



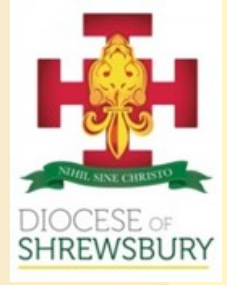
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Gates open at 8.40am	Learning Activities begin at 8.45am	School Day ends at 3pm
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Hello everyone,

On Tuesday, our school was filled with a bright sunshine yellow as we marked World Mental Health Day. We begun the day with an assembly led by Mrs Church, where the children explored what mental health is, and how we can look after our mind and bodies. The children then completed a range of different activities in their classrooms which link closely to our PSHE curriculum. The day ended with our fist whole school Mass of the year where we thought about the journey ahead, remembered those in need and certainly made the sun shine with our singing of 'Shine from the Inside out'!

A big thank you to all those who joined us for our Open Evening on Monday. It was lovely to see you exploring our school and finding out about all of the wonderful learning which the children have completed this half term.

Next week is our final week before the half term break and we are looking forward to welcoming CAFOD into school to teach us more about the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching. On Thursday, we will also be opening our doors for our first Parent Pop—In of the year (more details below).

Wishing you a restful weekend.

God bless and see you all at 8.40am on Monday.

Mrs Holland

A PRAYER FOR WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Loving God,
 be with all who struggle with their mental health,
 and all who support them.
 Give each of us faith to see beyond the troubles of this time,
 hope to face this day and every day,
 and a true sense of your love for all your people,
 revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Parents' Evening

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place on Monday 16th October 2023. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year. Appointments are 5 minutes in length and we ask that in line with our School Value of **Respect** that you keep to this time. Thank you in advance.

Parent Pop—in

On Thursday 19th October, we will be opening our doors at 2.30pm for the very first Parent Pop—in of the school year. This will be a chance for you to come into your child's classroom to share a story with them.



Headteacher Awards:

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Reception	Erik, Emily R.
Year 1	Harper, Ethan, Willow.
Year 2	Parker, Star.
Year 3	Scarlett, Bartosz.
Year 4	Lucas, Tasha
Year 5	George, Carter.
Year 6	Ava.

Dates for your Diary

October

13th Cake Day

16th Parents' Evening

19th Parent Pop In - read a book

20th School closes for half term

30th School opens

November

10th Crazy Hair Day (bottles for Christmas Fair)

11th Remembrance Day

17th Silly Socks (chocolate for Christmas Fair)

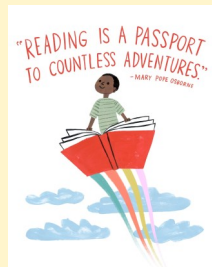
24th Flu Vaccinations

24th Christmas Fair 6—8pm

New dates in red.

Reading at Home

Earlier in the term, Miss Rowland wrote to you all to share our new approach to reading and to outline the rewards which children would gain from reading regularly at home through our Reading Rainbow. We expect all of our children to read at least 3 times a week at home and they will receive a star once they have completed 15 reads in total. These reads should be recorded in your child's reading record and could include texts which they have at home as well as their school book.



Faith Explorers update

As many of you may already know, last year we introduced Faith Explorers to enrich our children's preparation in receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. This year I am pleased to share that this will continue, with us working closely with St Peter's and St Simon's to mark this very special milestone. Please find attached a letter from Fr Peter inviting parents of those in Years 3—6 who wish to receive these sacraments this year to an initial meeting on Tuesday, 21st November at 7.45pm.



Attendance

Reception	94.1%
Year 1	92.9%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	89.7%
Year 4	89.4%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	92.6%

A reminder that the gates open at 8.40am for all of our children and their learning activities begin at 8.45am each day. Our school target for

attendance is **96%**.

Mass at St Philip's is on Saturday evening at 6pm, Sunday Mass at St Peter's is to 8.30am, 10.00am and 6.00pm.