

# Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary

*Love - Learn - Believe*



## Newsletter



Summer issue 13- 17th July 2026

**Headteacher:** Mrs Hourihan

**Deputy Headteacher:** Ms Sulis

### Diary Dates

#### JULY

Summer Holidays –Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 to Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026

#### SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September - INSET DAY

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September children return to school

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Year 6 meet the teacher and PGL meeting at 9.00am

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September - Year 5 meet the teacher at 2.45pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September - Year 4 meet the teacher at 9.00am

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September - Year 3 Meet the teacher at 2.45pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Year 2 meet the teacher at 9.00am

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Year 1 meet the teacher at 2.45pm

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Year 6 swimming (2 weeks)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Book Fair

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September - Year 5 Mass at the church

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of my first year as Headteacher of Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary School, I would like to say how incredibly proud I am to lead this wonderful community of pupils, parents, carers and staff.

This year has been filled with so many achievements and memorable moments. Some of my personal highlights have been the many opportunities we have shared together as a school family to celebrate our faith and community, including our Grandparents' Celebration, Christmas festivities, International Evening and our fantastic Family Fun Day. These occasions have truly reflected the warmth, diversity and spirit of Blessed Dominic.

One of our priorities this year has been strengthening communication with families. I am delighted that we introduced the Parent App, responded to your feedback and provided a wide range of parent coffee mornings and information meetings throughout the year. Your partnership and support are invaluable, and we are committed to continuing to work closely together.

We have also introduced our new school values and reviewed our Mission Statement. These now sit at the heart of everything we do, guiding our relationships, shaping our behaviour and underpinning the way we care for and respect one another as members of God's family.

Our in-school World Cup competition concluded yesterday, with Spain crowned as the winning team. They then took on the teachers in a thrilling match, which ended in a penalty shootout!

There have been countless special memories throughout the year. From our Year 6 pupils' beautiful musical composition performed at the Carol Concert, to welcoming our chicks and travelling farm, taking part in the Dance Festival and Barnet Music Festival, inspiring TED Talks, and enjoying the visit from Lex the Robot, our pupils have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and joy.

This week has been filled with celebration as we marked some very special milestones for our Year 6 pupils. Our Year 6 children delighted audiences with their end-of-year production of Ali Baba and the Bango Bandits. They performed with remarkable confidence, enthusiasm, and joy, showcasing not only their talents but also the strong friendships and teamwork they have developed throughout their time at our school. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. As they prepare to leave primary school, we came together as a school community to celebrate a special Mass led by Fr Brian. It was a wonderful opportunity to give thanks for their time at our school, celebrate all they have achieved, and ask for God's blessings as they take the next step in their educational journey.

The week concluded with our end-of-year disco, organised by our dedicated PTA. We are extremely grateful for their time, commitment, and generosity in creating such a fun and memorable evening for our Year 6 children. Their hard work helped provide a fitting celebration and lasting memories as our pupils prepare to begin an exciting new chapter.

We wish all of our Year 6 children every happiness and success in the future. May God continue to guide and bless them on the journey ahead.

As we look ahead, I am excited to continue building on these successes and to create even more opportunities for our children to flourish academically, spiritually and personally.

I wish all of our families a wonderful, restful and blessed summer break. We look forward to welcoming our Year 1 to Year 6 pupils back to school on **Wednesday 2nd September**, ready for another exciting year of learning together.

Thank you for your continued support and for making Blessed Dominic such a special place to love, learn and live out our faith.

May God bless you and your families throughout the summer.

Mrs Hourihan

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To our Year 6 cohort and those staff and children leaving us today, you go with our heartfelt prayers for a very successful future.

**May the road rise to meet you, may the wind  
be always at your back.**

**May the sun shine warm upon your face, and  
the rains fall soft upon your fields.**

**And until we meet again, may God hold you in  
the palm of his hand.**



## **Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43**

Loving God, thank you for sending your Son Jesus to show us the way. Thank you for all the people who teach us. Help us to listen and to learn.

Amen.



## **Celebrating Success**

### **STAR OF THE WEEK**

DAISIES -Whole Class  
BLUEBELLS -Evsie  
1B -Whole Class  
1D -Korede  
2B -Whole Class  
2D -Karlye  
3B - Whole Class  
3D -Wrenn  
4B - Whole Class  
4D -Whole Class  
5B - Dawid  
5D -Whole Class  
6B - Whole Class  
6D -Whole Class



### **ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK**

DAISIES -97%  
BLUEBELLS -98%  
1B -96%  
1D -94%  
2B -97%  
2D -95%  
3B -92%  
3D -91%  
4B -93%  
4D - 92%  
5B -94%  
5D -92%  
6B -96%  
6D -95%



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## Year 6 Production

Year 6 delivered a fantastic performance of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits. The children performed with confidence, enthusiasm, and great energy, showcasing their acting, singing, and teamwork. Their hard work and dedication were evident throughout the production, making it an enjoyable and memorable performance for everyone who attended.



## Taste the Rainbow School Lunches Tasting Session



Our Pupil Leadership Team took part in an exciting Taste the Rainbow school-lunches workshop this week, exploring new flavours, healthy choices, and the ingredients that go into their daily meals. The children learned about what makes a balanced school lunch, how smoothies can include vegetables they've never tried before, and why colourful foods support wellbeing and energy.

The tasting session was full of enthusiasm. Matteo year 4 exclaimed, **"The smoothies were so good!"** and the whole group repeatedly shouted **"Delicious!"** as they sampled different combinations. Pupils also helped to prepare the smoothies themselves, discovering how ingredients blend together to create nutritious drinks. To make the experience even more memorable, Miss Adu volunteered to ride a stationary bike to power the blender — demonstrating sustainable energy in action. After a few minutes, Edy took over pedalling, proudly announcing, "Our floor debate questions were our secret weapon!" as the team laughed and encouraged him.

This workshop supported our learning about healthy living, sustainability, and pupil voice, giving children the chance to share their opinions on what our school lunches offer and how we can continue to promote wellbeing across the school.



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# Blessed Dominic World Cup 2026

Congratulations to all 128 children who took part in our Blessed Dominic World Cup! Over the past five weeks,

I have been so impressed by the amazing skill, teamwork, communication and resilience shown by every participant.

Whether it was your first time playing football or you were supporting and mentoring younger players on your team, every child demonstrated the Blessed Dominic values by trying their very best and showing kindness and respect to others.

We enjoyed many exciting, closely contested matches throughout the tournament, all leading up to a fantastic final between France and Spain.

After a thrilling game, Spain were crowned our Blessed Dominic World Cup champions.

Congratulations to both finalists on a wonderful performance!

A huge well done to every child who took part. You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves—I certainly am!

Miss Reilly





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## Other Faiths- Judasim

Year 5's visit to the Jewish Learning Exhibition at Edgware United Synagogue was a wonderful experience. We enjoyed an engaging talk from the rabbi before exploring the beautiful synagogue. The interactive exhibition gave us the chance to handle a variety of Jewish artefacts, write Hebrew letters using stencils, and play dreidel, a traditional Hanukkah game. It was a fun, hands-on visit that helped bring our learning about Judaism to life.



On Wednesday we were visited by Ruth who came to teach us all about Judaism. We had an exciting whole school assembly and then year 1 and 2 has special workshops to teach us about Shabbat. We learned about the clothes that Jewish people wear to pray and we tasted the grape juice and challah bread that is eaten at the Shabbat meal.





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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

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](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge).

We hope to see you at the library soon!

Best wishes from Barnet Libraries



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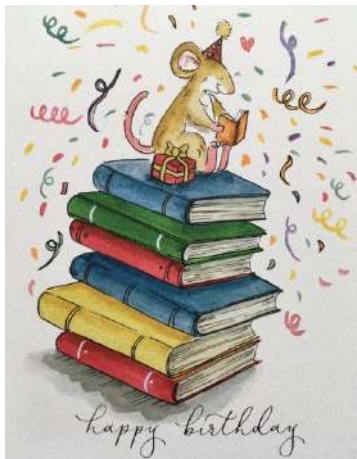


## Birthday Celebrations

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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# Uniform Reminders

As you prepare for the new school year, please check our uniform policy before purchasing any new items.

Please ensure your child has:

- Plain black or plain royal blue coat
- **School bookbag/backpack** or a **plain black** backpack only (no branding or colours)
- **Plain black or plain white trainers** for PE days only
- School shoes (please note that boots and sandals are not permitted)
- Royal blue PE shorts
- Plain black, grey, or white socks – no logos or branding.
- Royal blue school **sun / baseball cap** or plain blue, black or white baseball style cap. No logos or branding.
- Hair accessories should be royal blue
- Analogue watches with no internet connection are permitted but no other jewellery permitted for health and safety reasons i.e. necklaces, bracelets or anklets



For health and safety reasons, only stud earrings are permitted. If you are planning to have your child's ears pierced, please do so at the start of the summer holidays. This will allow enough time for the earrings to heal so that they can be safely removed for PE lessons when your child returns in September, if required.

Thank you to our wonderful PTA volunteers, who have given their time to organise several second-hand uniform sales. These have provided families with great opportunities to purchase good-quality uniform at a lower cost.

Please remember to label every item of your child's uniform and show your child where to find their name labels. Clearly labelled items can be returned to their owner much more quickly if they are misplaced.

Planning ahead can also help save money. Many uniform items are available from local supermarkets, and platforms such as Vinted can be a great way to find affordable, sustainable options, particularly for unbranded items.

Thank you for your support in helping all of our children arrive in September smart and ready to learn.



**Please see click on the links below**



**School Uniform**

The school uniform is an integral part of who we are at Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary School. All pupils are expected to wear the correct full school uniform every day.

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<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=1131>



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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  
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EXCLUSIVELY FOR BLESSED DOMINIC  
PARENTS AND CARERS DURING  
DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP TIMES**

## Free Parent & Child Independent Travel Road Safety Workshop

Is your child in Year 5 or Year 6? Are they already travelling independently, or preparing to do so?

The Barnet Road Safety team are offering a free interactive workshop for children and their parent/carer(s) to attend together.

Through engaging activities and discussions, the workshop will explore:

Distractions such as mobile phones, headphones and friends  
Driver behaviour

Decision-making and risk awareness

Common road safety concerns and real-life situations

All children attending will receive a free goody bag which will include high-visibility accessories.

**Date: Monday 24 August**

**Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm or 2:00pm to 4:00pm**

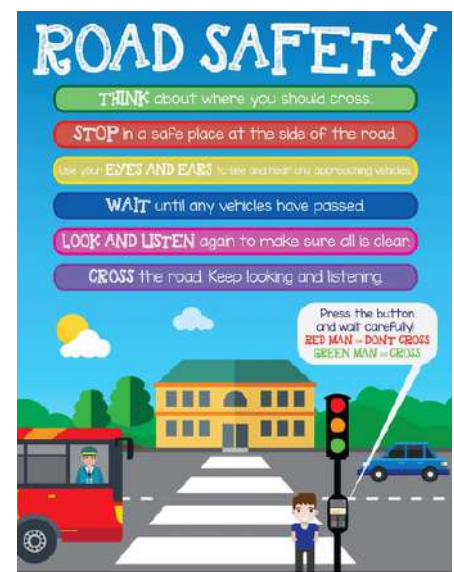
**Venue: London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue,  
Colindale, London, NW9 4EW**

To request more information and a booking form, please email:  
**road.safety@barnet.gov.uk**

Please note:

Booking is essential. Places are limited.

Parents/carers and children will participate together throughout the session. This is not a drop-off workshop.



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