

Autumn Term

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Our Lady & St. Swithin's



Catholic Primary School

Dates for your diary

Date and Times	Event	Class
21/10/2026	Whole School finish for half term	Whole school
16/11/2026	Anti-bullying Week	
02/12/2026	Breakfast with Santa	Whole School
03/12/2026	Christmas Panto	Year 1 - 6
09/12/2026 - 8:45am	Christmas Craft Morning	Whole School
11/12/2026	Christmas Bonanza and Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
15/12/2026	Christmas Lunch	Whole School
16/12/2026 - 3:00pm	Christmas Bingo	Whole School
18/12/2026	Christmas Party Day - Party Clothes	Whole School
18/12/2026	Children finish for Christmas.	Whole School



Catholic Life

This week's Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's Word and putting our faith into action through the way we love and care for one another. We are encouraged to notice those around us, especially those who may need our kindness, friendship and support, and to follow Jesus' example in all that we do. This message was particularly meaningful for our Year 5 and Year 6 children, who attended Mass on Thursday to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to come together in prayer and reflect on Mary's example of faith, trust and devotion to God. May Our Lady of Walsingham continue to guide and inspire our whole school community as we seek to grow in faith and love each day.

Please join us in prayer

Let us pray

Loving God,

thank you for the example of Mary, Our Lady of Walsingham,
who trusted you and followed you with faith and love.

Help us to listen to your Word,

to care for those around us

and to show kindness in all that we say and do.

May Mary guide us closer to her Son, Jesus,
and help our school community to grow together in faith, hope and love.

Our Lady of Walsingham, pray for us.

Amen.



Prayer & liturgy Dates

Year 3 & 4 attending Mass on Thursday 8th

October 2026

Year 5 - 30/09/26

Year 4 - 07/10/26

Year 3 - 14/10/26

A message from Mrs Allen.

To ensure every child receives the right support at the right time, we follow a clear graduated approach.

Your child's class teacher is the first point of contact and will put initial strategies in place. Mrs Allen oversees this process and becomes more directly involved where needed, including reviewing Individual Plans. Referrals to external agencies must follow this graduated process.

Appointments with Mrs Allen should be made via the school office

Attendance

EYFS	87.14%
Year 1	92.38%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	95.56%
Year 5	91.72%
Year 6	96.8%
ARC	96.65%

OLSS Target-97%

Whole School Attendance - 93.36 %

97%+

90%-96.9%

Below 90%



Arriving late can affect your child's attendance!

Every minute counts!

As few as 19 missed days over the school year reduces your child's chances of success.

Lateness = lost learning (Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day 3 days lost!

10 minutes late each day 6.5 days lost!

15 minutes late each day 10 days lost!

20 minutes late each day 13 days lost!

30 minutes late each day 19 days lost!

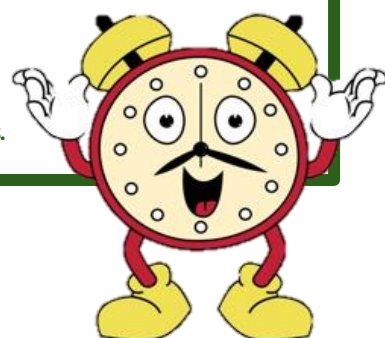
Don't let your child miss out! What you can do:

- Have a regular routine for the start of each day.
- Help your child get their clothes and equipment ready before they go to bed.
- Set a reasonable bedtime to make sure they get enough sleep. Get your child to school on time.

If they are late, they have a bad start to the day.

If your child arrives late for class:

- They miss Phonics
- They miss out on important learning, which could affect their achievement.
- They don't have the social time to settle into class.
 - It can be embarrassing for them.
- They may disrupt the learning of the rest of the class.



Stars of the Week

Nursery	Samuel
Reception	Lucy
Year 1	Oscar
Year 2	Nellie
Year 3	Oluwaseun
Year 4	Destiny
Year 5	Charlotte
Year 6	Charlie
ARC (S)	Lucas
ARC (D)	Neil

Around School



FOOD FOR THOUGHT — LUNCH MENU WEEK 5

w/c 28th September	MONDAY (Planet Friendly / Meat Free)	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SOUP	Broccoli & Cheddar with Bread	Tomato	Vegetable	Roasted Red Pepper	Chinese Sweetcorn
HOT MAINS (Option 1)	Vegan Ravioli in a Homemade Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Homemade Scouse with Crusty Bread & Beetroot	Wholemeal Carbonara Penne Pasta Bake with Peas & Garlic Bread (Mac and Cheese)	Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Hoops/Beans	Fish Fingers with Chips & Garden Peas
HOT MAINS (Option 2)	Quiche with Salad/Beans (V)	Spicy Singapore Noodles (V)	Vegetable & Rice Enchiladas (V)	Vegetarian Sausage Rolls (V)	Quorn Nuggets with Chips & Garden Peas (V)
CHEF SPECIAL	Tuna/Tomato Pasta	Cheesy Pasta Bake	Scouse Pie		Fish/Fish Cake
DESSERT	Fresh Fruit Salad	Rice Pudding	Sticky Toffee Pudding	Ice Cream	Oat Cookies

Available Daily: Jacket potatoes with tuna, cheese or beans, salad, hummus, fresh fruit and yoghurt.

Dietary & Quality: Please speak to a member of staff about dietary requirements. All menus are checked by a nutritionist and adhere to School Food Standards.

Key: (V) Vegetarian | (Ve) Vegan

Healthy Lunches

A healthy packed lunch gives children the energy and nutrients they need to learn, play and stay focused throughout the afternoon. Aim to include a variety of foods such as fruit or vegetables, a wholegrain sandwich/wrap or other starchy food, a protein-rich food such as cheese, eggs or yoghurt, and a drink of water. Try to keep sugary snacks, sweets, chocolate and fizzy drinks as occasional treats rather than everyday lunchbox choices. A colourful, balanced lunch helps children develop healthy eating habits and supports their wellbeing.



Parents/Carers

You will have completed a permissions form when your child enrolled at school. We ask parents/carers to inform the school office each year if there are any changes so that we can update your child's records accordingly. We ask you to consider if there are any changes to the following permissions you have already given:

Your child attending school visits of the local area during the 2026/27 academic year including walking to and from church

Your child being photographed/videoed on school premises or at any other agreed venue during the academic year 2026/27

Your child's image being used on the school website, Twitter page, Facebook page, Newsletter

Your child being photographed/videoed on school premises for the purpose of school/sports activities during the academic year 2026/27

Your child using the Internet at times to help them with their work

Please inform the school office of any changes on or before Monday 21 September. If we don't receive a reply, we will assume the permissions from 2025/26 will still apply

School Start Times

Nursery - 8:45am-2:55pm

Reception - 8:45am-3:05pm

Year 1 & 2 - 8:45am-3:10pm

Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 - 8:45am-3:10pm

ARC - 8:45am-3:05pm

Sensory Toys

Any children needing to use fidget toys will be provided with one from school to use during the school day to help them focus during lessons. Child are NOT allowed to bring in their own fidget toys. If you require any further information, please contact our SENDCo on the above email address.



Rec & Year 7

Reception and Year 7 admissions 2027

Reception closes 15/1/2027, Year 7 closes 31/10/2026 -any problems or help needed submitting contact the office.

Parent Teacher Consultations are now live on Arbor 11/11/2026 slots from 1pm to 4.50 pm, any problems or need help to access, contact the office.



REMINDERS



Parents are asked to download the new ARBOR Parent App and follow all instructions for gaining access to your account, Office staff are here to help if needed.



School dinner money must be paid on a Monday for the week



We currently have uniform available in most sizes. Once this stock has been sold, we will no longer be selling uniform in school due to storage issues



After School clubs are all live on ARBOR and must be booked through the APP



PARENTPAY: Activation letters have been sent out, please activate your account for payments for trips, meals etc.



Nursery Places available for children who are 3+



Our Lady and St Swithin's is a NUT FREE School



Please remember to CUT all grapes in your children's packed lunches

