St Rose's Catholic Infant School

Rose Vine

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As our first half term draws to a close, we have much to be thankful for and celebrate at St Rose's.

It has been a joy to see our children learning, growing and flourishing together. Throughout the half term, they have continued to show the kindness, love and care for others that make our school community so special. Our faith reminds us that each child is known, loved and precious to God, and it is a privilege to see our children developing both academically and spiritually.

Thank you to our wonderful staff for all they do for the children and to our families for the trust, encouragement and support you give to the school. The partnership between home, school and parish is such an important part of the life of our Catholic community.
I would particularly like to thank our children for their hard work, enthusiasm and the joy they bring to school each day. We are very proud of them.

May the half-term break provide time for everyone to rest, enjoy time together and return refreshed for the next part of our school year.

God bless you and your families, and have a wonderful half term.

Mrs M Anderton, Executive Headteacher

Loving God,
Thank you for all the blessings of this half term,
for the things we have learnt,
the friendships we have shared,
and the happy moments we have enjoyed together.
Thank you for our wonderful school community
and for all those who help us to learn, grow and flourish.
As we begin our half-term break,
keep our children, families and staff safe in Your loving care.
Give us time to rest, to enjoy being together
and to notice the many gifts You give us each day.
Help us to return refreshed and ready
to continue to love, learn and grow together,
following the example of Jesus in all that we do.
Amen.

Catholic Life of the School

This term has been filled with wonderful opportunities for our children to grow in faith and live out our school mission. As a school family, we joyfully celebrated the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, reflecting on his love for God's creation and our responsibility to care for the world around us.

Throughout October, the Month of the Rosary, we came together every Friday to pray a decade of the Rosary, deepening our devotion to Mary and spending time together in prayer. We were also delighted to welcome JFK pupils, who worked alongside our children to create their own Rosary beads, helping them to learn more about this special prayer tradition.
We gathered as a community for our Harvest Liturgy, giving thanks for God's many blessings and showing care for those in need. Thanks to the generosity of our families, we collected and donated food and essential items to DENS, supporting local people.

A particularly special highlight of the term was the opportunity to take part in an assembly with the relics of St Carlo Acutis. This was a truly inspiring experience for our children and staff, allowing us to learn more about this remarkable young saint and his dedication to sharing the love of Jesus with others.
We are incredibly proud of the way our children continue to live out our Catholic values through prayer, worship, service and community, putting their faith into action each day.

PARENT NEWS

We will now be producing the Rosevine half-termly but will continue with the Wednesday Week Ahead with up-and-coming information. For more details of what is going on in the classrooms, please visit our school website.

School Dates:
Key dates for the school year are at the bottom of this newsletter.

NEW ENTRANCE GATES

We are delighted to report that we will be having new electric gates fitted at the front of the school to replace both the vehicle and pedestrian entrances. This will provide us with better security as they will both be access controlled. The work is due to start the week beginning 9th November and is planned to work around drop off and pick up times to minimise disruption.

COMMUNITY SHED

This community shed is available to all parents to access. Please feel free to help yourself to anything that you may need. We have been able to replenish our stock from the generous donations at Harvest However, we always welcome donations. These can be handed into the office at any point. We also have an Amazon Wishlist if you would prefer to purchase items and have them delivered straight to school. https://amzn.eu/0woE5XT

If you need some additional support with regards to food please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Butler via the school office and she will be able to explore options with you. All conversations are confidential.



OPAL

What a fantastic first half term we have had with OPAL at St Rose's!

The children have been making the most of spending lots of time outdoors as the seasons have begun to change from summer into autumn. It has been wonderful to see our playground and outdoor learning spaces full of happy, active and imaginative play every lunchtime.

This half term, Miss Bolton has introduced OPAL to our new Reception children and has reminded our Year 1 and 2 children about all the amazing opportunities OPAL can bring to the playground. They have embraced outdoor play with great enthusiasm, and it has been lovely to watch them settle back into school life through play, exploration and friendship-building. We have already seen some fantastic learning and creativity taking place outdoors. Children across the school have been building imaginative dens using loose parts and natural materials, taking part in a range of autumn-inspired activities and exploring and creating in the mud kitchen working collaboratively.

We are also delighted to announce the appointment of our new OPAL Play Team. Eight Year 2 pupils have been selected for this important role and will help support, encourage and include others during lunchtime play. This is a wonderful responsibility, and we know they will be excellent role models for our younger children. Congratulations to all of our new OPAL Play Team members!

Resources requests:

After half term, we would be extremely grateful for any donations of loose parts and resources that could enhance our OPAL provision. If you have any of the following items at home that you no longer need, please consider donating them to school:

- Sand toys
- Buckets for sand play
- Spades for sand play
- Spare or unused wellies
- Spare or unused puddle suits

Thank you for your continued support of our OPAL journey. We look forward to another exciting half term of outdoor play, adventure and learning!

St Cuthbert Mayne Open Events

To book on one of our Open Events please use the following link: St Cuthbert Mayne Tours 2027 - 2028 Admisssions – Fill in form



2026 – 2027 Dates

Autumn Term

November	
2/11/26	Start of Autumn 2 term Reception, Nursery & Pre School 2026 admissions process opens
3/11/26	Feast of St Martin de Porres Nasal Flu Immunisations R-2
4/11/26	Early Years Tour 1:30pm meeting in hall and whole school tour
9/11/26 - 13/11/26	Inter Faith Week
12/11/26	Flu vaccine R-2
13/11/26	World Kindness Day
27/11/26	Occasional Day – school closed
December	
1/12/26	First Day of Advent – pupils to wear a purple accessory 9am Year 2 – Advent Liturgy (adults with toddlers) 2:15 Year 2 – Advent Liturgy (adults only – no children)
2/12/26	Early Years Tour 1:30pm meeting in hall and whole school tour
7/12/26	Reception Christmas Nativity 2:00pm – (adults with toddlers)
8/12/26	KS1 Panto Early Years Magician (in school)
9/12/26	Reception Christmas Nativity 2:00pm – (adults only - no children)
11/12/26	Pre-School & Nursery Nativity 9:30am
14/12/26	Year 1 Christmas Around the World 9am (adults only - no children) 2:15pm (adults with toddlers)
16/12/26	Christmas jumper and Christmas dinner
18/12/26	**End of Term 1:15pm finish**

Spring Term

January	
4/1/27	**INSET – school closed to children**
5/1/27	Term starts
6/1/27	Epiphany WOW day – details TBC
11/1/27	Year 1 Seasonal Change Day – Forest School Kits
13/1/27	Early Years Tour 1:30pm meeting in hall and whole school tour
15/1/27	Year 2 – Seasonal Changes - Winter / Outdoors Day Closing date to apply for Reception 2027 place
26/1/27	St Teresa 9am Class Bible Story Assembly – Parents Welcome
27/1/27	St Dominic 9am Class Bible Story Assembly – Parents Welcome
February	
2/2/27	St Antony 9am Class Bible Story Assembly – Parents Welcome Early Years Tour 1:30pm meeting in hall and whole school tour
3/2/27	St Bernadette 9am Class Bible Story Assembly – Parents Welcome

5/2/27	Numbers Day - details TBC
10/2/27	11am Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Fr David – Parents Welcome
12/2/27	Closing date to apply for Pre School and Nursery 2027 place
15/2/27 – 19/2/27	Half Term
March	
1/3/27 – 5/3/27	St David's Day – children invited to wear a yellow accessory
4/3/27	World Book Day - details TBC
9/3/27	St Catherine Class 9am Bible Story Assembly – Parents Welcome
10/3/27	St Martin 9am Class Bible Story Assembly – Parents Welcome
16/3/27	Consultation Evening
17/3/27	St Patrick's Day – children invited to wear a green accessory Consultation Evening
14/3/27	Lenten Liturgy 2:15pm – Parents Welcome
25/3/27	End of Term 1:15pm finish

Summer Term

April	
12/4/27	INSET – school closed to children
13/4/27	Term starts
16/4/27	St Bernadette Feast Day Easter Liturgy 2:15pm – Parents Welcome
23/4/27	St George's Day – children invited to wear a red, white or blue accessory
22/4/27	Parents Phonics Screening Meeting 4pm (School Hall)
29/4/27	Feast of St Catherine of Siena
May	
3/5/27	Bank Holiday
4/5/27	Month Of May Liturgy with Fr David – 2:15pm – Parents Welcome
31/5/27 – 4/6/27	Half Term
June	
7/6/27 - 11/6/27	Phonics Screening Week Healthy Living Week
11/6/27	Sport's Day
14/6/27	Feast day of St Anthony of Padua (actual date 13th)
25/6/27	INSET – school closed to children
July	
13/7/27	Year 2 Leaver's Mass 5pm – details TBC
20/7/27	End of Term 1:15pm finish
21/7/27	INSET – school closed to children
22/7/27	INSET – school closed to children