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A PRAYER FOR THE START OF THE SUMMER TERM

Dear Lord,

*As we begin this new summer term,
We thank You for the gift of a fresh start,
For the sunshine, the longer days,
And the opportunity to learn and grow together.*

*Bless our school community -
Our pupils, staff, and families.
Fill our classrooms with kindness, patience, and joy.
Help us to work hard, to try our best,
And to support one another in all that we do.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome all the children back to school on Monday after the Easter holidays and I hope you and your families enjoyed a restful and joyful break. As we begin the summer term, we do so with a renewed sense of hope and purpose, inspired by the joy of the Resurrection and the promise of new life. This is always a busy and exciting term in school, filled with opportunities for learning, growth and celebration. I look forward to all that we will achieve together in the weeks ahead as we continue to nurture our children in faith, knowledge and love.

As you are aware, we were visited by Ofsted last term and are currently awaiting publication of the full inspection report. While we are unable to share the outcomes at this stage, we will, of course, communicate these with you as soon as the report is released. In

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the meantime, I would like to reiterate how proud we are of our children and all they have achieved this year. They continue to be a real credit to you and to the school, and this is a source of great pride for the entire staff team as we begin the new term.

SUMMER TERM MASSES:

Please note that children from our school will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at the following times:

- **Sunday 3rd May, Sunday 17th May and Sunday 7th June** at Our Lady's Church (12pm).
- **Sunday 10th May** at Holy Family Church (10.30am).
- **Sunday 24th May** at St. Bonaventure's Church (9am).



This is the most important and memorable Sacrament as it allows us to receive the Body and Blood of Christ and, in doing so, Jesus becomes a part of us. It is also a gift we receive each week at Mass as we remember Jesus' sacrifice at his death. We wish all of the children the best for their very special day.

We have also planned the following whole school masses for the summer term – which will all be celebrated by Canon Norbert. The masses will take place on the following days:

- **Tuesday 30th June** – Our *First Holy Communion Celebration Mass*, which will be led by the children who made their First Holy Communion throughout the summer term. The children will be invited to wear their communion clothes for this special service, which will take place at 2.00pm in the school hall.
- **Wednesday 15th July** – *Year 6 Leavers' Mass*, which will, naturally, be prepared and led by the Year 6 children. It will be taking place at 1.45pm in the school.

Classes will also be attending Monday morning services at the church at 9.30am on the following days:

- **Monday 27th April** – Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3
- **Monday 18th May** – EYFS and Year 6
- **Monday 15th June** – Year 4 and Year 5

Parents, carers and friends will be welcome to join us for any of the above services. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

THEMES AND VALUES FOR THE SUMMER TERM:



Our whole school theme for the first half of this summer term is 'Respecting Those Around Us'. The two values which we are associating with this are 'Honesty' and 'Equality' - so please feel free to impart your knowledge and thoughts with your children if they bring it up in discussion. We will be exploring these themes in both class and in our Gospel assemblies and linking it to the Bible story of Zacchaeus the Tax Collector. Perhaps you could remind your child of this story at home and think about how Jesus saw everybody as equal.

REFLECTION ON THE MYSTERIES:



As I am sure you are all aware, May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary and, at Our Lady's, we will be marking this in two ways. From **Friday 1st May**, we will be beginning each Monday, Wednesday and Friday with a short reflection in the school hall on one of the Mysteries of the Rosary. This will help us to focus our prayers on the life, ministry, and Passion of Our Lord. We would like to invite parents, carers and other members of the school community to join the staff and children for these short 10 minute reflections in the school hall at 8.40am each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning until the half term break. We ask that you enter the school through the front entrance at 8.40am. We look forward to seeing you there.

LUNCHTIME ROSARY PRAYER GROUP:



Throughout May, our Chaplaincy team will also be leading the children in praying a decade of the rosary during lunchtimes. Children will be provided with the opportunity of attending these prayer sessions and reflecting further on each Mystery. We are encouraging children to bring in a set of rosary beads to assist in their prayer. We would also like to encourage all parents and carers to share in these Marian devotions with the school and at home, for example, by saying a decade of the rosary together as a family.

THE RETURN OF THE DAILY MILE!



As you may well be aware, it is recommended that children should be doing 60 minutes of physical activity every day. Therefore, we are once again offering children and parents the chance to participate in the Daily Mile each morning at 8.40am (weather dependent) **starting from next Monday**. Children, staff and parents can choose to either run or jog at their own pace, for just 10-15 minutes every day, outside with their friends.

Taking part in regular physical activity has lots of benefits for children's physical health, mental health and wellbeing, and their learning. So come along and join in the fun with your children. Please note that this will be voluntary and you can choose whether you would like to participate or not...but it would be good to see as many of you there as possible!

Dates for the Diary:



Below is a list of dates for your diaries – further information will be given later in the term with regards to upcoming class trips.

APRIL 2026	
13 th	Term starts – children back at school
16 th	National Offer Day for primary schools
w/c 20 th	Curriculum information to be emailed to parents
21 st	Year 4 trip to Whipsnade Zoo

23 rd	St. George's Day
23 rd	Chaplaincy team visit to John Henry Newman School
27 th	Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Mass at Church (9.30am) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
30 th	EYFS trip to Radlett Theatre

MAY 2026	
1 st	Morning Reflections begin in hall for Month of Mary (8.40am) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
3 rd	First Holy Communion Mass at Our Lady's Church (12.00pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
4 th	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY
8 th	VE Day
8 th	PTA Meeting (9am)
w/c 11 th	KS2 SATs Week
13 th	Feast Day of Our Lady of Fatima Assembly (2.50pm)
17 th	First Holy Communion Mass at Our Lady's Church (12.00pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
18 th	EYFS and Year 6 Mass at Church (9.30am) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
20 th	Year 6 Residential Trip Parent Information Meeting (3.30pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
22 nd	Whole School Sports Day (9am to 12pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
24 th	Pentecost Sunday
w/c 25 th	HALF TERM HOLIDAY

JUNE 2026	
w/c 1 st	Hinduism Week (as part of our 'Other Faiths Week in RE)
1 st	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check period begins
2 nd	Class photos being taken
5 th	Reserve Sports Day (9.am to 12pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
5 th	World Environment Day
6 th	Anniversary of D-Day
7 th	First Holy Communion Mass at Our Lady's Church (12.00pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
7 th - 10 th	Year 6 Residential Trip to Marchants Hill
8 th - 12 th	Year 1 Phonics screening takes place this week
9 th	Taster Day at John Henry Newman School for Year 5
9 th	Year 2 'Life in a Medieval Castle' Workshop
15 th	Year 4 and Year 5 Mass at Church (9.30am)

	<i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
15 th	Refugee Week Assembly (2.15pm)
16 th & 18 th	Parent-Teacher Consultations (3pm to 6pm)
21 st	Fathers' Day
22 nd	Windrush Day
23 rd	Governor Day at Our Lady's School
24 th	'Stay and Play' session for new Reception parents (9am – 10am)
30 th	Year 3 Holy Communion Celebration Mass (2pm in the school) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>

JULY 2026	
6 th	Year 6 Dress Rehearsal (1.45pm)
7 th	Year 6 School Performance (1.45pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
8 th	Year 6 School Performance (6.00pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
9 th	Transition Morning (children meet new teachers for next year)
9 th	Year 6 Transition Day across Herts
9 th	'Stay and Play' session for new Reception parents (10am – 11am)
13 th	EYFS Graduation (9.15am) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
13 th	EYFS Disco (3.15pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
14 th	Year 6 Leavers' Trip
15 th	Summer Piano Concert (9.15am) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
15 th	Year 6 Leavers' Mass (1.45pm) <i>Parents are invited to attend</i>
16 th	Feast Day of Our Lady of Aylesford Assembly (2.50pm)
17 th	End of Year Assembly (9.30am)
17 th	END OF TERM (School closes at 1.00pm)

As you can see, there is an awful lot to look forward to in the coming weeks and months of this summer term. Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support for our school over this academic year. Your commitment to the school has been an essential part of our success. Thank you!

Kind regards,



Richard Curry

**We rise
by lifting
others.**



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