

Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary

Love - Learn - Believe

Newsletter

Summer issue 11 - 3rd July 2026



Headteacher: Mrs Hourihan

Deputy Headteacher: Ms Sulis

Diary Dates

Monday 6th July - 1B Class assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 8th July - 1D Class assembly 9.05am
Thursday 9th July - Reception Graduation at 9.15 am
Thursday 9th July - Year 2 Graduation at 2.15pm
Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 Production - 6B at 6:30pm
Wednesday 15th July - Year 6 Production - 6D at 6:30pm
Thursday 16th July - End of Year Mass - 9.05am
Thursday 16th July - Year 6 Leavers Disco 5.30pm-7.30pm
Friday 17th July - Last day of term finish at 1:30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy week here at Blessed Dominic! Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic visit to the beach, while our Young Catholic Leaders showcased the work they have undertaken to promote solidarity and dignity across generations at Westminster Cathedral with the Archbishop. We also successfully held our rearranged Sports Days for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. A heartfelt thank you to Ms Reilly for the wonderful job she did in organising both events.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the PTA and our parent community for their hard work in setting up, running and supporting our Family Fun Event. It was a fantastic opportunity to come together in the sunshine and strengthen our wonderful school community. A special thank you goes to all the local businesses that supported the event by donating raffle prizes. Together, we raised an incredible £3,500 for our children!

At the end of this academic year, we will be saying goodbye to several valued members of staff. Ms Slattery will be moving on to teach at a bilingual school, Mr Williamson will be returning to New Zealand, Mr Leventhall will be moving on to a new school and Ms Shippey is leaving. We thank them for their dedication and contributions to Blessed Dominic and wish them every success and happiness in the future. We are also delighted to welcome Ms Cannon, Ms Earls, and Mr Fay, who will be joining our teaching team in September.

Upcoming Events

- **Governor Morning:** On Wednesday **8th July from 8.30am**, I will be hosting a Governor Morning and warmly invite you to meet our governors at the start of the school day.
- **Transition:** Next week, children will have the opportunity to meet their new teachers as part of our transition activities. We will also be sending out end-of-year reports electronically, so please ensure we have your most up-to-date email address on record.
- **Uniform Sales:** The PTA will continue selling second-hand uniform next week in preparation for the new academic year. If you have any outgrown uniform, please bring it into school so it can be reused to support other families and our school community.

Important Reminders:

- If you are planning to relocate over the summer holidays, please let us know in advance so that we can update our records and waiting lists.
- If you have any outstanding balances on ParentPay, please ensure these are paid as soon as possible so that we can close accounts before the end of the academic year.
- The weather is expected to warm up again next week. If you have not yet made a contribution to the Governors' Fund, please consider doing so. Installing air conditioning throughout the school remains one of our fundraising priorities, helping to keep our classrooms cool and our children comfortable and focused on their learning. Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us closer to making this project a reality.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

Mrs Hourihan

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On Tuesday 7th July it is Global Forgiveness Day

'Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.'



Dear Lord,

Thank you that you offer forgiveness to all, through Jesus.
Sorry for the times when we have been slow to say sorry
to others or not quick enough to forgive.

Please help us to ask for forgiveness
when we make a mistake
and to accept an apology kindly.

Amen

Sunday 5th July

Matthew 11:16-19

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Jesus invites us to bring our worries, fears, and heavy feelings to Him. He is gentle, kind, and always ready to help. When we follow Him, He gives us strength, peace, and hope.



Celebrating Success

STAR OF THE WEEK

DAISIES - Nicholas

BLUEBELLS - Zeus

1B - Joana

1D - Jacob

2B - Whole class

2D - Andrei N

3B - Nicolas

3D - Abdul

4B - Joanna

4D - Whole Class

5B - Kamar

5D - Maya

6B - Shyllah

6D - Kacper



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

DAISIES -95%

BLUEBELLS -95%

1B -96%

1D -95%

2B -96%

2D -96%

3B -97%

3D -95%

4B -95%

4D - 97%

5B -95%

5D -95%

6B -97%

6D -96%



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Year 2 visited the Seaside

Year 2 had a fantastic trip to the seaside, where they enjoyed a fun-filled day of learning and exploration. The children took part in a beach walk and learned about the coastal environment. They also had time to play on the beach, build sandcastles, and enjoy a picnic with their friends. Throughout the day, the children demonstrated excellent behaviour, curiosity, and teamwork.





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Family Fun Day

Last Wednesday, we held our Family Fun Day at Blessed Dominic. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying the afternoon together.

A big thank you to our Parents' Group for all their hard work in organising such a wonderful event. We really appreciate your time, support, and dedication in making the day such a success. We raised £3598.





Also a big thank you to

mascots and more.



Sports Day

This week, we held our KS1 and KS2 Sports Days. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a range of races and activities, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination throughout the events. A big thank you to Miss Reilly, our PE Lead, for organising everything and making both events such a success. Thank you also to the families who came along to cheer on and support the children.





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Thank you for supporting our
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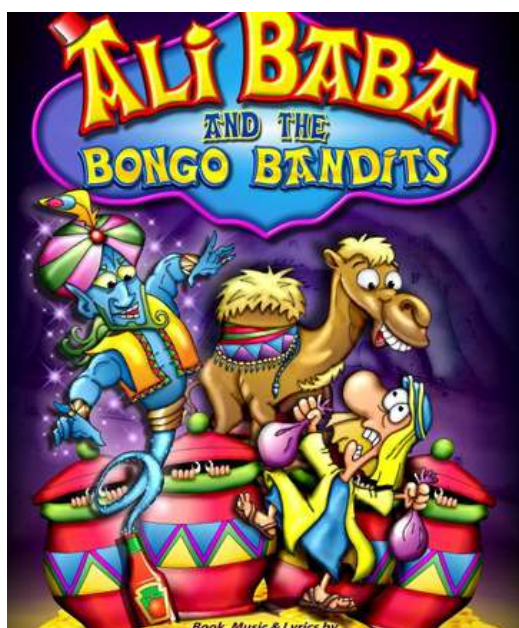
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Year 6 Performance

Year 6 presents –
Ali Baba

Tuesday 14th July 2026 Year 6B performance 7.00pm
Wednesday 15th July 2026 Year 6D performance 7.00pm
In the school hall
Tickets £3 on Parent Pay



Year 6 Leavers' Mass

Our Year 6 Leavers' Mass will take place on

Thursday **16th July at 9:05am**



The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Brian and will provide a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together in thanksgiving for our Year 6 pupils and to celebrate their time at Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary School.

We will also pray for them as they prepare for the exciting transition to secondary school.



Year 6 End of Year Disco

for our amazing Year 6 leavers



Thursday 16th July 5.30pm - 7.30pm

**DJ & PHOTO
BOOTH**

**£10
A TICKET**

**DONATIONS OF DRINKS
CRISPS AND SWEETS
WELCOME**





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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 20th July - Friday 28th August
Book by Saturday 27th June to take advantage of our Early
Bird discount.

Kind regards

Cameron Smith Holiday Camp Manager

NON STOP Action!



SMALL STEPS, BIG FUTURES

Wraparound

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



Read to the Beat! Summer Reading Challenge 2026



Barnet Libraries are inviting families to join the Read to the Beat! Summer Reading Challenge 2026 and get into the rhythm of reading over the school holidays. Delivered in partnership with The Reading Agency and Universal Music Group UK, this music-themed challenge celebrates how stories and songs can inspire, connect and spark imagination.

From Saturday 4 July and throughout the holidays, children from 4 to 12 years can sign up at any Barnet library during staffed hours. To complete the challenge, participants must read six library books of their own choice. They can also read eBooks via Libby and eAudiobooks via BorrowBox.

Children will collect rewards and stickers for reading, and a certificate and medal on completion. There is also a special mini challenge for under 4s, encouraging families with younger children to join in the fun.

Alongside the challenge, libraries will host a lively programme of music-themed events, including craft activities, DJ and rap workshops, STEM sessions, and instrument-making.

Find out more at

www.barnet.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge.

We hope to see you at the library soon!

Best wishes from Barnet Libraries



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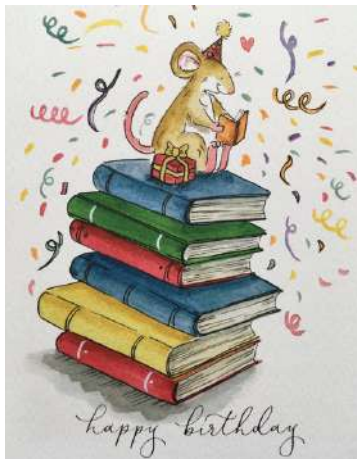


Birthday Celebrations

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
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.

