

Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary

Love - Learn - Believe

Newsletter

Summer issue 8- 12th June 2026



Headteacher: Mrs Hourihan

Deputy Headteacher: Ms Sulis

Diary Dates

Monday 15th June - Reception trip to the Zoo
Wednesday 17th June - 3D Class assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 18th June - Barnet Music Festival
Thursday 18th June - Nursery and Reception Sports Day - 9.15am
Monday 22nd June - Yr 6 Mass at Church 10am
Tuesday 23rd June - Yr 2 Barbican Trip
Wednesday 24th June - 1B Class assembly - 2.45pm
Wednesday 24th June - Year 6 - TFL Citizens Year 6 Finchley Youth Centre 9.00am
Thursday 25th June Sports Day - KS2 am and KS1 pm
Tuesday 30th June - Year 2 Seaside Trip
Wednesday 1st July - Family Fun Event 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Thursday 2nd July - 1D Class assembly 2.45pm
Thursday 9th July - Reception Graduation at 9.15 am
Thursday 9th July - Year 2 Graduation at 2.15pm
Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 Production (details to follow)
Wednesday 15th July - Year 6 Production (details to follow)
Thursday 16th July - End of Year Mass

Dear parents and carers,

This week, our Year 1 pupils have been completing their Phonics Screening Check, while our Year 4 pupils have undertaken the Multiplication Tables Check. I would like to thank our wonderful staff for their hard work in preparing the children so well, and our parents and carers for their continued support at home. The children have approached these assessments with confidence and determination, and we are very proud of them.

Throughout the month of June, we reflect on the Holy Father's prayer intention for sport. Pope Francis invites us to pray that sport may be "an instrument of peace, encounter and dialogue among cultures and nations." Sport has a unique power to bring people together, promote mutual respect, and strengthen communities. It also helps our children to develop important virtues such as resilience, teamwork, perseverance and respect for others.

As we look forward to the exciting football tournaments taking place over the coming weeks, we encourage our children to remember these values and celebrate the positive spirit that sport can inspire. To mark this, we will be hosting our own World Cup tournaments for Key Stage 2 pupils who wish to participate. We look forward to seeing great sportsmanship, teamwork and enjoyment from all involved.

Next week, we are delighted to welcome a Robot Teaching Assistant to Blessed Dominic for the week. This exciting opportunity will allow our pupils to explore how technology and artificial intelligence can support learning and inclusion. We look forward to sharing more about this innovative experience and the children's reactions in next week's newsletter.

We are also incredibly proud that our school choir will be representing Blessed Dominic at the Barnet Schools Music Festival next Thursday evening at the artsdepot. I am very much looking forward to watching them perform their wonderful ABBA medley, which we had the privilege of enjoying during last week's Celebration Assembly. Their enthusiasm, talent and dedication were evident for all to see, and I know they will be excellent ambassadors for our school. We wish them every success and thank the staff who have supported them in preparing for this special event. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Mrs Hourihan

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Today is the Feast of the Sacred Heart

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. This special feast reminds us of Jesus' great love for all people. The Sacred Heart is a symbol of His compassion, kindness, mercy, and care for everyone. As a school community, we are encouraged to follow Jesus' example by showing love, respect, and understanding to those around us.

Through our words and actions, we can share God's love with our families, friends, and the wider community. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus inspire us to be caring, forgiving, and generous in all that we do.



Celebrating Success

STAR OF THE WEEK

DAISIES - Zeta
BLUEBELLS -Zina
1B - Whole Class
1D -Whole Class
2B - Whole Class
2D -Gabriel
3B - Whole Class
3D - Daphne
4B - Liyat
4D -Whole Class
5B - Charbel
5D -Arvin
6B - Whole Class
6D -Whole Class



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

DAISIES -
BLUEBELLS -
1B -99%
1D -95%
2B -94%
2D -98%
3B -98%
3D -97%
4B -96%
4D -95%
5B -90%
5D -92%
6B -97%
6D -99%



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Disconnect to Reconnect Day



On Friday 5th June, we will took part in a whole school 'Disconnect to Reconnect' day, switching off electrical appliances and using minimal energy to lower our carbon footprint.

Part of the CAFOD LiveSimply award, the whole school community working together to show how we can live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with communities around the world experiencing poverty.



Danielle - I like designing and making the kites as it was creative and fun!



I like reading with the year 2 outside - Liyat



Dominic - The day was interesting because we made our own bags in DT, using our sewing skills. I liked not using technology and I would do the day again



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Edy - I found the day relaxing and calming. It was a chance to use our creativity and offline resources, rather than rely on screens and devices.



Maria - I liked that we had no iPads so we could spend more time with each other

I liked when we did art linked to animals and creation - Antoni





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I liked when we get to not use the electronics and spend more time in Art making animals. I also liked we got to spend more time in nature too. - Arsema



I liked that we were all getting to work together and we got a break from technology - Sophia



I enjoyed not using the whiteboards and the internet because everyone is always on the internet and it is not good for your health - Jalessa



"This day is about bringing us closer to God and giving us time to appreciate his creation"



All the children voted on the activity, and unanimously agreed that they would like to have an afternoon like this once a term.



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Sports Day



Thursday 18th June - EYFS Sports Day - 9.15am

Thursday 25th June - KS2 Sports Day - morning

Thursday 25th June - KS1 Sports Day - afternoon

Details to follow

Question, concern or complaint?

A question is a request for information or clarification.

A concern is something you are worried about and would like the school to address.

A complaint is when you remain dissatisfied after raising a concern and would like the matter considered through the school's formal complaints procedure.

Most questions and concerns can be resolved quickly through discussion. We encourage parents to speak to their child's classteacher in the first instance.

Providing a concise summary of the key facts will help us understand and respond to the matter more efficiently.

WORLD CUP 2026

This week we have been preparing for the start of the World cup. Each year group has been doing different activities to learn about the world cup and its history. Next week our school will start out very own World cup. Watch this space for some pictures and results!!!



SOUTHGATE HOCKEY CLUB
www.southgatehc.org.uk
Instagram: southgatehockeyclub

LONDON YOUTH GAMES 2026

HOCKEY REPRESENT TEAM BARNET

Girls and Boys, Years 6 to 9.
Trials at Southgate Hockey Centre.
Play for Barnet in 2026.

SIGN UP NOW

SIGN UP FOR TRIALS

chris.pearce.shc@gmail.com
Email now to register your interest

WHO?

Girls and Boys

(separate teams)

Years 6 - 9

Oldest DOB: 01/09/2011 | Youngest DOB: 31/08/2015

TRIALS

**Sunday 14th June
12.30 - 2pm**

@ Southgate Hockey Centre

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

All athletes need to live or go to school in London Borough of Barnet.

Any player who trains or plays at County, London Area or higher is not eligible to play in the London Youth Games.

DOB range: 01/09/2011 to 31/08/2015

COMPETITION DATES

Boys Finals: Saturday 4th July

Girls Finals: Sunday 5th July

Trial places are limited. Email early to register your interest.



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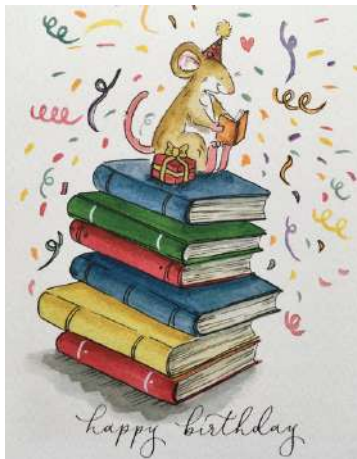
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Birthday Celebrations

While we love to celebrate each child's special day, we kindly discourage gift bags and food items being brought in. We have a lot of children with allergies so as a community we need to help keep each other safe. Instead, we encourage children to bring a book to share with the class, which can be added to the class library as a lasting memory of their birthday.

Thank you for your support in keeping celebrations simple, inclusive, and focused on learning!



Attendance

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

Unfortunately holidays cannot be authorised during term time and authorised absences can only be granted in exceptional circumstance. 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.



Governors' Fund £60 per Pupil Contribution



Each year, our school's Governing Board asks families to contribute to the Governors' Fund, which supports important projects and improvements not covered by our regular school budget.

This year, the suggested contribution remains £60 per pupil.

The fund helps us enhance our school environment and resources — for example, improving playground areas, upgrading IT equipment, and supporting enrichment opportunities for pupils.

We do this via the 'Governors Fund' where we ask parents to contribute. We don't stipulate or mandate this but instead prefer to encourage all families to contribute what they can.

A huge thank you to all the families who have already contributed — your generosity makes a real difference to what we can offer our children.

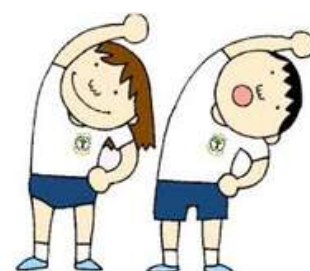
If you've not yet had the chance to donate and would like to, contributions can be made via Parent Pay.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please make sure your child brings their school PE kit every week if they have been accepted for Ninja Warriors, Football, Spykids, Tennis, Dance or Archery after-school clubs.

**FOR SAFETY REASONS, CHILDREN
WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN
THE SESSION IF THEY DO NOT HAVE
THE CORRECT PT KIT WITH THEM.**

Thank you for your support.





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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 Hourihan (Headteacher) Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**
- **Ms Sulis - (Deputy Headteacher) Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**
- **Ms Smart - (Assistant Head) Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**
- **Ms Sanduleasa - (Attendance) Member of Safeguarding Team**

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.



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

Uniform Reminders

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of our school uniform expectations. Please ensure that children come to school wearing their full uniform each day.

- **Trainers should only be worn on PE days and must be plain black or white.**
- **On non-PE days, children should wear black school shoes (not boots).**
- **School socks should be plain grey or white.**
- **School trousers should be grey (leggings are not part of the school uniform).**
- **A school tie should be worn each day.**
- **School coats should be plain blue or black.**
- **Hair below the shoulders should be tied back.**

Uniform is an important part of our identity at Blessed Dominic. As a community, it is important that we all follow these expectations and wear our uniform with pride. If you are experiencing any difficulties with uniform, please do not hesitate to contact the school—we are always happy to help.



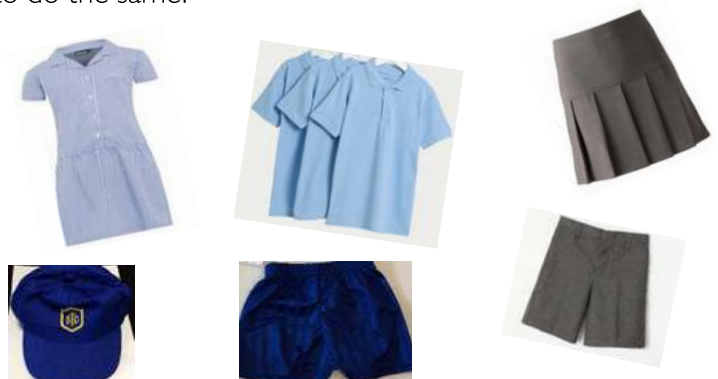
Summer Uniform

Summer uniform consists of either the gingham summer dress or a blue polo shirt (without a tie) and shorts or skirt.

If children wear vests or base layers, these must be fully hidden under their clothing. Long-sleeved base layers should only be worn under a long-sleeved shirt and must not be visible at any time.

For PE, children may wear blue school shorts. These should be plain blue, with no logos or branding.

Our uniform is an important part of our school identity and helps to foster a sense of belonging. We ask for your support in maintaining these standards, as when expectations are not followed, it can encourage others to do the same.





**BLESSED
DOMINIC**
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

FAMILY DAY



1 JULY



3.30 PM – 5.30 PM

FREE ENTRY

FUN FOR EVERYONE!



**BOUNCY
CASTLE**



**FACE
PAINTING**



**BEAT THE
GOALIE**



**MASCOT
MEET & GREET**



**FOOD & DRINK
STALLS**



**RAFFLE &
PRIZES**



**DANCE
ACTIVITIES**



**GUESS THE
NUMBER**



PAYMENT
CASH OR CARD
ACCEPTED

*Bring your
family & friends!*