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Featuring: hellos and goodbyes

Learning to Love; Loving to Learn

EMBRACING THE UNIQUENESS OF EACH CHILD THROUGH THE MESSAGE OF GOD'S LOVE

LEARNING TO LOVE; LOVING TO LEARN...



We prepare to cross new bridges

Today we say goodbye to our lovely Year 6s:

Amelie
Ava
Rico
Edward
Megan
Amy
Olivia
Joshua
Angelina
Chloe
Ellie
Liam
Cassius
Bethany
Zachariah

We give thanks for all that they have brought to Our Lady's and we wish you the very best of luck in your new adventures as you cross the bridge into Year 7. You are all very special and you must be very proud of all that you have achieved at Our Lady's.

We will miss you. Please come back and tell us how you are getting on...

We say also say goodbye to the lovely Lilly K in Year 1. You are fabulous. We wish you and your family the very best of luck for the future.

First Holy Communion

What a wonderful day we had on Sunday as we celebrated First Holy Communion at Princethorpe Chapel. It was truly a beautiful Mass and it was lovely to gather and chat in the grounds afterwards. Thank you to Father Teddy and to the

parents for all their organisation and support throughout the whole process.

Congratulations to: Charlotte, Adela, Liam, Eleanor, Samuel and Kai.



Celebrating Uniqueness

We have spent the week celebrating the uniqueness of each and every child in our school – from assemblies to productions to Sports Day to reports to Masses - we aim to live out the mission of our school of: embracing the uniqueness of each child through God's message of love.

Thank you for all those who managed to attend the different events this week - the children have really enjoyed having some extra special attention and the fun.

A huge thank you

My thanks to my staff, children, parents, families, the PTA and governors for everything you have given this year. It

has been the most wonderful rollercoaster and I feel more fortunate now than ever that I am head of such a special little school.

I really do want our school to be the very best that it can be and I look forward to continuing to drive improvement, working in partnership with you all.

Thank you for all the kind words in cards and generous presents that you have given to myself and class teachers.

Wow, what a set of results!

(I thought I'd leave this in for a 2nd week because I'm so proud!)

I'm sure that you have heard about the **National** results this year – 53% of Key Stage 2 children who took the SATs met standard. This is testament to the heightened expectations and the new demands of the new curriculum.

This year Our Lady's has been externally moderated in Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, it has been gruelling but very rewarding. I am so incredibly proud of every individual in Year 2 and Year 6 who have achieved so highly. I am proud of my incredible staff who have worked to get them there. Moderators commented on the high standards of work and the exemplary practice of the school..

Secret phone call home

Did you receive a special phone call this week from your class teacher?!

This week's attendance figures

YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
98%	97%	98%	97%	100%	98%	98%



The children really enjoyed their special treats this week...from watching films to water fights...



At the end of Year 2 and 6 we have to report on whether children have 'met standard' or not. Year 2 children can also be reported on as having met the standard 'with greater depth'. This is also the case with writing at the end of Year 6, but not in any other area. I know, its confusing...

I want to say again that the testing and the expected standard is much more demanding this year than any other years previous. There has been so much unknown this year and these particular children have done exceptionally well, particularly being the first children to sit through them.

All results are provisional at the moment

Phonics: 94% (this is up from 63% on the last 2 years 😊)

KS1 (Year 2): 'At standard'

Reading: 100% (National 74%)

Writing: 94% (National 66%)

Maths: 94% (National 73%)

KS1: 'At greater depth within the standard'

Reading: **47% (National 24%)**

Writing: **32% (National 14%)**

Maths: **32% (National 18%)**

KS2

Provisional shows that 53% of the children nationally have met standard in RWM.

DfE has said that results this year in years 2 and 6 cannot be compared to last years or any other previous years because it is testing new standards.

I have had to send a number of papers back for remarking unfortunately. These children will be given their teacher assessment in the meantime.

Reading

National 66%

Our Lady's 88% **(+22%)**

Writing

National 74%

Our Lady's 94% **(+20%)**

Writing at greater depth - 33%

Maths

National 70%

Our Lady's 88% **(+18%)**

As you can see, in all areas we are significantly above the national results.

Congratulations to all.

This week's attendance: 98%

This is above our target this week...

Our overall attendance is higher this year than last and we are sitting above national. Thank you for your support in this important area and congratulations to all the children who received their 100% attendance certificates today!

Please continue to pray for...

Rod Clarke and his wife and family in your prayers, as he awaits his operation. We all miss you Mr Clarke.

We welcome...

Mrs Brookes who is a head of games from Princethorpe College to our school from September. She will be teaching PE in our school and I have worked alongside her to ensure a rich curriculum

for our children. A netball club will be run next year during lunch time and football for KS2 only will also be run. My boys are very excited and are looking for a company to sponsor their newly designed football kit....please do let me know if you are able to support or know of someone that I can approach about this.

We also welcome Mrs Corry in a slightly different role as she begins her training as a teacher in our school. Mrs Corry has been working so hard and has achieved a first in her degree and 98% in her science exam and is really looking forward to becoming a teacher. Mrs Corry will remain based in Year 3/4 and will be shadowing and working with children alongside Mrs Evans and Mrs Commins.

First week back:

REMEMBER PE KITS AND TRAINERS FOR DAILY RUNNING

Monday 5th September – children Years 1-6 return. Children to be smart in full school uniform. No nail varnish please. On time and ready to learn.

Wednesday 7th – Holy Family Class Bonding Day

Thursday 8th – 9:15 Special assembly for Our Lady's birthday. Parents invited.

If you would like a copy of the films that I made for each class, do not panic, they are saved and you can get a copy in September.

Enjoy the Summer; enjoy your family time.

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