

Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary

Love - Learn - Believe



Newsletter



Autumn 1 - 5th September 2025

Headteacher: Mrs Hourihan

Deputy Headteacher: Ms Sulis

Diary dates:

Monday 8th September - **Yr6** Meet the Teacher & PGL meeting 9:00am

Tuesday 9th September - **Yr5** Meet the Teacher 9:00am

Wednesday 10th September - **Yr4** Meet the Teacher 9.00am

Wednesday 10th September - **Yr3** Meet the Teacher 2.45pm

Monday 15th September - **Yr2** Meet the Teacher 9.00am

Wednesday 17th September - **Yr1** Meet the Teacher 2.45pm

Thursday 25th September - BD Parent Group AGM 5:00pm

Welcome back

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new academic year! I feel privileged to introduce myself as the new Headteacher at Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary.

I have been teaching for 20 years, spending the last 13 at St Agnes Catholic Primary in Barnet as Deputy Headteacher and, before that, taught at St Joseph's in Harrow. These experiences have given me valuable insight into what makes a school thrive, and I'm excited to build on the successes of Blessed Dominic.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated and talented staff team, wonderful children, and a supportive community — the perfect foundation for any new Headteacher. It was a pleasure to welcome the children back on a wet Wednesday morning.

As a parent of four children, I know how important it is for every child to feel happy, valued, and supported in reaching their full potential. This is at the heart of my philosophy as Headteacher: to ensure that every child at Blessed Dominic flourishes both personally and academically.

I am committed to providing our pupils with exciting, creative, and meaningful learning experiences that inspire a love of learning and help them grow in confidence and character. Building strong partnerships with parents is also a priority for me — your voice matters, and I want our school to be a place where you feel welcomed, heard, and involved.

Please do come and introduce yourself when you see me around school. I look forward to meeting more of you and seeing you at the 'Meet the teacher' meeting over the coming weeks.

Mrs Hourihan



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Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount.

Should any person (parent or staff) have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school safeguarding team:

- Mrs Sowa - DSL & SENCo
- Mrs Hourihan - Headteacher
- Ms Sulis - Deputy Headteacher
- Ms Smart - Assistant Headteacher

In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a duty to discuss the issue with Social Services to seek further advice. This is the statutory obligation of all schools.



Uniform reminders

- Ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled.
- Trainers should be plain black or plain white.
- Socks / tights should be grey or black.
- Your child must wear the school PE kit on their PE day.
- School coats should be plain black or navy.
- School bags should have the school logo or be plain black or blue in colour with no keyrings or accessories hanging from them.
- School SHOES only no boots.
- No bracelets or necklaces.
- School Uniform is available to order and buy through our 'Parent Pay' shop See link:
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=1131>

Attendance

Regular attendance plays a vital role in your child's learning and overall development. Every school day counts!

Please make sure any medical appointments are booked outside of the school day.

Unfortunately holidays cannot be authorised during term time and authorised absences can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Please contact the office if you need to request an exceptional leave of absence. These will be considered on a case by case basis.

FPNs (Fixed penalty notices) can be issued for unauthorised absences and the fine is up to £160 per parent.

SAFER SCHOOL STREET

IN OPERATION
8.15AM – 9.15AM
& 2.45PM – 3.45PM



WE REMIND ALL FAMILIES TO USE THE
P FREE PARKING AVAILABLE
AT THE RAF MUSEUM

WHICH HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE
EXCLUSIVELY FOR BLESSED DOMINIC
PARENTS AND CARERS DURING
DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIMES



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Breakfast club

Breakfast club starts at 7:45am until 8:40am everyday.

Children can come in from 7:45am until 8:20am at the latest.

The charge of £3 a day will be added to your parent pay account.



HEALTHY LUNCHES & SNACKS



For Early Years & KS1

Children receive 1 free piece of fruit/veg daily through the government scheme



For KS2

Children must bring their own fruit or vegetable for break



Please keep snacks separate from packed lunches



Not Allowed

Biscuits, cakes, crisps, sweets, or chocolate
Chocolate spreads & satay coverings (may contain nuts)

No nuts of any kind – due to severe allergies



Healthy Packed Lunch Tips

Include fruit & vegetables

Choose healthy proteins & whole grains

Avoid high-sugar snacks & drinks

Afterschool clubs

Monday

KS2 Tennis
 KS1 Spy Kids
 KS2 ArtKids

Tuesday

KS2 Spanish
 KS1 Lego
 KS2 Gymnastics

Wednesday

KS2 Homework
 KS1 Spanish
 KS2 Ninja Warrior Club

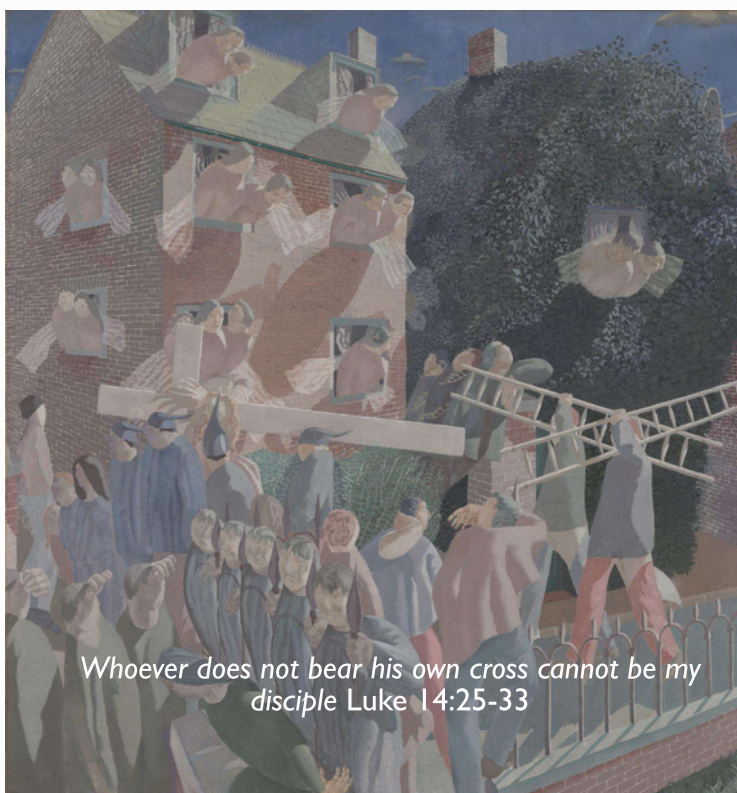
Thursday

KS1 Homework
 KS2 Chess Club

Friday

KS2 Football
 KS1 Archery / Multisports

Booking forms are to be returned via your child or emailed to the office,



Whoever does not bear his own cross cannot be my disciple Luke 14:25-33