St. RICHARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

2024-2025 Term 1

Winter Uniform

As we officially move into the colder months, we would like to remind you that we have returned to the winter uniform.

The below uniform must be worn at all times:

Boys:
Grey trousers
White shirt (no polo shirt)
School tie
School Jumper
Grey socks
Black Shoes (no boots or trainers)
Girls:
Tartan School Skirt
White shirt (no polo shirts)
School tie
School Jumper or Cardigan
Navy socks
Black Shoes (no boots or trainers)

No jewellery, except a watch, may be worn.

All the school uniform can be purchased from Channel Uniforms in Folkestone (see below link), and a leaflet can be found in the School Office with the price list.

https://www.channeluniforms.co.uk/

We also have a small selection of pre-loved uniform items in school available to purchase at a reduced rate.

Is Your Child Starting School in September 2025?

Admissions for Reception places for September 2025 open this autumn. We are looking forward to welcoming prospective parents to look around the school during November and December.

If you have a child or know someone who has a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 please come along to see everything that the school has to offer.

Our Open Days will be 09.30am Friday 8th November, 5.30pm Wednesday 13th November, and 09.30am Thursday 5th December. This year we will also have 10am Saturday 23rd November – by appointment only.
To enquire or register your interest for these events, please contact Mrs Robinson in the School Office.

School Meals

School meals are prepared the children by Chartwells and cost £2.95 per day for children in Years 3,4,5 and 6.

Dinners must be booked and paid for (if applicable) using ParentPay. Bookings can be made in advance (as far as the end of the current term) or on the day (before 9.30 am).

Regardless of whether or not your child is a Universal Free School Meal (Year R, 1 and 2), Free School Meal or Paid – all meals must be pre-booked by the parents as the kitchen take the meal number daily, directly from ParentPay and not the school.

Our School Menu can be found online at: https://st-richards-catholic-primary.secure-primarysite.net/meals/

Hello Yellow

This term we celebrated Hello Yellow day for Children's Mental Health organisation Young Minds. The children looked very cheerful in a sea of yellow.

We hope the children enjoyed the day and that it prompted some good conversations around mental health.

Please see attached link for more information on the services Young Minds

https://www.youngminds.org.uk/

Key stage 1 Tennis Club

We are very excited that Youth Start are running a Key Stage 1 Tennis Club from January.
An email was sent last week with the below flyer.
Payments can be made in instalments ready for the club to start after Christmas.
Please visit their website for further details.

Teaching Structure

The staff for next term are as follows:

- *Year R Mrs O'Callaghan with Miss Holder*
- *Year 1 Miss Seager with Mrs Williams, Mrs Walker and Mrs Goodburn*
- *Year 2 Miss Dobbins with Mrs Reidy*
- *Year 3 Miss Bates and Mrs Quansah-Brown with Mrs Gavin*
- *Year 4 Mr Kinnear with Miss Lydon and Miss Metsapelto*
- *Year 5 Mrs Ciantar with Mrs Graham*
- *Year 6 Miss Drage and Mrs Quansah-Brown with Mrs Spencer and Mrs Jacobson*

Dates for your diary:

25th Oct – Staff development day – School Closed
4th Nov – School reopens
6th Nov – Year 1 trip to Dover Museum
7th Nov – PTFA Non-Uniform Day – Tombola Prizes
12th Nov – Years R & 6 NHS height and weight checks
14th Nov – Year 1 Class Assembly
15th Nov – Whole School trip to Cineworld
20th Nov – Year 6 trip to Folkestone Museum
29th Nov – PTFA Film Night
3rd Dec – Year 1 Grandparents visit
4th Dec – PTFA Non-Uniform Day - Jarbola
6th Dec – St Nicholas Day Mass
9th Dec – Key Stage 1 Christmas Party
9th Dec – Key Stage 2 trip to Marlowe Theatre
11th Dec – Children's Flu Immunisation
12thDec - Nativity
13th Dec – Advent Prayer Breakfast
13th Dec - Nativity
13th Dec – PTFA Christmas Bazaar
18th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
18th Dec – Christingle
18th Dec – PTFA Christmas Film Night
19th Dec – End of Term – School Closes at 2.30pm

Term Dates 2024/2025

Term 1

Tues 3rd Sept – Thurs 24th Oct

Term 2

Mon 4th Nov – Thurs 19th Dec

Term 3

Mon 6th Jan – Fri 14th Feb

Term 4

Tues 25th Feb – Fri 4th April

Term 5

Tues 22nd April – Fri 23rd May

Term 6

Mon 2nd June – Mon 21st July

Staff Development Days 24/25 – School closed to all pupils.

Monday 2nd Sept
Friday 25th Oct
Friday 20th Dec
Monday 24th Feb
Tuesday 22nd July

Links to Church websites:

Please find the links to our affiliated Churches for information about the Parish.

St Paul's Roman Catholic Church: https://www.parishofthegoodshepherd.uk/

Our Lady of Dover Church: http://ourladyofdover.cloudaccess.net/