children should come to school wearing the correct school PE kit.

Please remember that the children should not wear hoodies or zipped tops on PE days. They must have a plain black sweatshirt without logos. Trainers should be dark coloured, preferably black. Any earrings should be taped or removed before leaving home.

Monday	
Tuesday	Y4
Wednesday	Y1
Thursday	Y2
Friday	Y3

The Fledglings PE day will be allocated at the end of this term. There is no need for them to wear PE kit before the spring term.

School Events Calendar

We have attached the school calendar for the year. This includes school masses, class assemblies, Parents' Evening dates, plays, carol concerts and Sports Day. Please take a moment to look at these and to write them down in your diaries. It is really important for your children that someone attends these events. For convenience and consistency, all class assemblies will be

held at 9am on Friday mornings and any school events in the evenings will begin at 6pm.

Please do pay particular attention to the school holiday dates and avoid booking any holidays during the school term.

Please also note that, to improve teacher wellbeing, Parents Evening appointments in October and March will be available between 3.30pm and 6.00pm on both dates. We will not be offering a late evening option as we have done previously. I do hope that this early advance notice will give you time to plan accordingly.

RE Display & Meet & Greet

As part of the RE curriculum, the children will be studying different Saints in their classrooms during the first two weeks of this term. We would love you to see the results of their research and are inviting you to come and have a look at it on the morning of Friday 22nd September between 9am and 9.45am.

The staff would also like to informally invite you to your child's new classroom at 2.45pm on Friday 29th September, so that you can see the classroom where your child is working, find out a little about the work they will be covering this term and meet the teacher if you do not know them already. If you have more than one child at school, please feel free to simply "pop-in" to each class.

Full details of the learning for the term will be given to each child as they leave and will also be available on each class area of the school website.

Alpha Course

Catholic Windsor is offering the Alpha Course online beginning Monday, 18th of September (19:30-21:00), and in-person Tuesday 19th September (19:00-21:00). After a huge response in 2022, we have expanded to offer an online version for those parents with childcare conflicts or extra-long commutes that find the in-person version difficult to attend each week.

Alpha explores life's big questions, in an open, non-judgmental and safe place. We will be discussing questions like: Is there more to life than this? Does God

exist? Why did Jesus have to die? and Why is there so much suffering in the world?

Millions of people have already tried Alpha in over 100 countries and languages around the world - so why not you? Perhaps you have a friend or family member who has fallen away from the faith during the pandemic, doesn't feel as connected to the church as they once did, or maybe has never truly answered life's big questions for themselves -- please invite them, we'd love to host them too!

To RSVP, please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/RZABMmgKzwwh47sX9>

If you have questions about joining or inviting others, please email Ryan Greig at:

alphawindsor316@gmail.com

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us via the school office if there is any question that you have or if you think we can help you in any way possible.

God Bless

Sarah Matthews

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