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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, we had a mass with Fr Brian, to celebrate the feast of 'All Saints'. During the month of November, we remember all those who have died. We think about our loved ones who are now with God in heaven and all those who have died in wars across the world. Next Friday, we will hold a remembrance service in school and each class will have the opportunity to present their book of remembrance containing prayers and poems dedicated to family members and friends who are no longer with us. May they rest in peace!

#### **Lost uniform**

On another note, an unprecedented amount of school uniform is being handed into the office and remains unclaimed. It is essential that you label your child's uniform. We are unable to return the uniform to its rightful owner as there are no names on the uniform. Please remind your child about the importance of looking after their school clothing and taking the necessary care to ensure that they do not lose it. As the weather changes, please ensure that your child wears a coat to school and accessories that are in line with the school uniform policy. Please see below for details.

#### **Respect for our neighbours**

We have had received several complaints from local residents regarding excessive noise from families during school drop off and pick up times. Please show kindness and consideration particularly when you are near residents homes. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Best Wishes,  
Mrs Pears

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### **November reflection**



God our Father, as we remember those who have gone before us this November,  
give us the comfort of knowing that they have gone only as far as you  
and you are very near.



### **For the Fallen, Laurence Binyon**

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor do the  
years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them.



## **Following School Uniform Policy**

I would like to thank you all our parents who make sure their children arrive at school in the proper school uniform. We are really proud of our school uniform and expect all children to wear it. However, I have noticed increasing numbers of children who are not wearing correct school uniform—mainly this is children forgetting what's allowed and what isn't by neglecting to come to school wearing a PE kit on PE days or forgetting swimming kits. Furthermore, our expectations around uniform extends to hairstyles and jewellery, below is a reminder of the uniform and expectations for ALL our children. The School logo should be seen on the jumpers/cardigans, PE polo shirts, fleeces, showerproof coats and sun caps.

### **Nursery children**

Light blue polo shirt (with embroidered logo). Royal blue school sweatshirt (with printed logo)  
Royal blue school joggers. Sensible black shoes (not trainers)

### **Reception – Year 6**

#### **Boys**

Grey Trousers. Blue shirt (Long or short sleeve). School Tie. Royal Blue Knitted V neck Jumper (with embroidered logo). White/grey socks. Sensible plain black shoes (not trainers)

#### **Summer Uniform**

Grey shorts. Blue shirt (Short sleeve) White socks (no trainer socks please) School tie

#### **Girls**

Grey Tunic/skirt. Blue Shirt/blouse (Long or short sleeve) School Tie. Royal Blue Knitted Cardigan/V neck Jumper (with embroidered logo) White socks. Sensible plain black shoes (not trainers)  
Black/grey woollen tights

#### **Summer Uniform**

Summer Dress (blue and white check) White socks (no trainer socks please)

#### **P E KIT**

White tipped Polo shirt (with printed logo) Royal Blue Shorts  
School tracksuits top and joggers. Black plimsolls, plain white or black trainer

#### **School Hats**

School baseball cap (with printed logo) School sun hat (with printed logo)  
Non-uniform jumpers and baseball caps are not allowed.

#### **School Coats**

School coats must be black or navy and ideally have a hood. No other coloured coats are allowed.  
School fleece and waterproof jackets (with printed logos) are available to purchase from the school office.

#### **School bags**

Blessed Dominic Book bags for Foundation and Key Stage One  
Blessed Dominic rucksacks (with logo) are permitted for Key Stage Two



**All items of clothing should be clearly labelled even swimming kit.**

#### **Appearance**

1. Children are not allowed to wear jewellery or any form of necklace or bracelet in school as this could be a cause of injury
2. Only children in Year 6 are allowed to wear watches but must accept responsibility for their own property. Smart watches and wearable smart technology are not permitted.
3. Nail varnish is NOT allowed
4. Sensible black shoes (flat)
5. Hairstyles must be simple, neat and tidy, of a natural colour and must be worn off the face.

## Odd Socks Day -

On Monday **13th November** we are holding Odd Socks Day at Blessed Dominic. This is a chance to celebrate 'Anti-Bullying' in a positive way by asking children to wear odd socks to school. More information to follow.



## GOVERNORS' FUND WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Thank you to everyone who has responded this term with either a termly or complete payment for the year. The Governors would like to thank you for your generosity and support. Only 10% of parents have donated so far this term please if you haven't done so already, make your payment on 'Parent Pay'

Your ongoing generosity and support is greatly appreciated. It means that we can continue to purchase high quality resources to support your child's learning and prepare them for the future.

## **CHILDLINE - WHO WE ARE!**

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- by calling [0800 1111](tel:08001111)
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- through [1-2-1 counsellor chat](#)



Whatever feels best for you.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/childline/>

## **E-Safety Updates**

Please use the following links to keep up to date with online safety and what you can do to keep your children safe online.

[E-Safety: Help & Advice](#)

[Social Media & Mental Health: the positive and negative impact](#)

[Screen Addiction: A Parents Guide](#)

[A Parents Guide to Call of Duty \(COD\)](#)

[FIFA](#)

[FORTNITE](#)



Please click link below for tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep your child safe online

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice->



## **Lunches and snacks**



Early Years Foundation stage and KS1 all receive a piece of fruit/vegetable as part of the government healthy eating scheme. This does not extend to KS2. Children may bring in their own fruit or vegetable for break, which should be kept separate from packed lunches.

Biscuits, cakes, rice cakes are not acceptable. **Please keep packed lunches healthy.** They should not contain sweets or chocolate (A mars bar is chocolate, a Kit-Kat is a chocolate covered biscuit) and must not contain nuts of any kind as we have children with severe allergies. Please be careful with things like chocolate spreads and satay coverings, which don't look like nuts. Plenty of ideas can be found at

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthierlunchboxes>

## Criteria for Attendance and Punctuality – Updates from our Education Welfare Officer (EWO).

**In an effort to improve attendance and punctuality across the school, we will be implementing the fixed penalty notice scheme for both persistent ABSENCE and persistent lateness.**



Recently, our Barnet Education Welfare Officer came to review our attendance. She was disappointed to see that attendance wasn't as high as it used to be pre-covid times.

There are quite a few children who have attendance below **90%**. *This figure is significantly below the national average and is considered as **persistent non-attendance**.* **96%** attendance is expected by the school and the Education Welfare Team for children to achieve their educational potential. Children who are unwell (e.g., sickness, vomiting or high temperature) should not come to school but children who are slightly under the weather should attend. Please be assured, that if we feel your child is ill, we will send them home.

When your child is absent for **more than three days**, we would expect all parents to substantiate with **medical evidence**. This could include:

- a stamped doctor's appointment card,
- information about the medication your child has been prescribed (a photo can be emailed to the office or brought in on return to school).

As you know, we can administer medication on site (if it is prescribed by the doctor).

The Education Welfare Team from the London Borough of Barnet regularly monitor our attendance. They may contact you if your child's attendance is significantly low (below 90%). This may be a letter or a phone call. Absences before and after school holidays will also be monitored. If there is not a sufficient reason to substantiate the absence, the Education Welfare Team will issue a fixed penalty notice.

Families should also be aware that the London Borough of Barnet will issue a fixed penalty notice to parents if children are consistently arriving late into school. Any 6 incidents of lateness within a four week period could result in this outcome.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with your child's attendance, please contact the school for further guidance.

I would like to thank you for your continued support with regards to attendance.

## Attendance this Week

Bluebells	96%
Daisies	96%
1B	95%
1D	97%
2B	98%
2D	96%
3B	97%
3D	98%
4B	99%
4D	98%
5B	97%
5D	97%
6B	99%
6D	96%



Congratulations to 4B & 6B who achieved the highest attendance this week.



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## BLESSED DOMINIC CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

To thank the whole school community for its amazing and generous donations of food, toiletries & household goods to Food Bank Aid. We are so grateful. Thank you so much!

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**OCTOBER 2023**

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# Road Safety Week



## Blessed Dominic will be celebrating Road Safety Week from 19<sup>th</sup> –25<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Did you know that a driver can see a pedestrian 3 seconds sooner if they are wearing or carrying something bright or reflective? That's enough to prevent serious injury or save a life!

Now that the clocks have gone back, evenings become dark much earlier and it becomes more difficult for drivers to see pedestrians.

Whilst we want children to get out and about more and have active healthy lifestyles, we also want them to be safe!

Help your child **be Bright** so they can **be seen** by making sure they are wearing something bright for daytime AND reflective for night time.

If you are buying a new coat for your child, look out for brightly coloured ones with reflective strips.

For more information and support, please email: [Road.safety@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:Road.safety@barnet.gov.uk)

**Be Bright, Be Seen and Be Safe!**

**BARNET**  
LONDON BOROUGH

# Diary Dates

## NOVEMBER

9 <sup>th</sup> 3D Collective Worship	2.45pm
10 <sup>th</sup> 2D Collective Worship	2.45pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Odd Socks Day	
14 <sup>th</sup> SEND coffee morning (parents)	9.30am
15 <sup>th</sup> Diwali Workshop	ALL DAY
16 <sup>th</sup> 4D Collective Worship	2.45pm
20 <sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying workshop	ALL DAY
21 <sup>st</sup> 3B School Trip	ALL DAY
27 <sup>th</sup> 1D Collective Worship	2.45pm
28 <sup>th</sup> 1B Collective Worship	2.45pm
30 <sup>th</sup> 5B Collective Worship	2.45pm



## DECEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup> Advent Reconciliation Service	9.15am
1 <sup>st</sup> 6B Collective Worship	2.45pm
4 <sup>th</sup> KS2 PANTO	
5 <sup>th</sup> KS1 PANTO	
7 <sup>th</sup> Christmas jumper day	ALL DAY
7 <sup>th</sup> 5D Collective Worship	2.45pm
8 <sup>th</sup> 6D Collective Worship	2.45pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Reception Nativity	9.30am
12 <sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity 1st Performance	2.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup> KS1 Nativity 2nd Performance	2.00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> School Christmas Lunch	
18 <sup>th</sup> Nursery Nativity	9.30am
19 <sup>th</sup> KS2 Carol Service years 3-4	7.00pm
20 <sup>th</sup> KS2 Carol Service years 5-6	7.00pm
21 <sup>st</sup> End of Term	1.30pm

## JANUARY

8 <sup>th</sup> Back to school	8.40am
15 <sup>th</sup> 3B School Trip	ALL DAY
22 <sup>nd</sup> 3D School Trip	ALL DAY

## FEBRUARY

7 <sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation Evening	3.30pm – 6.30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation Evening	5.00pm – 8.00pm

12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> – FEBRUARY HALF TERM

14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday (Half term)  
29<sup>th</sup> Feb World Book Day

## MARCH

7<sup>th</sup> – Dance Festival  
13<sup>th</sup> International Evening



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**TUESDAY 2ND JANUARY - FRIDAY 5TH JANUARY**



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