

Blessed Dominic Catholic Primary

Love - Learn - Believe



Newsletter



Autumn issue 5- 2nd October 2026

Headteacher: Mrs Hourihan

Deputy Headteacher: Ms Sulis

Diary Dates

OCTOBER

Monday 5th October - Year 4 Mass at Church 10am
Monday 5th October - Whole School Vaccinations
Monday 5th October - Parent Group AGM at 9.00am
Thursday 8th October - 3B Class assembly at 9am
Friday 9th October - Blessed Dominic celebration day
Friday 9th October - Reception Curriculum meeting 2:15pm
Monday 12th October - Yr 3 Mass at Church at 10am
Thursday 15th October - 5B Class assembly 9am
Friday 16th October - Just One Tree Day
Tuesday 20th October - Parent Consultation 4.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 21st October - Parent Consultation Evening - 3.30-6.30pm
Thursday 22nd October - **INSET**
Friday 23rd October - **INSET**
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October - HALF TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been reflecting on change and on the message that actions speak louder than words. As followers of Christ, we are called not simply to speak about love, kindness and compassion, but to live them out in the way we treat one another. We have encouraged the children to think about how their everyday choices can help to make our school, our families and our world a little better.

On Monday, our Fairtrade Council led our assemblies, helping us to think about the importance of Fairtrade and how the choices we make can have a real impact on the lives of others. This week, the children have also been selling Fairtrade products after school, helping to raise both money and awareness. We are very proud of them for putting their faith into action and helping our school community understand that even something as ordinary as the choices we make when shopping can make a difference. Those who grow and produce the food and goods we enjoy should be valued for their work and receive a fair return for their efforts. When you are shopping, we encourage you to consider choosing Fairtrade products where possible. By making thoughtful choices, we can help farmers and workers receive fairer pay and work in better conditions.

As we begin October, the Month of the Holy Rosary, we turn in a special way to Mary, our Blessed Mother. Throughout this month, we will be encouraging the children to grow closer to Jesus through Mary by praying the Rosary. As a school community, we are joining the campaign 'a million children praying the rosary', asking Our Lady to intercede for our world and praying especially for the gift of peace. At a time when so many people across the world long for peace, we want our children to understand the power and importance of prayer.

Our Rosary bags will begin coming home with children, and we warmly encourage you to make some time to pray together as a family. Simply gathering together, lighting a candle, saying a decade of the Rosary and placing your family's intentions before Our Lady can be a beautiful way of making prayer part of family life.

This week, we have also celebrated the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, who showed such profound love for God through his love for people, animals and the whole of creation. Our world is a gift from God, entrusted to us to cherish and protect. The children have been thinking about the practical things they can do to care for our common home and recognising that small actions, when carried out with love, can make a real difference.

Next week, our PTA AGM will take place on Monday at 9.00am, and we warmly invite all parents and carers to come along to play an active part in the communities to which we belong. We will begin rolling out the Arbor app next week to replace ParentPay. Please look out for further information.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Hourihan

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MONTH OF THE ROSARY

As we enter October, which in our Catholic tradition is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, we take time for this special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Rosary invites us to meditate on the Mysteries of Christ's life while praying together.

THE HAIL MARY

**HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE,
THE LORD IS WITH THEE.**

**BLESSED ART THOU AMONGST WOMEN,
AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB, JESUS.
HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD,
PRAY FOR US SINNERS,
NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH.
AMEN.**



Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Sunday 4th October - Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

**DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTIFUL WORLD
YOU HAVE MADE.
THANK YOU FOR THE SUN THAT WARMS US,
THE TREES THAT SHADE US,
AND THE ANIMALS THAT BRING US JOY.
FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF ST. FRANCIS,
HELP OUR FAMILY TO BE GENTLE WITH YOUR CREATION.
TEACH US TO BE INSTRUMENTS OF YOUR PEACE—
BRINGING LOVE WHERE THERE IS DISAGREEMENT,
AND KINDNESS WHEREVER WE GO.
BLESS OUR HOME, OUR PETS,
AND ALL CREATURES BIG AND SMALL.
AMEN.**

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace
4th October
Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi





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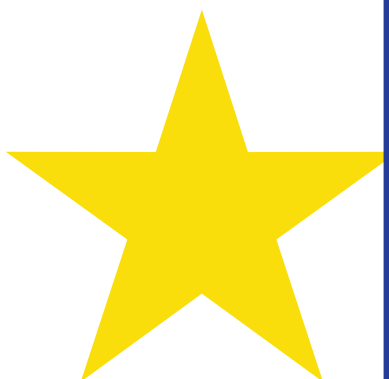
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Celebrating Success

STAR OF THE WEEK

Bluebells - Arielle
Daisies - Whole Class
1B - Leah
1D - Aria
2B - Yusuf
2D - Pipa
3B - Ian
3D - Andrei N
4B - The whole class
4D - Alexzandra
5B - Antoni
5D - Osias
6B - Bolu
6D - Jeleana



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Bluebells-98%
Daisies -95%
1B -95%
1D -97%
2B -98%
2D - 97%
3B -98%
3D -97%
4B -93%
4D - 98%
5B - 97%
5D -98%
6B -96%
6D -96%



Prospective Nursery / Reception Meetings – September 2027

We are delighted to invite parents of children who may be joining our Nursery or Reception classes in September 2027 to one of our information meetings.

Wednesday 11th November at 5:30pm

Thursday 12th November at 9:05am

There is no need to book — simply come along to whichever meeting is most convenient for you.

Please note that these meetings are for parents only, as we will be sharing lots of important information about starting school, our Nursery and Reception provision, and what you can expect.

We look forward to welcoming you!



October Camp 2026 is here!

Bookings are now open with **Non Stop Action**. Join us this October Half Term for **Multi Sports at Moss Hall Junior School** (N3 INR), and Football, Dance, and Multi Activity Camp at Millbrook Park School (NW7 1JF).

Camp runs from Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

Book by Saturday 3rd October to take advantage of our Early Bird discount and get a week booking for £126."



NON STOP Action
SMALL STEPS, BIG FUTURE



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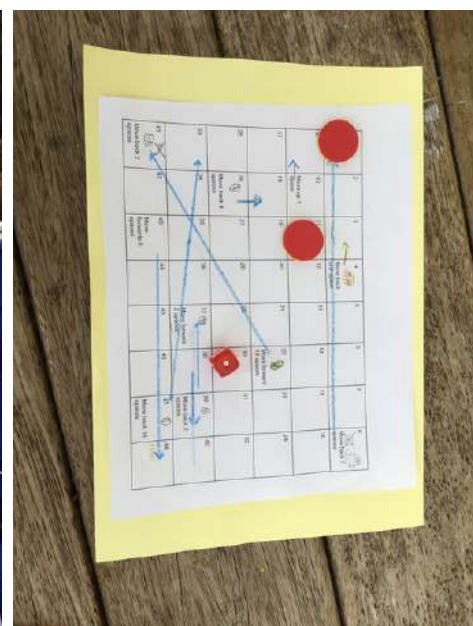
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FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

We had lots of fun taking part in a variety of exciting activities. Everyone had the chance to learn more about Fairtrade, discover where our food and products come from, and understand how Fairtrade can help farmers and communities around the world.

It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved, sharing ideas, being creative and learning together. We had a brilliant Fairtrade Fortnight!





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BOOK FAIR

A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents and families who supported our Book Fair last week by purchasing books.

Your support helps to encourage our children to develop a love of reading and discover the joy and adventure that books can bring. At the same time, your purchases helped to raise valuable funds for our school community, which will allow us to purchase new and exciting books for our school library. We are incredibly grateful for your generosity and continued support as we continue to build a wonderful reading culture together.



WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

A heartfelt thank you to everyone again who joined us for our McMillan Coffee Morning!

Your presence and support made the event truly special. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together, share some delicious coffee, and raise awareness for a great cause.

We have raised **£ 284** so far.



PE DAYS

1B - Tuesday and Thursday
1D - Tuesday and Wednesday
Y2 – Monday and Tuesday
Y3 – Tuesday and Thursday
Y4 – Tuesday and Wednesday
Y5 - Tuesday and Thursday
Y6 – Wednesday and Friday



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**



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FOOTBALL NEWS



A busy week for football at Blessed Dominic

On Wednesday afternoon some of our girls and boys took part in a tournament at St James that was run by the year 9s.

Overall we came 2nd in the tournament out of schools across Brent and Barnet.
Well done all!

On Wednesday our girls team played their first game of the season against Orion.

The girls showed resilience and perseverance during the game and they are already planning their next friendly ahead of the league starting after half term.

On Thursday the boys also played their first game of the season against SMSJ.

The boys played well as this was their first game with their new coach. It finished 2-2. That's 2 points on the board for the league!

Well done to everyone for doing us proud.

Miss Reilly.
Class teacher / PE lead





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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.



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 - (SENCO) 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.



Uniform Reminders

Please remember:

- Summer uniform can be worn until October half term
- Summer dresses are royal blue gingham (not navy)
- **Plain black or plain royal blue coat**
- **School bookbag/backpack** or a **plain black** backpack only (no branding, logos 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, white or black
- 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.

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.

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





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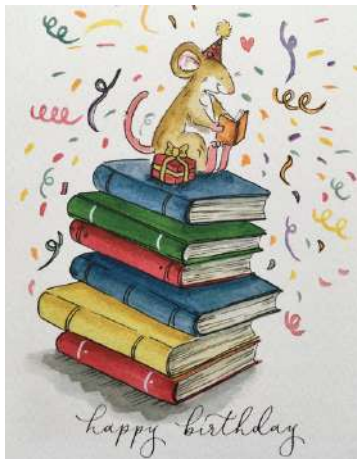


Birthday Celebrations

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.





**Blessed
Dominic**
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN HOME & SCHOOL

*Love one another, learn together
and believe in God our Father* 



OUR SHARED VALUES



KIND
We show care, compassion and understanding.



RESPECTFUL
We listen and treat everyone with dignity, courtesy and professionalism.



HONEST
We share accurate information openly and address concerns appropriately.



FORGIVING
We recognise mistakes happen and seek to repair relationships and move forward.



INCLUSIVE
We make every family feel welcome, valued and able to engage.



RESILIENT
We approach challenges constructively and work together to find solutions.

WHO DO I CONTACT?

Please use the most appropriate channel so we can help you as quickly as possible.

URGENT



Urgent / Safeguarding

Immediate safety concern, safeguarding worry or urgent health matter.



Telephone the school immediately during office hours and ask for the DSL / safeguarding team.
If it is an emergency outside school hours, contact the appropriate emergency service.



General Concern / Information

A general concern, request for information or to speak with a member of staff.



Telephone the school office.

We will ensure your message is passed to the most appropriate person.



Non-urgent Question / Information

Routine questions, information or updates that are not urgent.



Email the main school office.

We will acknowledge your email within 2 **working days** and respond where possible within 2 working days.



Detailed Discussion / Complex Issue

For issues that need a longer conversation or more time to discuss.



Contact the office to arrange an appointment (in person or by phone).

This helps us give your matter the time and attention it deserves.

DIRECT ALL QUESTIONS TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER



For most day-to-day questions about your child, such as:

- learning, homework or lessons
- behaviour
- friendships
- wellbeing
- routines and daily arrangements

Please contact your child's class teacher first.

This helps us to resolve things quickly and keeps communication clear and effective for everyone.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

QUESTION



You are looking for information or clarification.

Examples:

- What time is the assembly?
- When is the trip?
- How can I help at home?

Best first step:
Speak to the class teacher or office.

CONCERN



You are worried about something and want it looked into.

Examples:

- My child seems unhappy.
- I'm worried about behaviour.
- Something doesn't seem right.

Best first step:
Speak to the class teacher.

COMPLAINT



You are unhappy about something and want it formally addressed.

Examples:

- I am unhappy with how something was handled.
- I wish to make a formal complaint.

Best first step:
Contact the school office to follow our complaints procedure.



OUR RESPONSE

- ✓ Emails: acknowledged within 2 working days.
- ✓ Returned calls: normally within 2 working days.
- ✓ Office hours: 8.30am – 4.30pm (Monday to Friday).
- ✓ Emails received outside office hours will be considered as received on the next working day.



PLEASE REMEMBER

- ✓ Email is not for emergencies or safeguarding. Please telephone the school in these situations.
- ✓ Parent WhatsApp groups and social media are not official school communication channels.
- ✓ If you are unsure about information, please check directly with the school.
- ✓ We respect the privacy and confidentiality of all children, families and staff.
- ✓ If you have a concern, contact the school directly so we can listen and work towards a positive solution.



WE INCLUDE EVERY FAMILY

We are committed to making sure all families can communicate with us.

If English is not your first language, or you have any barriers to communication, please let us know. We will do our best to support you (e.g. translation, interpreters, documents in different formats).

Please tell us if you need information in a different way.



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

We welcome your feedback, ideas and suggestions about how we can communicate and work together even better. You can share your views by speaking with a member of staff, completing a survey or emailing the school office.



We listen, we learn and we use your feedback to help us improve.



OUR SHARED COMMITMENT

We will communicate with kindness, respect and understanding, and we will work together with honesty, forgiveness, inclusiveness and resilience.



*Love one another, learn together
and believe in God our Father.*



Our full Communication Guide is available on our website, in Reception and from the school office.



Thank you for being our partners in your child's education and wellbeing.





*Stronger
together
for a brighter
tomorrow* 

LEARN BELIEVE ACHIEVE TOGETHER

AGM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Your school. Our community. Together.

Join us for our Annual General Meeting.
An opportunity to hear updates, discuss future plans
and be part of our school community.



**MONDAY
5TH OCTOBER 2026**



**TIME
9:00 AM**



**LOCATION
SCHOOL HALL**



**Join the
school PTA**

Everyone is welcome to
join the school PTA!

- ✓ Meet the team
- ✓ Hear key updates
- ✓ Share ideas
- ✓ Help make a difference
in our school

*Small
ideas make
a big difference!* 

Please attend! 

*A stronger
school community
for brighter futures* 