



September

2025

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Mon | Sept 1 st |
| Mon | Sept 22 nd |
| Wed | Oct 1 st |
| Thur | Oct 23 th |
| Fri-Fri | Oct 24 th –31 st (inclusive) |
| Mon | Nov 17 th |
| Thur | Nov 27 th |
| Mon | Dec 22 nd |
| Tue | Jan 6 th |

Breakfast Club/123 Club reopen
 Staff Development Day (school closed to pupils)
 Opening Mass in St Therese Church 11am
 Halloween Dressing Up Day
School closed for the Halloween Break
 Flu vaccinations offered to all children in school
 Parent Teacher Consultation. School closed for pupils.
 School closing at noon for the Christmas holidays
 School reopening for Term 2

WELCOME BACK

We are so delighted to welcome everyone back to school for a new year of learning and enjoyment. A special welcome to our new P1 children who are beginning their school life in St Therese and also to the children who have joined us in other year groups. We wish all of the children a very successful and happy year ahead.

BREAKFAST CLUB/ 123 CLUB

Breakfast Club is open from at 8am for children in P2-7. P1 children can attend from October onwards. The price is £1.50 for children on Free School Meals and £3 for others. 123 Club will also be available from Mon Sept 1st. It operates from 2-3pm from Mon-Thur each week and is open to P2 and P3 children initially. P1s will be welcome to use the 123 Club once they are in school full days. The price is £1.50 for children on Free School meals and £3 for others. **Places for next week for both clubs must be booked in advance through the links on our website in the Parent Section. Booking closes on Thursdays for the following week.**

HOLIDAY LIST

The holiday list for the year ahead is available [here](#) on our website.

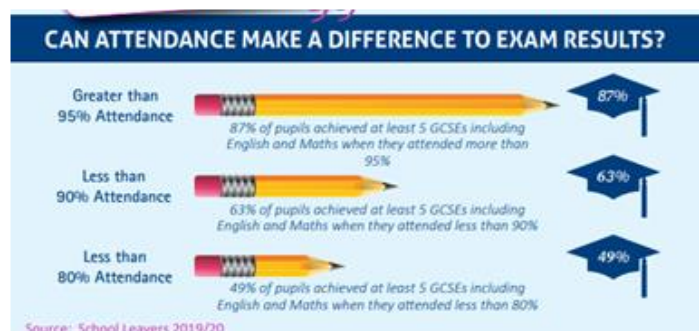
KEY POLICIES

Key policies are published on our website [here](#). They include Online Safety, Complaints, Health and Safety, Promoting Positive Behaviour, Anti-bullying, First Aid, Health and Safety, Child Protection/ Safeguarding Policies and GDPR Privacy Notices.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Thur: 8.30am-4.15pm Fri: 8.30am- 3.15pm

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY



Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child to fulfil their potential. Children who regularly miss school **without good reason** are more likely to become isolated from their friends and to underachieve in examinations. Please try to make appointments outside of school hours. Holidays should not be booked during term time. Please see DE leaflets on the importance of good attendance [here](#) and [here](#).

MEDICAL NEEDS

If your child has developed any medical issues over the holiday period, it is very important to share this information in writing with the class teacher. **If your child has any medication in school (inhalers/epipens/ antihistamines etc) please call in and check that it is in date and that the care plan is still appropriate.**

AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Afterschool activities begin on Monday Sept 8th. Clubs available include the usual MR Sports activities (Football, Arts and Crafts, Gaelic Football, Dance, Multisports and Basketball), as well as Miniversity and Ju-Jitsu. Further details will be available on Dojo asap. P1s will be able to sign up for these clubs after the Halloween break.

CURRICULUM MEETINGS

P2 – P7 year group curriculum meetings will be held later this month. Please make every effort to attend. They are a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher, find out about what he/she will be learning in the year ahead and how you can help at home. The meetings will be held in the school hall and start promptly at 9am and will last about 30 minutes.

P2-Fri Sept 12th

P3- Mon Sept 15th

P4-Fri Sept 19th

P5-Tue Sept 16th

P6-Wed Sept 17th

P7-Thur Sept 18th

SCHOOL SAFETY

Parents are asked not to drive into the school grounds, with the exception of blue badge holders. Please park with care and consideration in the immediate vicinity of the school and be careful not to block gateways, drives and footpaths. Parking on yellow zig-zag lines is an endorsable penalty, which means three points and a £60 fine. Please be especially vigilant when reversing.

Children cycling or scooting to school should wear helmets. On arrival at the school gates, bikes/scooters should be walked to the parking areas.

No dogs are allowed on the school grounds, other than assistance/ guide dogs. We also ask that dogs are not left unattended outside of the school while you collect your child, in case they are frightened if approached by excited children.

Hoops/dangly earrings are not allowed in school-small studs are the only type of earring suitable for wearing in school but must be removed/taped for PE lessons.

CAPES COUNSELLING

Our school counsellor, Lynne Dornan, is very experienced and has been with us many years. Counselling can help children dealing with many issues including bereavement, separation, anxiety, worry, loneliness, anger and friendship issues. Counselling in school, takes place in a private room and sessions last about 30 minutes. Lynne always talks to parents before starting to work with the children.

If you feel your child might benefit from counselling, please contact your child's teacher through ClassDojo and they will send you a permission form to fill in. Lynne will contact you when a place becomes available.

CHILD PROTECTION/SAFEGUARDING

Our comprehensive Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and summary is available on the school website. Mr Coyle is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Mrs Acum is the Deputy Designated Teacher. The summary has been published on ClassDojo.

INFORMATION REQUIRED

Up to date contact details are required for each child in school. If you have changed your phone number or moved house, please contact the office and let us know.

HEALTHY EATING

Our school operates Healthy Eating & Healthy Break Policies, which are available on the school website. At break time we ask that children have a small portion of fresh fruit, vegetables, yogurt or cheese. **Still, unflavoured water or milk are the only drinks permitted during mid-morning break.** **NUTS are not allowed in any form.** Information on Healthy Breaks/Lunches is available [here](#).

SCHOOL DINNERS

The menu is available on the school website in the Parent Information Tab. It operates on a four week cycle. Click [here](#) to view at any time. The cost of a school dinner is £2.60 per day or £13 per week. Money will only be accepted in a labelled and sealed envelope or plastic bag. No change can be given. Meals will be delivered to P1 children in their classrooms. Meals for P2-7 children will be served in the canteen. Apply online [here](#).

Free School Meals (FSM) and Uniform Grant are available to parents in receipt of one of the following benefits: -

- Income Support/Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit;
- Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit with an annual taxable income of £16,190 or less;/Universal credit and have net household earnings not exceeding £14,000 per year.
- An Asylum Seeker supported by the Home Office Asylum ASAT

CLASSDOJO

Please note that teachers cannot respond to individual messages due to time constraints. We have found that answers to many of the queries received are readily available in Dojo posts, Newsletters, Weekly Focus Sheets and on the website. Parents can send brief messages about reasons for absences, appointments etc and teachers will read them after school. If parents want to speak to a teacher, they should message the teacher or phone the office detailing the issues they wish to discuss, and the teacher will respond after school in due course. **Parents of older children who walk home alone should make arrangements with them before school.**

UNIFORMS

The children look so smart in their school uniforms. Please make sure that all clothing is labelled clearly so mislaid items can be returned to their owner. It is important to check the labels regularly to ensure that name/class are still visible.

Please note that the only logo on our PE uniform is the school badge on the sweatshirt. Plain navy jogging bottoms are readily and cheaply available. Trainers should be dark and as plain as possible. We ask that branded sportswear is not worn to school.