

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 20.06.25– Term 6 -Week 3

What a wonderful week we've had at St Nicholas of Tolentine! The hot weather has certainly made its presence felt, but I've been so impressed with how well our pupils have adapted and embraced these sunny days. It's been lovely to see them making the most of our beautiful school grounds, finding shade under the trees and enjoying outdoor learning in this glorious weather.

Our Year 6 pupils had a truly special experience this week attending the Leavers Mass with all the schools in our Catholic Diocese. What a privilege it was to come together as one faith community, celebrating these young people as they prepare for their next chapter. The sense of unity and shared purpose was palpable, and our pupils represented our school beautifully.

Speaking of Year 6, they are now in full swing with rehearsals for their production of *Magpie Manor*. The energy and enthusiasm they're bringing to this project is infectious, and I know they're going to deliver something truly spectacular. Their dedication to perfecting their performances has been remarkable to witness.

This week has also been Refugee Week across our school, and I've been moved by the thoughtful way all our classes have explored this important topic. Watching our pupils develop their understanding of the plight of refugees has been profound, and it connects so beautifully with our Catholic Social Teaching focus on Solidarity this term. These conversations matter, and our pupils are approaching them with the compassion and empathy that makes me so proud.

Looking ahead, next week marks assessment week for all pupils in Years 1-5. Reports will be coming home on Monday 14th July, giving you insight into your child's wonderful progress this year. Wishing you all a blessed weekend.

Reflection: Luke 9:11-17 Corpus Christi, Year C

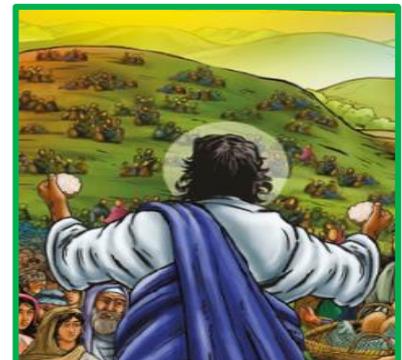
It was late in the afternoon when Jesus told the disciples to give the crowds something to eat. But they had no more than five loaves and two fish and there were about five thousand people there. So Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "Get the people to sit down." Then Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish and, looking up to heaven, he blessed them, broke them, and gave them to his disciples to hand out to the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted and the leftovers filled twelve baskets.

To nourish means to feed and help grow. In this Sunday's Gospel, before he fed the 5000, Jesus looked up to heaven, said the blessing, broke the bread and then shared it. Today, the priest does the same thing at Mass - Jesus continues to nourish us through the Church!

"The Mass is the centre of the Christian life and the nourishment of the soul." Pope Saint Pius X

Just as we eat bread to nourish our bodies, Jesus (especially in Holy Communion) nourishes our souls.

Who else should we remember to thank for nourishing us?



**Thank you for the world so
sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat,
Thank you for the birds that
sing,
Thank you God for everything.
Amen**

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Year 6 Leaver's Mass

This week our Year 6 joined hundreds of children from all over the Diocese at Clifton Cathedral for the Leaver's Mass. This is such a special opportunity to reflect on and celebrate all that the children have achieved during their time at Primary School.

We were also chosen to take part in the Mass by bringing the Offertory. Rayner and Martina represented the school beautifully whilst doing this.

We are so proud of our Year 6 children and looking forward to celebrating their final weeks at Primary School with them.



Sports Day

The school has been a hive of sports day activities this week. Mr Taijan has been working with all classes to ensure everyone is ready for next week. We can already feel the excitement for sports day in the air.

Please join us:

9.15am – EYFS – Year 3

1.30pm – Year 4 – Year 6

We will be keeping an eye on the weather to ensure that if there is another heatwave it will be safe for the children to participate.



Friday 11th July 2.30pm



Tuesday 15th July

Magpie Manor Production – 1.30pm

Friday 18th July

Leaver's Assembly – 9.15am

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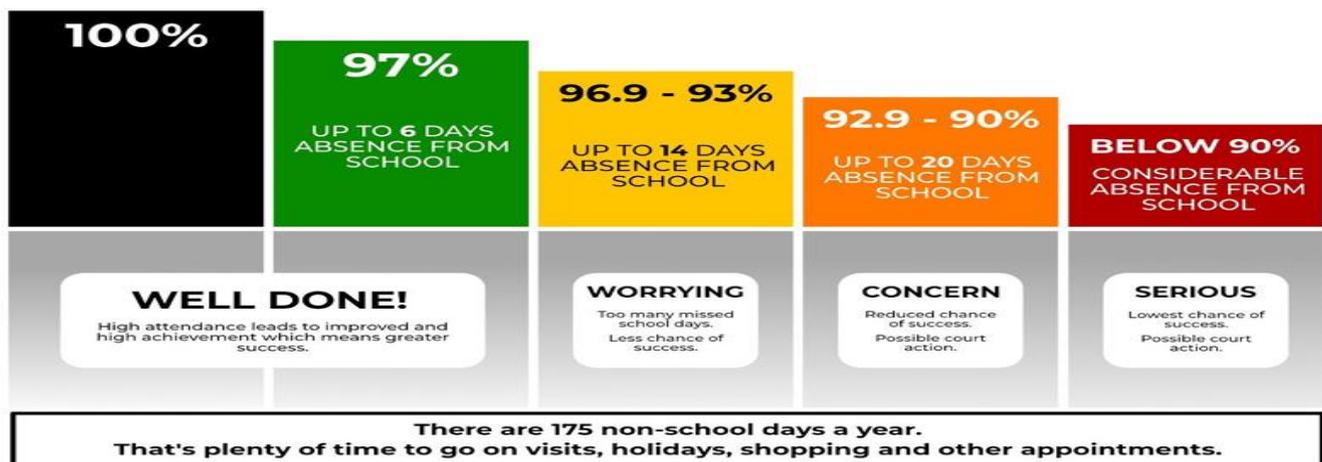
Attendance

Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern, we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

Any classes who achieve a 100% attendance for the week will be able to have a non-school uniform day the following week.

Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Diamond Class	87.04%	88.24%	12
Emerald Class	93.12%	96.36%	11
Ruby Class	92.58%	92.5%	11
Amethyst Class	95.06%	96.67%	5
Sapphire Class	94.64%	92.31%	8
Topaz Class	94.15%	92.4%	8
Total	92.77%	93.8%	55

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you. Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:40am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. There is also access to the walking bus if required. If your child is constantly late to school this can affect their self-esteem and they could be missing out on valuable reading, phonics or Maths activities and interventions.



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Term 6 Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 24 th June	Class Photos Y6 Science Creates Trip
Wednesday 25 th June	Mini Police to Empire Fighting Chance
Friday 27 th June	Sports Day 9.15am – EYFS – Year 3 1.30pm – Year 4 – Year 6
Friday 4 th July	Y6 trip to Taunton
Monday 14 th July	Reports home
Tuesday 15 th July	1.30pm – Year 6 Magpie Manor Production
Friday 18 th July	9.15am – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Monday 21 st July	09.05am – End of Year Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last Day of Term

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James