

# Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary

*Love - Learn - Believe*

## Newsletter

Summer issue 10- 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Headteacher:** Mrs Hourihan

**Deputy Headteacher:** Ms Sulis

### Diary Dates

#### JUNE

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Moneysense workshop Year 6

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 Seaside Trip

#### JULY

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July - KS2 Sports Day AM

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - KS1 Sports Day AM

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Family Fun Event 3:30 - 5:30 pm

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July - IB Class assembly 2.45pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July ID Class assembly 9.05am

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Reception Graduation at 9.15 am

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July - Year 2 Graduation at 2.15pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Production (details to follow)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Production (details to follow)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July - End of Year Mass

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers Disco 5.30pm-7.30pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term

Summer Holidays – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been fortunate to enjoy some lovely hot weather recently. However, the heat warnings have presented challenges in managing the school day safely and comfortably for all children. Unfortunately, only our hall is equipped with air conditioning and temperatures across the school increase significantly as the day progresses.

To support the wellbeing of our pupils, we have offered parents the opportunity to collect their children earlier where possible. Thank you to everyone who has taken up this option and responded promptly to our messages, enabling us to make the necessary arrangements.

Despite the heat, our Year 2 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Barbican to watch the London Symphony orchestra Tuesday.

The children represented the school brilliantly and had a wonderful experience.

#### Sports Day Rescheduled

Due to the weather conditions, Sports Day has been rescheduled to next week:

- **KS2:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July
- **KS1:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

#### Looking Ahead

We have a busy week ahead with several exciting events planned:

- **Year 2 Seaside Trip:** Tuesday
- **Rescheduled Sports Days:** Wednesday and Thursday
- **Year 6 Secondary School Visit:** Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

#### Year 1 Assemblies Rescheduled

Please note the following changes to our Year 1 assembly dates:

- **IB Assembly:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 2:45pm
- **ID Assembly:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 9:05am

Thank you for your continued support, patience and understanding during this period of unusually warm weather.

Mrs Hourihan

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### **Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19**

This Monday is the feast of  
St Peter and St Paul, two very special  
disciples of Jesus.



Patient and loving God,  
Fill us with faith like Saints Peter and Paul.  
Guide us to share this faith with others through all that  
we do.  
Amen.

### **A Prayer for Summer**

For more light in the day, we thank you,  
For gentle mornings, we thank you,  
For night-time conversations, we thank you,  
For friends and family, we thank you,  
For gardens and all manner of creatures, we thank  
you.  
Help us, Creator and lover of our souls.  
Help us love this earth.  
Help us dwell wholeheartedly in our lives this day.  
Help us pray as we walk, work, play, rest, and create.  
Amen.



## **Celebrating Success**

### **STAR OF THE WEEK**

DAISIES - Rafael  
BLUEBELLS -Whole Class  
1B - Whole class  
1D -Luna Rae  
2B - Noah  
2D -Whole class  
3B - Alexa  
3D -Hannah  
4B - Callum  
4D - Jenya  
5B - Daniel  
5D -Alia  
6B - Aadhis  
6D - Whole Class



### **ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK**

DAISIES -89%  
BLUEBELLS -92%  
1B -93%  
1D -90%  
2B -94%  
2D -98%  
3B -96%  
3D -98%  
4B -94%  
4D - 93%  
5B -96%  
5D -87%  
6B -93%  
6D -94%



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## Year 2 Visited The Barbican

Year 2 attended a special invitation-only concert, Swans! Planes! Ships! Trains!, at the Barbican Centre in London. The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience live music in a world-class venue and was enjoyed by all.



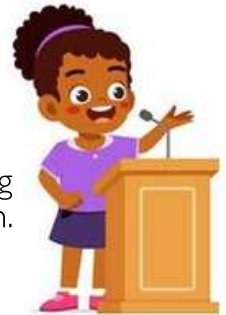
## The Ark Farm visited our Nursery

Today, The Ark Farm visited our nursery. The children had a wonderful time meeting and learning about a variety of small animals. They enjoyed observing, petting, and interacting with the animals while discovering interesting facts about how they live and are cared for. It was a fun and educational experience that brought lots of excitement and smiles to everyone.





# Barnet Debate Challenge Pupil Workshop



It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop their confidence, critical thinking and public speaking skills while working alongside other schools across the borough. We are proud of their enthusiasm and participation throughout the workshop.

Our Debate Team took part in the Barnet Debate Challenge Workshop, a lively and inspiring morning that helped pupils strengthen their confidence, reasoning and formal debating skills. Working alongside other local schools, the team met their upcoming opponents and took part in practice rounds that reflected the structure of parliamentary debates.

Throughout the session, pupils revisited the key features of a formal debate, including timed speeches, rebuttal, points of information and respectful disagreement. Coaches guided the children through warm-ups, argument-building activities and short competitive rounds to refine their clarity, teamwork and persuasive language. The pupils' enthusiasm shone through.

Guilherme (Year 6) confidently declared, **"We're going to crush the other teams!"**  
Lilly (Year 6) added, **"We will speak elegantly and use our oracy!"**

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## Age UK Afternoon Tea

Our Wisdom Across Generations Afternoon Tea was a heart-warming celebration of community, dignity and intergenerational connection. Elderly Family guests joined us for an afternoon of conversation, music and hospitality, all rooted in our commitment to Catholic Social Teaching and the theme of Dignity of the Human Person. Pupils welcomed guests, served refreshments and engaged in thoughtful interviews to gather stories, memories and life lessons for our Wisdom Wall. Their curiosity and confidence shone through.

Our visitors were equally enthusiastic. One guest smiled and said, "This is so good! I wish we could have more events like this!"

**Jenya (Year 4) asked, "Are there any quotes you would like to share with us?"**



**Meg (Year 4) invited deeper reflection with, "What are some of your favourite memories in your life?"**



Another offered a powerful piece of wisdom: "Say nothing when you are angry because you cannot take back your words."

## Celebrating the World Cup

This week we have kicked off our KS2 World cup. We have seen some amazing football skills so far with all teams showing excellent communication and teamwork. Next week we start the second week of the knock out stages.





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# Summer Camp 2026

Bookings are now open with Non Stop Action.

Join us this Summer Holiday for

**Multi Sports at Moss Hall Junior School (N3 INR)**

**Football, Dance, and Multi Activity Camp at  
Millbrook Park School (NW7 IJF)**

Camp runs from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August  
Book by Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June to take advantage of our Early  
Bird discount.

Kind regards

Cameron Smith Holiday Camp Manager

## NON STOP Action!



**SMALL STEPS, BIG FUTURES**



## Wraparound at Blessed Dominic

We offer daily wraparound care for children.

Breakfast Club is available every morning from **7:45am** and costs **£3** per day.

After-School Wraparound Care runs daily until 5:45pm

The charges are:

**3:15pm – 4:15pm: £6**

**4:15pm – 5:45pm: £9**

**3:15pm – 5:45pm: £15**

A light snack and a range of engaging activities are provided during each session.

**We also run after-school clubs each half term**





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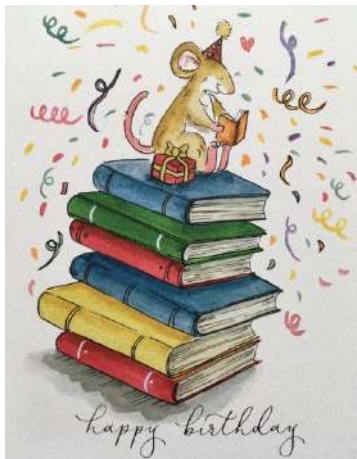


## Birthday Celebrations

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!



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.





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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  
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.



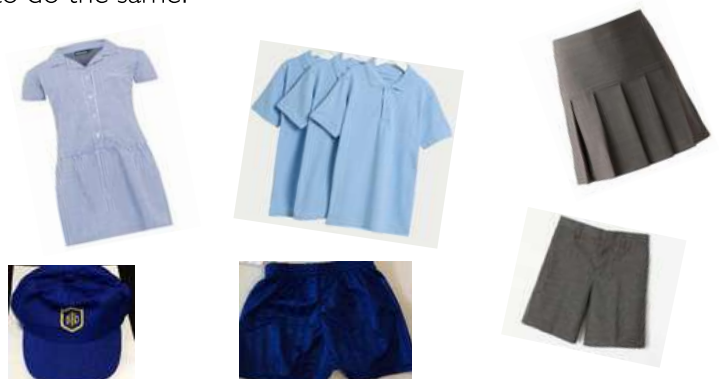
## Summer Uniform

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!*

# STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

THINK  
BEFORE  
YOU  
POST

SHARE FEEL-GOOD  
CONTENT & LEAVE  
POSITIVE COMMENTS

NEWS  
DOUBLE CHECK  
STORIES—  
DON'T FALL FOR  
FAKE NEWS!

MAKE THE  
MOST OF THE  
OUTDOORS

USE CAUTION  
ON PUBLIC  
WIFI

Stay off devices just before bed

BE KIND  
& BE  
TOLERANT

Report bullies &  
ignore trolls

KEEP YOUR  
PERSONAL  
DETAILS  
PRIVATE

ENABLE PRIVACY  
SETTINGS

AVOID BINGE  
STREAMING AND  
ALL-DAY GAMING

TAKE  
FREQUENT  
BREAKS

ENJOY  
SCREEN-FREE  
ACTIVITIES

BE CAREFUL  
WITH IN-APP  
SPENDING



National  
Online  
Safety®

#WakeUpWednesday