



# NEWSLETTER

*Dear Parents/Carers and friends of St. John Paul II,*

Can you believe that it is October already? We are definitely seeing the autumn taking hold outside. This Newsletter will give you just a flavour of the busy few weeks and months ahead. There are lots of events happening in school and we have lots to look forward to.

I very much look forward to welcoming you all to our Parents' Night which takes place this week. If you haven't managed to book an appointment, please do this as soon as possible by contacting the school office. The booking system has now closed online to allow staff to collate the appointments.

### **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

Please look out for the requests for volunteers for various events and roles in our school. There is a lot to be done and a lot to be achieved! With the support of Parents/Carers and the wider community, it lightens the load on our school staff who are working very hard with the children.

As always, if I can be of any help or support, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

With renewed prayers and good wishes,

*Mr Thomas*

*Head Teacher*



### **OCTOBER HOLIDAY AND LAST DAY OF TERM**

We are fast approaching the end of this term.

School will close on Friday 11th October at 3pm and will resume on Monday 21st October at 9am.

### **Friday 11th October is our Sponsored Dance-a-thon and will also be a Non Uniform Day.**

Sponsor Sheets have already been issued to all children. We would be grateful for any and all donations either via online payments or by handing in cash to the school.

We have had very successful Dance-a-thons in the past and they are always a great deal of fun... even for those who are not huge fans of dancing! All classes will visit the hall throughout the day to keep the dancing going. We will end our day with our weekly Assembly and a Whole School Dance.



## SCHOOL FUNDRAISING - WHAT IS IT USED FOR?

*We have a separate account for Charity from School Fund. Sometimes we are raising money for charity, but we would let you know this!*

Subsidising Transport to and from various events.

Subsidising ALL Trips and excursions or visiting specialists in school.

Subsidising the Christmas Panto each year.

Local sporting events (Netball, football, etc.)

Recent purchase of outdoor tables & chairs and lots more!



Our Trim Trails are now about 6 or 7 years old. We had a maintenance contract on each of these which we purchased at the time of installation. This has now run out and we need to pay for maintenance.

There is also some general wear and tear on the soft surface which makes the apparatus safer for our children. The estimated cost is £1800. We need your support to help fix these so that they can continue to be used by the children.

These are much loved and are put to good use every day!

Please support our Sponsored Dance-a-thon if you possibly can! ANY donation, no matter how small or how large will really help us! We thank you in advance for your generous support!

I want to repeat some reminders about various routines and expectations for our Parents, Carers and others who help you with the school run!

These routines help with the safe, smooth and successful running of our school. It is only with the co-operation of **everyone** that our school operates in those ways.

Maybe not all of these reminders will be relevant to you, but they are relevant to others. **Something** will be relevant to everyone!



If people ignore these and think these reminders are not for them, then this can lead to discontent with other Parents/Carers and it can also lead to otherwise avoidable situations.

**I don't send these out to you all in order to complain! I send them in the hope that everyone will recognise that it takes a team effort to create a positive ethos in our school.**

**PLEASE DO YOUR BIT AND TRY TO FOLLOW OUR ROUTINES AND EXPECTATIONS.**

**IF THE ADULTS DO THIS, THEN THE CHILDREN WILL KNOW THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO DO THE SAME!**



**DOES YOUR CHILD BRING A WATER BOTTLE TO SCHOOL? NO ENERGY OR FIZZY DRINKS IN SCHOOL!**

We encourage to bring a water bottle to school! There are a number of water coolers throughout the school. Water is the preferred option for a drink in the classroom, however, a small amount of diluting juice would be acceptable, if children are unable to drink water. **Under no circumstances should children bring energy drinks or cans/bottles of fizzy juice to school.** There is scientific evidence to suggest that these drinks have a negative impact on our children's health and, importantly in school, their **BEHAVIOUR!**

**PLEASE LEAVE TOYS, CARDS & OWN FOOTBALLS AT HOME**

As with previous years, we ask that children do not bring toys and cards into school. It's not that we want to spoil any fun, but that they can, and do cause problems in the classroom, in the playground and in the dining room. We have plenty of fun things for the children to play with at school and we provide an ample supply of footballs for the football pitch. We aim to reduce fall outs and to ensure property is not lost or damaged. **TOYS SHOULD ONLY BE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL IF IT IS RELATED TO LEARNING AND IS REQUESTED BY THE CLASS TEACHER.** Please ensure that your child does not bring their swapping cards to school as we are having increasing issues with these.

## ATTENDANCE, LATE ARRIVAL AND EARLY COLLECTION

Attendance at school is very, very important to a child's development. This is true, not only of their academic progress, but their overall development socially, mentally and physically. The target for every child should be 100% attendance, but we know that this is not possible for a number of reasons.

### IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL:

- Please contact the school to report this absence ASAP, either by phone, email or through the absence reporting option on **PARENT PORTAL**.
- Not reporting an absence will mean that your child's absence is marked as **Unexplained**.

**THE NORTH LANARKSHIRE TARGET FOR ATTENDANCE IS 95%.**

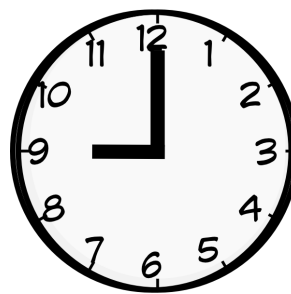
### ATTENDANCE LEVELS FOR AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

PRIMARY:	AUGUST:	SEPTEMBER:	UP OR DOWN?
P1	96%	90%	Down 6%
P2	94%	91%	Down 4%
P3	93%	92%	Down 1%
P4	96%	92%	Down 4%
P5	95%	90%	Down 5%
P6	90%	94%	Up 4%
P7	90%	86%	Down 4%

**The numbers aren't good so far for our attendance levels.** Only P6 has seen an increase but they had the lowest starting point in August!

If this trend continues throughout the year, our attendance levels will be worse than 2023/24, which were worse than 2022/23.

The winter always has an impact on attendance for obvious reasons, and this is why every other day is so important!



**LATE ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL IS DISRUPTIVE FOR EVERYONE!** Please make every effort to have your child in school by 9am each day, if not before.

There is a steady stream of children arriving up to 20 minutes late every day at St. John Paul II!

Setting our children up for the day ahead in school involves the following:

- Collective Welcome and Prayer to set the tone of the day.
- Register and lunch ordering takes place.
- A check in with the Teacher for children who require this.
- A look at the class Visual Timetable which lays out the plan for the day.
- Information on any changes to the day from normal routine.
- Lots of support groups for literacy and numeracy take place in the morning.



**EARLY COLLECTION OF CHILDREN BEFORE 3PM IS AN ONGOING PROBLEM.** It is also disruptive to everyone!

There is an eye-watering number of children collected early every day. Last week, one of our P2 classes went from having 28 Children to 18 Children by 2:45pm.

The end of the day is just as important as the beginning and involves:

- A review of the days learning with some peer/self/teacher assessment.
- A look at the next day ahead with reminders and key messages.
- A time to celebrate successes.
- Issuing of homework/letters/important information.
- A time to end the day with a prayer.

***We make good use of every minute of every day. Even Golden Time is of value to us!***

## HEADLICE & TREATMENT

Head lice are tiny insects that live in hair. Nits are the empty egg cases attached to hair that head lice hatch from. Head lice are a common problem, particularly in school children aged 4 to 11.

They're largely harmless, but can live in the hair for a long time if not treated and can be irritating and frustrating to deal with. Please click [NHS Inform](#) for information about Headlice and how to prevent/treat it. **Children with long hair should have this tied back at ALL TIMES.**

Staying off work or school and washing clothing and bedding on a hot wash is unnecessary, as it's unlikely to help prevent the spread of head lice.

## NUT ALLERGIES

We have a number of children and some staff who have **severe nut allergies**. It is important to make all Parents/Carers and Children aware of the dangers of bringing items which contain nuts in them to school. You may think that it is only when a person comes into direct contact with nuts that they can be affected. However, people can take a reaction even by touching the hand of someone who has come into contact with nuts. Therefore, we ask that you send nothing into school with your child which contains nuts. This includes Chocolate Spread, and in **particular Nutella**.

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## CAR PARK ATTITUDES & BEHAVIOURS

Despite consistent reminders and appeals, the Car Park still feels like an accident waiting to happen. Please, please, PLEASE... if you or another member of your family is a driver and you enter either of our Car Parks to drop off or collect children, **be safe, be sensible and be courteous**. Drive with care, follow the one way system, park in a safe space and be on the look out for pedestrians. Dangerous driving, threatening behaviour, foul language and damage to vehicles have all been reported recently.

## PLEASE DO NOT BRING DOGS INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS!

We regularly have to remind everyone that absolutely **NO DOGS** are permitted to be in the school grounds, regardless of size, age or breed.

I ask for your co-operation with this matter, as we currently have a number of people bringing dogs when dropping off and collecting children. This is particularly concerning during busy times.

It is preferable that dogs are not even brought near the school gates. The areas immediately outside the gates are also busy and can cause dogs to become distressed and agitated. This is particularly concerning when there is more than one dog in the area at the same time.



## HAVE YOU LABELLED YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS?

The lost property mountain is rising again! We find numerous items every day with no name and no way of returning them to their owners. **It is so sad to see these garments and other belongings going unclaimed.** Please help us! We will lay these out for you to reclaim for Parents' Night.

## PARENT COUNCIL

We are very fortunate to have an active Parent Council at St. John Paul II, however there is always room for more support and volunteers!

The Parent Council are always looking for volunteers. Even if you cannot attend all of the meetings (or any of them), perhaps you would be willing to support the events and help with supervision?

If you would like to volunteer for the Parent Council—please click [HERE](#) to share your details or just come along to the next meeting. Meetings always take place in the school Dining Hall at 6pm on the specified dates.

Halloween Disco:	Thursday 24th October (Fancy Dress) P1-3 FROM 6PM - 7:15PM P4-7 FROM 7:30PM - 8:45PM
Meeting 2:	Tuesday 29th October
Meeting 3:	Tuesday 14th January at 6pm
Movie Nights:	Tuesday 4th February (P1-3) Thursday 6th February (P4/5) Tuesday 11th February (P6/7)
Meeting 4- AGM:	Tuesday 29th April at 6pm
Beach Party:	Thursday 12th June P1-3 FROM 6PM - 7:15PM P4-7 FROM 7:30PM - 8:45PM



**St. John Paul II**

*Parent Council*

## HALLOWEEN PARADE

Our annual Halloween Parade will take place on **Thursday 31st October 2024**. We have chosen to ensure this coincides with the actual date of Halloween, as many of the children will be dressing up anyway. The arrangements are:

- Children can be collected for an early lunch at 12:15pm and should return for 1:20pm. All children will be dismissed from the **Main Gate (including Primary 1)**.
- Children who are not going home can bring a costume to school if they wish and we can assist them to get changed.
- **Children are not permitted to come to school dressed in their costume**, as we will be working as normal until lunch time!
- The Halloween Parade is for **children only**. We cannot accommodate the number of adults who would like to attend.
- Children will be dismissed at the end of the day as normal. P1 will exit through the Dining Hall.



## HALLOWEEN COSTUM APPEAL - St. John Paul II Halloween Boo-tique!

Do you have any pre-loved costumes from previous Halloween celebrations? We would be delighted to take any costumes you have so that we could offer them to other children.

This is an excellent way to reduce waste as well as the impact on your bank balance!

Some costumes are only worn once or twice and then a new one is bought the next year. We will be happy to take them off your hands!

**Please send them into school as soon as possible!** We can then offer them to the children.



## PARENTS AS PARTNERS EVENTS - SAVE THE DATE!

Please take note of the forthcoming dates for this year's Parents as Partners events. You will note that some of these events will take place after Christmas. This is due to other demands within the school calendar.

### DATES FOR NOVEMBER:

**Wed 20th November:** P4A Mrs McCluskey  
P4B Mrs Reeves

**Thurs 21st November:** P5A Mr Cooney  
P5B Miss Williamson

**Fri 22nd November:** P6A Miss Agnew  
P6B Miss Gavin  
P7A Mr Thomson  
P7B Mrs Bell

### DATES FOR JANUARY:

**Tues 28th January:** P3A Miss Byrne  
P3B Mrs McKay

**Wed 29th January:** P2B Mrs Mulgrew/Mrs  
Moodycliffe  
P2C Mrs McDade

**Thurs 30th January:** P1A Miss Millar  
P1B Miss Savage  
P1C/2A Mrs Cooney



### PROGRAMME FOR EACH MORNING:

**9:10am** Tea/Coffee Served in the hall  
**9:20am** Introduction from Mr Thomas  
**9:30am** Children showcase

The morning is normally over by about 10:15am.

You will hear about one aspect of learning which the children have chosen to showcase and then you will have an opportunity to view their work and discuss it with them. Please come along and join in these events if you are able. They have been very well received in the past!

*We realise that not everyone will be able to attend, due to work or other commitments. Perhaps an older sibling, grandparents or another significant adult could come along in this case?*

## ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. At the time of print, we are sitting at around £120 as our total!

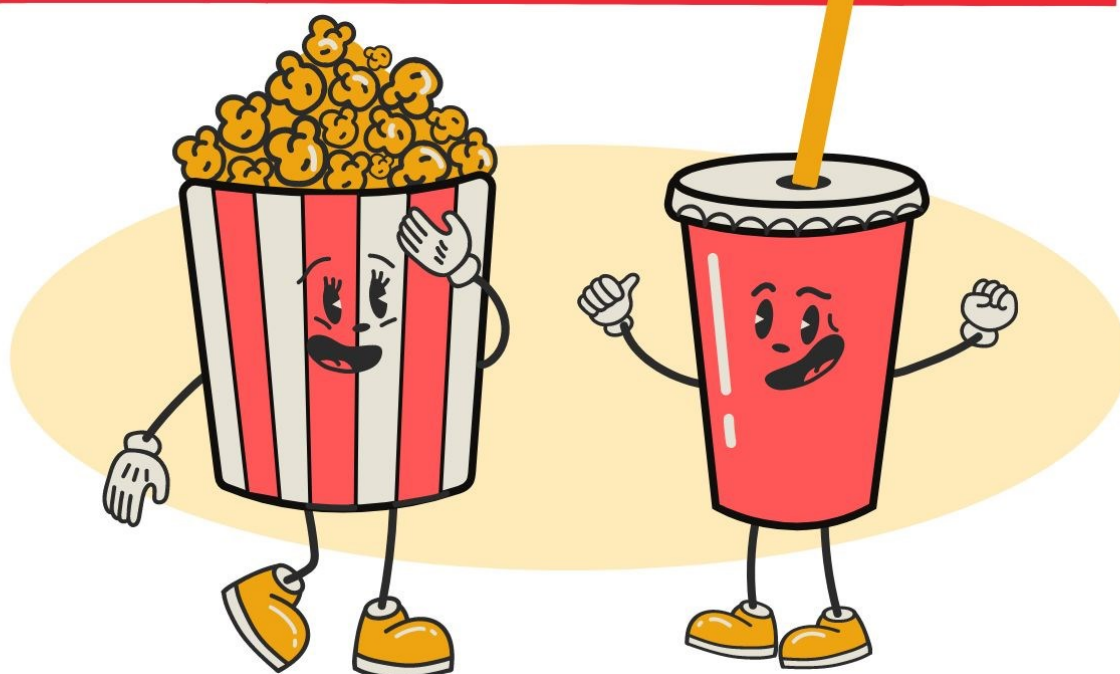
If you shop in ASDA, or anyone you know shops in ASDA, why not opt to give to St. John Paul II? We will put the money to great use for our children.

Spread the word around your family and friends!



BELLSHILL FAMILY LEARNING

# FAMILY FILM



12.30PM

TUESDAY 15TH OCTOBER

## INSIDE OUT 2

**FREE ENTRY - SNACKS PROVIDED**

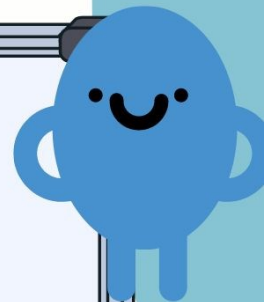
JOE MCKAY CENTRE, LIBERTY ROAD, BELLSHILL

**BOOKING REQUIRED**

**LYNSEY HUGHES, CLD WORKER, 07812 501821**



# LET'S INTRODUCE ANXIETY MANAGEMENT FOR PARENTS



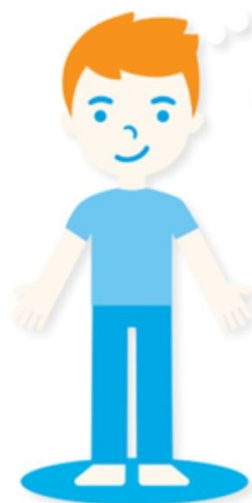
**Bellshill Parents Group**

**Starting 10am  
Wednesday 30th October  
Hattonrigg Community Centre,  
Hattonrigg Road, ML4 1HG**

**Contact Lynsey Hughes, CLD Worker  
Schools, 07812 501 821  
for more info or to book**



"THIS CLASS IS GREAT TO HELP CHILDREN UNDERSTAND HOW THEY ARE FEELING AND TEACHES THEM WAYS TO HELP MANAGE THIS. IT'S GREAT FOR THEM TO FEEL LIKE PEOPLE ARE LISTENING AND UNDERSTAND THEY AREN'T ALONE"  
P4 PARENT



*you  
CAN  
DO it!*

## P7 OUTDOOR EDUCATION WEEK & BIKEABILITY COURSE

The children in Primary 7 have been invited to complete Bikeability Levels 1 and 2 at Broadwood Stadium on **21st November 2024**. This will take place at Broadwood Stadium. A separate letter will be sent out along with permission slips. There is no charge for the course, but we would appreciate donations towards the cost of the bus. Please pay what you can towards this cost, which is about £150. Bikes and helmets are provided.

The **P7 Outdoor Education Week** will take place during the week beginning 10th March 2025. Again, more information and a permission slip will be sent out regarding this. The online payment system is already set up to receive payments. The cost for this week long activity is £120.

### INFORMATION MEETING:

We invite you and your child to attend an Information Meeting regarding both of these events on **Tuesday 22nd October 2024 at 7pm on Microsoft Teams**. The link will be available on the Class Teams page, which all children have access to. You would be able to join using a PC/Laptop/iPad/Tablet/Phone/Games Console. This is to save dragging you out on a dark night for a short meeting!

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER APPEAL

You may be thinking that we are slightly early



with this appeal, but we would like to repeat our Christmas Jumper Appeal. This will be the third year we have had this appeal and we would love to take all of your pre-loved Christmas Jumpers off of your hands!

This is a great way to ensure Christmas Jumpers which have been outgrown are put to good use! The sooner we start collecting these things, the better. We can ensure that they are all washed and ready to go for our Christmas celebrations. All you need to do is send them into the school office.

## REPORTING TO PARENTS & OPPORTUNITIES FOR VIEWING YOUR CHILD'S WORK

During this school year, you will have numerous opportunities to be involved in your child's learning as well as receiving updates on their progress. We have changed the order of this slightly this year. This is partially due to the fact that we must now issue all writing reports to via Parents Portal.

Your opportunities will be as follows:

- October:** Parent Consultation Night 1
- November:** Parents As Partner Events for P4-7
- January:** Parents As Partner Events for P1-3
- March:** Parent Consultation Night 2
- June:** Full Written Report

pupil  
PROGRESS 



**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS!**  
**Everyday. On-time.**



**Attendance  
Matters**

Every student. Every day.



## Patronal Feast of St. John Paul II

**Tuesday 22nd October 2024**

Feast Day Mass at 11am in the Hall.

*Everyone is welcome to attend this!*

*It would be lovely to have lots of our  
Parents/Grandparents/Parishioners to  
join us for this Mass*

Cinema afternoon with snacks provided.

**Uniform should be worn as normal. There is no  
charge for the Cinema afternoon.**

**During this Mass, our newly registered P6 Pope Francis Faith Award Candidates will be enrolled and all family members are invited along to be part of this short ceremony.**

### **PREPARING FOR FIRST CONFESSION, FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION**

We recently held our Parents' Meetings in both St. Gabriel's and St. Columba's Churches. The turnout for these meetings was rather low and so we do not have a complete picture of who will be making what Sacraments.

If your child is due to make one of the following Sacraments; First Confession (P3), First Communion (P4), Confirmation (P7) we would like to hear from you!

#### **REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THE RELEVANT SACRAMENT**

- To reduce the amount of paper going back and forth, we ask you to complete this online form to register your child for the relevant sacrament.
- If you have more than one child, please complete a form for each child.
- Even if your child has previously made a Sacrament, we still require a registration form for the next Sacrament as some families opt out during the journey.
- Registration will be open from NOW until 21st October 2025.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD!](#)

**IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ALONG TO MASS RECENTLY, NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO DO SO. YOU CAN BE ASSURED OF A VERY WARM WELCOME AT BOTH PARISHES...**

#### **Mass Times at St. Gabriel's Church:**

Saturday First Vigil: 4pm  
Saturday Second Vigil: 5:45pm  
Sunday Morning: 8am  
Sunday Morning: 11am  
Sunday Evening: 5:30pm

#### **Mass Times at St. Columba's Church**

Saturday Vigil: 6pm  
Sunday Morning: 9am  
Sunday Morning: 11am  
Sunday Evening: 6:30pm



Reconciliation



Communion



Confirmation

## FAITH IN ACTION



### OCTOBER ROSARY CHALLENGE

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. During the month of October, our children are being encouraged to pray the Rosary each day. We use a resource called The Mark 10 Mission, which is produced by the Diocese of Leeds. We use this throughout the year and the children love the episodes at assembly!

Perhaps you would like to join with your child in a decade of the Rosary. Click [HERE](#) to view the episodes for the **Rosary Challenge**.

### POPE FRANCIS FAITH AWARD

This group of children from P6 and P7 work across two years to put their faith into action, using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. They lead our Masses and Eucharistic Adoration as well as some other aspects of school life.

### MINI VINNIES

Our Mini Vinnies are part of the wider St. Vincent de Paul Society and they do various charitable deeds throughout the year. These children come from P5.



## SCHOOL MEALS FOR P6 & P7 ARE NOT FREE FOR NOW.

The Scottish Government has paused the roll out of Free School Meals for children in P6 and P7. This means that Breakfast Club and Lunches must be paid for, unless you have applied for and are in receipt of Free School Meals for your child.

If you think your child qualifies for Free School Meals because of your income, then you should apply by completing the form. If you do not apply, then you will be required to pay **£3.25** per day and there will also be a charge for the Breakfast Club. The charge for Breakfast Club is incremental, starting at £1 for one child.

Further information about Clothing Grants and Free School Meals can be found at the link below. You can apply for this at any time in the school year.

[Free school meals and clothing grants | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

If you have any problems with applying, please do get in touch with the school office.

**P6 & P7 CHILDREN WILL REQUIRE THEIR ONLINE PAYMENT ACCOUNTS TO BE TOPPED UP REGULARLY.**

**Please also note, that Free School Meals do not extend to items from the Tuck Shop at morning interval.** To this end, I have asked the catering staff to direct the children to our school office, where we can provide them with a snack if they do not have one.

### NORTH LANARKSHIRE TACKLING POVERTY TEAM:

The above team has been set up to help families to maximise their income and ensure that they are receiving the correct support and/or benefits. You can get in touch with them by email or phone:

**TPteam@northlan.gov.uk**

**01698 322551**

## THEATRE IN SCHOOLS

Primary 7 children from the Cardinal Newman Cluster of Schools have been invited to attend a special performance of **One of Two**. This is a one-man comedy about two twins growing up with cerebral palsy. Each twin had a very different experience navigating life and school.

The show explores the boys' experience with bullying and how they overcame this and celebrates diversity and disability.

Children will travel to Cardinal Newman High School for the performance on Monday 25th November 2025. This event is free.

To read a bit more about the show and to see some clips, click [HERE](#).

## FOODBANK FRIDAYS

We are hoping to start up our Foodbank Fridays again this term. This will usually be the last Friday of the month (or if school is going to be closed, the nearest Friday to this!) However, you can hand any items in at any time. Non perishables (rice, pasta), tins, cereals, toiletries, etc. will be gratefully received. Thank you in advance!

## VOLUNTEERS TO SUPPORT LITERACY & NUMERACY GROUPS

Would you be interested in supporting some of our children with literacy and/or numeracy work? This could involve one or some of the following...

- Paired reading
- Small group reading
- Spelling revision
- Spelling games
- Comprehension activities
- Classroom support
- Number bonds
- Support with addition/subtraction/multiplication/division
- Early number recognition
- Maths games
- Support with tasks

We would offer any training and all resources. This could be for an hour or two per week.

### INTERESTED?

Sign up by clicking [HERE](#) and we will give you a call to chat things through. Or call the school office and ask for one of the school Leadership Team to find out more.

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES FOR 2024 - 2025

Each year, we set ourselves Improvement Priorities as part of our Annual Improvement Plan. We are always striving to take our school forward and to continuously improve in various areas. This is the same for all schools!

This year, we have two priorities which we are sharing with the other schools in the Cardinal Newman High School Cluster:

- CLUSTER PRIORITY 1:** Continue to improve standards and levels of attendance at school.  
**CLUSTER PRIORITY 2:** Embed the national commitment to "The Promise" across our cluster practice.

- SCHOOL PRIORITY 1:** To raise attainment in writing through our 'Talk for Writing' approaches, specifically non-fiction genre. (Year 3 of 3)  
**SCHOOL PRIORITY 2:** To ensure quality learning experiences for all children underpinned by a reviewed curriculum. (Year 2 of 2)

We will provide regular updates on our progress and will offer opportunities for the Parent Forum to be involved in our Annual Improvement Activities.

## CARDINAL NEWMAN CLUSTER OF SCHOOLS



St. Gerard's | Sacred Heart | Cardinal Newman | St. John Paul II | Holy Family



## *The School Year 2024 - 2025*

### **October 2024**

Monday 14 to Friday 18 October 2024 (October Week)

### **November 2024**

Monday 18 November 2024 (In-Service Day)

### **December 2024 - January 2025**

Schools close at 2.30pm on Friday 20 December 2024

Monday 23 December 2024 - Friday 3 January 2025 (inclusive) (Christmas holidays)

Schools return on Monday, 6 January 2025

### **February 2025**

Monday 17 February and Tuesday 18 February 2025 (Mid-term break)

Wednesday 19 February 2025 (In-service day)

### **April 2025**

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday 4 April 2025

Monday 7 April- Friday 18 April 2025 (Inclusive)\* Spring Holiday (Easter) \*Good Friday 18

April and Easter Monday 21 April 2025

### **May 2025**

Monday 5 May 2025 (May Public Holiday)

Tuesday 6 May 2025 (in-service day)

Friday 23 May 2025 and Monday 26 May 2025 (May Weekend)

### **June 2025**

Schools Close at 1pm on Wednesday 25 June 2025

### **Proposed school term dates 2025/2026**

#### **August**

Monday, 11 August 2025 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)

Tuesday, 12 August 2025 (In-Service Day)

Wednesday, 13 August 2025 (Return date for Pupils)

#### **September**

Friday, 26 September and Monday, 29 September 2025 (September weekend holiday)

#### **October**

Monday, 13 to Friday, 17 October 2025 (October Week)

# DATES TO REMEMBER

Please take a look at our school diary and take note of any events that involve you or child. Some dates may be subject to change!

DATE:	EVENT:	DETAIL:
Thursday 10th October	Parents' Night 1	Contact School office if you do not have an appointment
Friday 11th October	Sponsored Dance-a-thon & Non Uniform Day	<i>Sponsor forms issued and should be returned on 11th.</i>
Friday 11th October	School closes at 3pm for the October Holiday	
Monday 21st October	October Holiday ends School re-opens	8:15am for Breakfast Club 9am for all other children
Tuesday 22nd October	Feast of St. John Paul II	Mass at 11am in the school hall. All welcome and encouraged to join us!
Thursday 24th October	Halloween Disco <b>Fancy Dress</b>	P1-3 from 6pm—7:15pm P4-7 from 7:30pm—8:45pm
Tuesday 29th October	Parent Council Meeting	6pm in the Dining Hall <b>All Welcome</b>
Thursday 31st October	Halloween Parade <b>Fancy Dress</b>	See details in Newsletter Children going home to change can be collected from the main gate at 12:15pm and return at 1:20pm.
Friday 1st November	Feast of All Saints	Mass at 10am in St. Columba's Church All Welcome
Monday 18th November	INSET DAY	Pupils should not attend
Tuesday 19th November	Nursery Stay and Play	
Wednesday 20th November	P4A & P4B Parents as Partners	<b>9am Tea/Coffee Served</b> <b>9:10am Input from Mr Thomas</b> <b>9:30am Children Present Learning and Share Work</b>
Thursday 21st November	P5A & P5B Parents as Partners	See detail above
Thursday 21st November	P7 Bikeability Trip to Broadwood Stadium	Leaving school at 9am and returning for 3pm
Friday 22nd November	P6a, P6B. P7A & P7B Parents as Partners	See details from 20th November



## St. John Paul II Primary School & Nursery Class

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