



Newsletter: Friday 17th January 2025

This week has been quite different from the last! We've enjoyed our first full week back and have resumed our clubs and competitions.

Year 2 have been having fun with their Skoot School lessons, improving their balance and control on scooters. They also participated in a new inclusive sport for our school - Goal Ball. Mr Brady was very impressed with how quickly the team picked up new skills. We also had a Matball competition where our team came in 2nd place and will compete in the city final next week. There are so many opportunities for everyone. It's great to have our wide variety of morning and after-school clubs back for the Spring term. Thank you to everyone involved.

It has also been a week full of learning for our staff. Mr Mannion attended a session as part of the National SEN standards, and Mrs Rawlinson participated in our EYFS project with our local network, focusing on teaching and learning in the Early Years. As part of our development of Reading, Mrs Ayegba, Miss Casey, and Miss Howard attended a session called "Are you really reading?" Our weekly staff meeting was delivered by the Mental Health Support Team from Alder Hey.

Mr Brady and I attended an Educational Visits briefing to stay updated – we have various residential and trips planned for this term. Ms. Christopherson and Mr. Brady have been making final preparations for the Ski trip, which departs early Sunday morning.

Father Colin will be in school on Monday morning to celebrate the Parish Mass at 9:30 am in the school hall. As always, parents and parishioners are welcome to join us. Our chaplaincy team will be reading and ministering during the Mass, assisted by our wonderful Altar Servers.

In our assemblies this week, we introduced the Jubilee Year, which Pope Francis has opened in Rome with the opening of the Holy Doors. We discussed the many doors we will open this year and the opportunities they will bring. We will officially open our Jubilee Year on Friday with various activities and visitors throughout the day. We can all join in by praying:

Thank you, Lord, for the many gifts you give us. As the Holy Doors have been opened for this Year of Jubilee, guide us through it to meet you and share our time, gifts, and talents with those most in need.

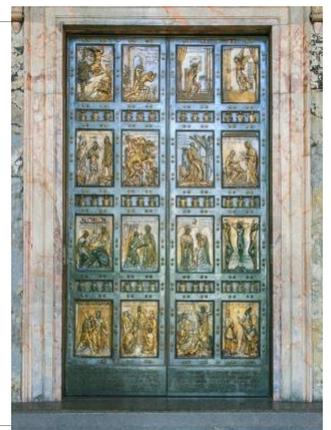
Open the doors of our heart.

Open the doors of welcome.

Open the doors of power.

Open the doors of our mind.

Open the doors to opportunity. Amen.



We welcomed some of our Governors to school this week, and others will visit next week to experience day-to-day life in school and see what goes on in class. They have been impressed by the warm welcome from our children and their knowledge in lessons. It is also an opportunity for us to thank our Governors for their support and hard work, as they are all volunteers.



In the coming weeks, we are introducing something new for families to join in the prayer life of the school. We will hold "Come and Pray" sessions at the end of the school day. There will be an opportunity just before Hometime to come into class and join our children for prayer and singing. It will hopefully be a lovely way to end the day. Please line up outside the class as usual at 2:50 pm for EY&KS1 / 2:55 pm for KS2. The sessions will take place as follows this half term:

Mon	27th Jan	Come & Pray - Conker & Cherry
Tue	28th Jan	Come & Pray - Hazel & Maple
Wed	29th Jan	Come & Pray - Acorn & Willow

Mon	3rd Feb	Come & Pray - Beech & Elm
Tue	4th Feb	Come & Pray - Pine & Sycamore
Wed	5th Feb	Come & Pray - Cedar & Birch
Mon	10th Feb	Come & Pray - Oak & Chestnut

We ended the week with a class swap day for our staff, these will take place throughout the year and will enable teachers to visit other classes to get to know them better, perhaps teach the subject they are responsible for in school and to give a wider range of experiences for children.

I hope that you all have a good weekend and look forward to another good term in school.

David Delaney
Head Teacher



Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025	Term Starts	Monday 1st September
	Children Return	Tuesday 2 nd September
	Half term	Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October
	Children Finish	Friday 19th December
	Christmas break	Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January 2026
	INSETs Children do not attend	Monday 1 st September Friday 24th October

Spring Term 2026	Term Starts	Monday 5th January
	Children Return	Tuesday 6 th January
	Half term	Monday 16th to Friday 20th February
	Children Finish	Friday 27th March
	Easter break	Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April (Bank holidays – Good Friday 3rd April and Easter Monday 6th April)
	INSET Children do not attend	Monday 5 th January

Summer Term 2026	Term Starts	Monday 13th April
	Bank Holiday	Monday 4th May
	Half term	Monday 25th to Friday 29th May
	Children Finish	Friday 17 th July
	Summer break	Starts Monday 20th July
	INSETs Children do not attend	Friday 22 nd May Monday 20 th July