

St. Martha's News

'Be the best you can be'



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Catholic Life of the School

Education Sunday.

Education Sunday falls on the second Sunday of September (14 September, in 2025) just at the beginning of the new academic year and is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in England and Wales, established in 1848.

It provides an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved in making Catholic schools and universities places of enlightenment, as well as to look forward in anticipation of the year ahead.

Please read the following letter written by the Chair of the Catholic Education Service:



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On 14th September, the Catholic Church in England and Wales will observe Education Sunday, which this year occurs on the same day as the liturgical Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

As the challenges and opportunities of a new academic year get under way in our Catholic schools and universities, we pray for the grace of Almighty God to approach them strong in faith and as 'pilgrims of hope' in this Holy Year of Jubilee.

The Gospel reading is taken from St John's Gospel:

The Son of Man must be lifted up.
John 3:13-17

The Holy Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ is a symbol of hope for all, and His teaching in the Gospels a guiding light for lifelong learning and spiritual growth for those who work in Catholic education and formation.

On Education Sunday, we give thanks to Almighty God for the vocation of all who work with the children and young people in the Catholic education sector: governors, school leaders, chaplains, teaching and support staff.

In the academic year ahead, let us endeavour to give witness to our Saviour's message of hope in the Gospels, and to pray that our Catholic schools, colleges and universities will be beacons of hope in our local communities and in our two nations.

With every blessing, I remain,
Yours in the Lord Jesus Christ,

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The Rt Rev Marcus Stock, Bishop of Leeds
Chairman of the Catholic Education Service

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff and governors who work tirelessly at St. Martha's Catholic Primary School to enable all our children to be the best they can be in everything they do. I would also like to thank all our families who support the work we do in school, year after year. Together we create the St Martha's family and it is privilege to be a part of that community.

Dear Families,

It is amazing how quickly we get back into the routine of school life after the summer holidays. The children have settled extremely well and already working really hard in their new classes. Our new reception children have now been in school full time for a whole week and I have loved going in there to see how well they are getting on, making friends and loving the dressing up outfits!!

This month we are once again busy preparing for our Community Fun Day and I would like to thank you for your support so far with the very generous donations you made today for the bottle tombola. We want people in our local community to come and see St. Martha's and all we have to offer. The day will have lots of different stalls from local businesses and school led stalls as well as offering tours of the school for prospective families. We would love for you all to join us on the day and bring all your friends and family . . . everyone is welcome. If anyone would like to volunteer to help on the day setting up or running a stall, please do get in touch. We are also on the hunt for some good raffle prizes, so if you or your know anyone who runs/owns a business and would like to donate a raffle prize, we would be extremely grateful. Raffle tickets will go on sale next Friday.

Next Friday, we will hold another non uniform day for those that wish to participate. We are asking for donations for our 'Jolly Jars' tombola. Jolly Jars are jars filled with small toys, stickers, sweets, pencils, erasers or any item you would like to fill a jar with. Your child can decorate the jars if they wish. Please remember that donations are completely optional and only if you are able to. Please do not feel you have to donate every week or at all. Children can wear non uniform or school uniform - it is up to them.

******* Food and Drink *******

Please can I remind all KS2 parents, that children can bring a snack in for breaktime. The snack should be as healthy as possible and limited to one item. It is vital that you do not bring any items of food into school which contains nuts . . . please do check anything that has chocolate spread in it.

All children should bring a named water bottle to school. I do not mind children having squash but they should not have fizzy drinks.

I will be sending out in a separate Dojo post information regarding attendance and penalty notices for unauthorised absences. Please remember that the guidelines clearly state that I cannot authorise holidays. If you are requesting a leave of absence for a particular reason e.g. wedding, baptism etc, please attach evidence of the event with your leave of absence form. Thank you.

We understand that many of you are friends with members of staff in school but please could I ask that you follow the correct lines of communication so that boundaries do not get blurred. Please contact teachers through Dojo regarding any school matters. Any personal communication should be done through other means. Thank you for your cooperation.

Unfortunately, I received a message from a disgruntled resident complaining of parents blocking her driveway at drop off and pick up times. Please could I ask you all to be mindful of the residents when you are parking your car.

We are continuing to monitor the safety outside during pick up and would like to remind you that anyone waiting with a bike before the gates open should wait at the drop off zone. Anyone waiting by the wooden gates should line up along the fences either side in single file so that people can get past. Many thanks your continued support in this matter and we will update you all as soon as we have any further suggestions.

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding Officers: Mrs. Child, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Annely and Mrs. Bowman.



**to our be the best you can be
award winners this week**

Reception: Sonny, Deus &
all of Reception

Year 1: Irene & Daniel L

Year 2: Kurtis & Jony

Year 3: Fynn & Oscar

Year 4: Blue & Nicole

Year 5: Sinachi & Lukas

Year 6: Sophia & Rhys

Happy Birthday!

Year 2: Dominic, Martha, Ugo

**Year 5: Wyatt, Enyimyam,
Ayeyi**

**May God never stop
showering you with His
blessing!**

Attendance Award

Congratulations to
Reception Blue and Year 5 Blue
with 100% attendance this
week!!

Well done!

Fantastic start to the year!

**Every day at school counts,
helping with learning,
developing skills, and building
friendships.**

Finally, for those parents of children in year 6, please see the timeline below regarding the admission process for Secondary School:

- Applications open - 11 September 2025
- Applications close - 31 October 2025
- National offer day (when you get your school offer) - 2 March 2026
- Appeals closing date - 27 March 2026
- Mini admission round starts (when we consider changes parents have made to their applications since the closing date) - 1 April 2026
- Appeals hearings take place - May/June 2026

Open Evening & Days for Year 6 Children:

KLA

- Tuesday 30th September - Year 6 Open Day - Please contact reception on 01553 774671 to book your place
- Wednesday 1st October - Year 6 Open Day - Please contact reception on 01553 774671 to book your place
- Thursday 2nd October - Year 6 Open Day - Please contact reception on 01553 774671 to book your place
- Thursday 2nd October - Year 6 Open Evening

Springwood

- Year 6 Daytime Tours: Monday 15th to Friday 26th September 2025
 - Daily tours available at 9.25am, 11.45am & 2.30pm
- Year 6 Open Evening: Thursday 25th September 2025 5.30pm–8.30pm
 - Presentations at 6.00pm, 6.45pm & 7.30pm

KES

- Year 7 Open Evening: Wednesday 24th September 5:30 - 8pm

I wish you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Edwards

Dates for your Diary Autumn Term

Please keep an eye on the diary dates at things might be added, changed or cancelled.

September							1	INSET Day
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	3	Start of Term for all year groups
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	12	Non-uniform (donate a bottle)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	14	Education Sunday
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	16	9 – 11am NCC Free Family Session: Once Upon a Times KS1 (Studio Hall)
28	29	30					17	9am Year 6 and Reception Assembly – Welcome to St. Martha's/Buddy POSTPONED
Jubilee Year of Hope Action: Year 6							19	Non-uniform (donate a Filled Jar) Yr 5 West Stow Trip
							22	St. Matthew's Feast Day (Officially 21st September) Children can wear a red t-shirt to school if in St. Matthew's house.
							23	9 – 11am NCC Free Family Session: Once Upon a Times KS2 (Studio Hall) 1pm Year 4 OAE Workshop
							24	Start of Term Mass Years 1 – 6
							26	National Teaching Assistants Day Non-Uniform (General gifts for tombola/raffle) All School's Mass - Choir attending

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Fiona Weir Casting (WE LIVE IN TIME, FANTASTIC BEASTS, BROOKLYN) is searching for local school children for the upcoming film "But When We Dance" (working title).

Overall filming dates: 27th October - 7th December 2025

Filming Location: North Norfolk

Producer: Hilltop Screen Limited

SYNOPSIS

Tony Evans is deputy head of a primary school. Emma Kent is a musician and composer, and single mother of two daughters. Neither knows the other, until a startling encounter changes the course of their lives. On the same morning, these two are simultaneously confronted with a diagnosis of Parkinson's Disease. This film is the story of Tony and Emma - a friendship which unfolds unexpectedly. A story of humour and emotion, of challenge and bravado, of music and dance - transcending the assumptions of a little understood condition, and triumphing over the odds to find joy, release and love.

ROLES

CHILDREN: Girls and Boys, 7 - 9 years old, for a variety of speaking roles, any appearance.

Must be available during the October half term holiday.

NO ACTING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

If you would like to be considered please get in touch via dancefwc@gmail.com with the following information:

Full Name

Date of Birth

Where you are based & name of school

Parent/Guardian/Agent contact details

Photo and short video (1-2 mins) telling us about your favourite subject at school

Please submit by Monday 15th September if possible

We look forward to hearing from you!