

Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary

Love - Learn - Believe

Newsletter

Summer issue 12- 10th July 2026



Headteacher: Mrs Hourihan

Deputy Headteacher: Ms Sulis

JULY

Tuesday 14th July - Year 6 Production - 6B at 6:30pm

Wednesday 15th July - Year 5 trip

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

Summer Holidays –Monday 20th July 2026 to Wednesday 2nd September 2026

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1st September - INSET DAY

Wednesday 2nd September children return to school

Diary Dates

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw closer to the end of another wonderful school year, this week has been one of celebration, reflection and looking ahead. Our children have enjoyed meeting their new teachers for the next academic year—an exciting opportunity that has helped them prepare for the next stage of their educational journey with confidence and enthusiasm.

We have also celebrated our Reception and Year 2 Graduation ceremonies. These special occasions gave us the opportunity to recognise how much our youngest children have grown in confidence, knowledge and faith. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and know they are ready to embrace the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead.

On Monday, we welcomed our CAFOD LiveSimply assessment. Throughout this academic year, Ms Sulis has led our LiveSimply journey with great dedication, inspiring both staff and pupils to put Catholic Social Teaching into action. Together, our school community has taken part in a wide range of initiatives to support those in need at a global, local and school level.

Many of you will remember some of these wonderful examples of living out our faith through action. Globally, we supported CAFOD through our Lenten Walk and regularly prayed for those living in poverty and experiencing injustice around the world. Locally, we collected food and essential items for our local food bank, demonstrating our commitment to supporting families facing hardship. Within our school, our children planted wildflowers and took part in our 'Disconnect to Reconnect' initiative, recognising that even the smallest actions can make a significant difference to the lives of others.

We are incredibly grateful to Ms Sulis for her leadership and to all of our children and families for embracing the LiveSimply principles so wholeheartedly. The assessment was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the many ways our school community strives to live simply, sustainably and in solidarity with others, putting our faith into action each day.

As we approach the final week of the school year, we thank God for the many blessings we have shared together.

If you have not already contributed to the Governors' Fund, may I please encourage you to do so? With periods of warmer weather becoming more frequent, installing air conditioning across the school is a priority capital project. If each family contributed £90 (£60 for families with a single pupil), we would raise approximately £37,500, making this project achievable. If any families are in a position to contribute more, we would be extremely grateful for your additional support.

We look forward to welcoming you to our Year 6 production next week, followed by their Leavers' Mass. Finally, a reminder that school closes for the summer holidays on Friday 17 July at 1.30 pm.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

Mrs Hourihan



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Matthew 13:1-9

On Sunday Jesus tells us a parable about planting seeds. It shows us how important it is that the seeds land on the right kind of ground to grow, but it also tells us something about ourselves and how we should behave



God of life, help us to hear your word. Guide us to understand it so that we may grow to live our lives the way you want us to. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Don't Step on a Bee Day

Today 10th July is 'Don't Step on a Bee Day,' a special day to remind us how important bees are to our world. Bees help flowers, fruits, and vegetables grow by carrying pollen from one flower to another.



Dear God,
Thank You for the wonderful world You have made and for all the amazing creatures, big and small. Thank You for bees, who help flowers bloom and plants grow. Help us to care for nature, to be gentle with all living things, and to remember that every creature has an important place in Your creation. Teach us to be kind, thoughtful, and thankful for the beauty all around us.
Amen.

Celebrating Success

Sunday 12th July

STAR OF THE WEEK

DAISIES - Giovanna
BLUEBELLS -Whole Class
1B -Whole class
1D - Whole class
2B -Gabriel
2D -Zuzanna
3B - Bella
3D -Meaghan
4B - Eveline
4D - Kolya
5B - Maria
5D -Francesc
6B - Chioma
6D - Mateo



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

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



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Reception and Year 2 Graduation Celebrations



This week, we proudly celebrated the graduation of our Reception and Year 2 children. It was a joyful occasion, giving us the opportunity to reflect on the wonderful progress, achievements, and memories made throughout the year.

Our Reception children are now ready to begin their exciting journey into Key Stage 1, while our Year 2 pupils prepare to take the next step into Key Stage 2. We are incredibly proud of each and every child for their hard work, resilience, and enthusiasm for learning.

A heartfelt thank you to our families for their continued support throughout the year.





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Barnet Debate Challenge Finals at Middlesex University

Our debate team delivered an outstanding performance at this year's Barnet Debate Challenge, showcasing exceptional confidence, teamwork and oracy. After winning Round One, beating three other schools, our pupils secured a place in the Grand Final held in the lecture theatre at Middlesex University.

In the final round, our team debated against one other school in front of judges, teachers and university staff — and they were brilliant. Their clarity, structure and confidence stood out, with pupils from other schools whispering, "They're so good!" as our team spoke.

Pupil voice captured the excitement of the day:

Lily (Year 6) proudly said, **"We did amazing!"**

Edy (Year 5) added, **"Our floor debate questions were our secret weapon!"**

The team represented Blessed Dominic with maturity, courage and skill, demonstrating the strength of our oracy curriculum and the power of pupil voice. We are incredibly proud of their achievement and the way they supported one another throughout the competition.





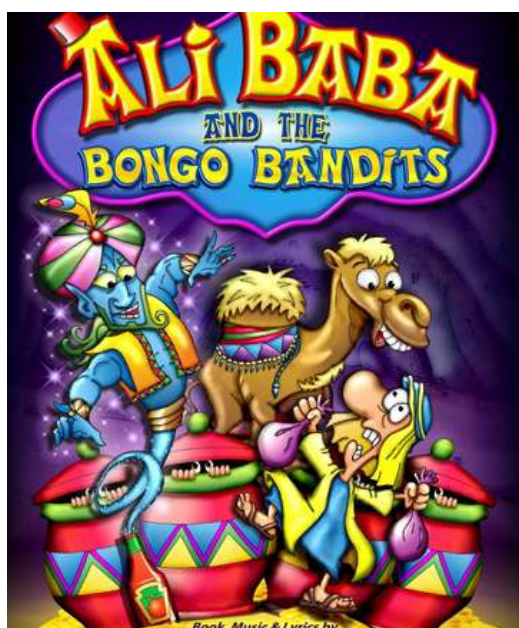
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Year 6 Performance

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

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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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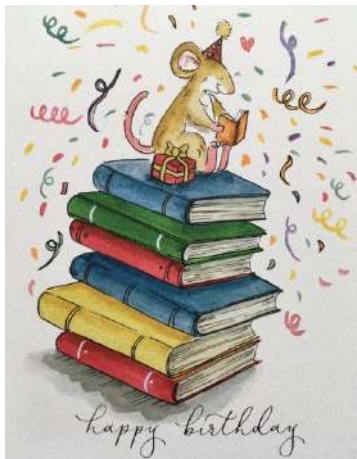


Birthday Celebrations

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.



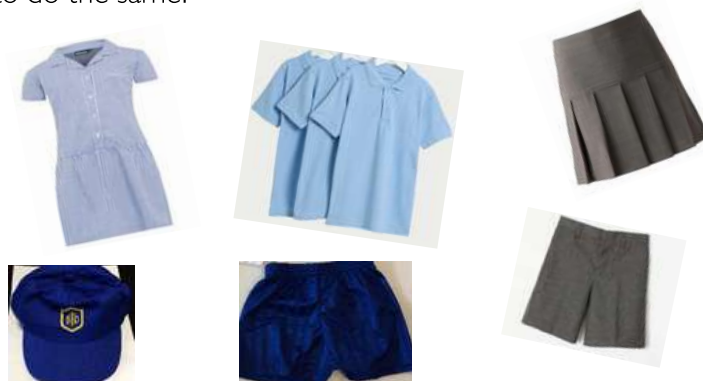
Summer Uniform

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.



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