St. Martha's News



'Be the best you can be'

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Friday 19th September 2025

Catholic Life of the School

St Matthew's Feast Day

On Monday 22nd September children in St Matthew's house will be able to wear a red t-shirt with their school uniform to celebrate St Matthew's Feast Day, which falls this Sunday. If you are not sure what house your child is in, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

Children's Liturgy/First Holy Communion

Fr Peter and Fr Gordon are in search of volunteers. If you are a Catholic and interested in support our young children in the Parish, please do get in touch.

They are looking for anyone who is able to support with the First Holy Communion programme this year, leading 1 or 2 lessons out of the 9 lessons in total or anyone who attends Mass who would be able to deliver the Gospel to children at an age appropriate level through Children's Liturgy at either the 9:30 or 11:30 Mass on a Sunday.

Dates for your diary:

9:30am Start of Term Mass Year 1 to 6 – all welcome.

Dear Families,

Community Fun Day

A massive thank you for your very generous donations towards our tombola stalls over the last two weeks. We have one more non-uniform day next Friday before our Community Fun Day on 4^{th} October. Next Friday, we are asking for general gifts for either a general gift tombola or gifts for the raffle. Raffle tickets have gone on sale today and we already have some great prizes up for grabs -43'' TV, a Ninja Crispi and some vouchers for Alive such as swimming and cinema. More prizes to be announced soon!

Wildcats

Wildcats Football programme is designed to get girls into football, we take all ranges of ability from absolute beginners to girls who may already be involved with football, it does not matter; we accept girls of any age, starting from reception all the way to year six, this is because our session is designed for girls that are either not yet wanting to go into a competitive environment or simply wanting to improve their footballing ability and make new friends. Our session involves a variety of different fun drills that not only help develop their footballing ability but also creates a fun and positive environment for the children.

Please see the session information and contact details if your daughter would like to get involved:

Session information:

- 5-6pm
- at Clenchwarton football field, PE34 4AT
- No sign up needed just contact either me or Holly
- Girls only
- Ages 5 up to 11

<u>Safeguarding</u>

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: Oscar & Thomas

Year 1: Elaine & Sophie

Year 2: Harry & Harley

Year 3: Rosa & Esah

Year 4: Gabe & Zuzanna G

Liz -

Phone number - 07478007267

Email address - puckovaelizabet@gmail.com

Holly -

Phone number - 073924515267

Email address - hollybantoft@gmail.com

After School Clubs

Once again I would like to apologise for the inconvenience caused by the recent after school clubs run by ClubsComplete. It was completely out of our hands and was not what I was hoping for. We are looking to set up further clubs, which will again be paid for as we ned to use external coaches/teachers. If any parent/grandparent/aunt/uncle is willing and able to run a club, please do let us know. All we ask is that you are available each week and committed to running a club for the whole half term.

Admissions for Year 7 and Reception Information

A reminder 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
 - o Daily tours available at 9.25am, 11.45am & 2.30pm
- Year 6 Open Evening: Thursday 25th September 2025 5.30pm— 8.30pm
 - o Presentations at 6.00pm, 6.45pm & 7.30pm

KES

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

For all those parents, who have children ready to join Reception next academic year, we will be holding our information evenings on 22nd October and 10th November at 5:30pm. There is no need to book just turn up. Please spread the word to anyone you might know who has a child Reception ready for September 2026.

• Applications open - 23 September 2025

Year 5: Simon & Maya A

Year 6: Morgan & Oliver

Happy Birthday!

Reception: Izahak

Year 2: Gabriele

Year 3: Martim

Year 4: Zuzanna G

Year 5: Lucas

Year 6: Sanitha, Jerlin

May God never stop showering you with His blessing!

Attendance Award

Congratulations to
Year 3 Blue with 98.62% attendance
this week!!
Well done!
Fantastic start to the year!

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

- Applications close 15 January 2026
- National offer day (when you get your school offer) 16 April 2026
- Appeals closing date 26 May 2026
- Mini admission round starts (when we consider changes parents have made to their applications since the closing date) - 20 May 2026
- Appeals hearings take place June/July 2026
- We maintain waiting lists for oversubscribed schools until 31
 December 2026

Please remember that you will need to fill in our own supplementary form as well as completing the Norfolk Admissions Form.

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											
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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
25	Year 5 Trip
26	National Teaching Assistants Day Non-Uniform (General gifts for tombola) All School's Mass - Choir attending
29	National Teaching Assistant Day

October										
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Month of Mary: Human Rosary Thursday 9am (2nd/9th/16th/23rd)

Jubilee Year of Hope Action: Reception

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Hall)

	1	Black History Month
		9am Year 5 Blue Class Assembly
		National Poetry Day
	2	9:30am Year 4 Class Mass
	_	Lex Smith (Community Worker) in to meet with families
		(sessions to be booked)
	3	Family Fast Day
	4	Family Community Fun Day
	5	World Teachers' Day
-		6 - 10th Science Space Week
	6	9am Year R and Year 6 Vision and Hearing Check
		1:30pm Olly Day Road Safety Year 3&4
	8	9am Year 5 Yellow Class Assembly
	0	Individual/Siblings Photos
	9	9:30 Year 3 Class Mass
	10	World Mental Health Day: Hello Yellow
	13	10 - 11:45am Cross Country Yr 4, 5, & 6
	15	9am Year 4 Blue Class Assembly
		9:30am Year 5 and 2 Class Mass

10 - 10:45am Reception Yellow Family Craft Session (Studio

1:30 - 2:15pm Reception Blue Family Craft Session (Studio Hall)

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								St. Luke's Feast Day - Children can wear a blue t-shirt to schoo if in St. Luke's house.
							19	Thank you Cleaner's Day
								International Chef's Day
								2:30 - 7:30pm Year 4 OAE Corn Exchange
							_	5:30pm Reception 2025 New Intake Information Evening
							22	Year 6 and 1 Class Mass
							23	Flu Nasal Vaccination
							23	Last day of half term
							24	24 – 31⁴ Half Term (Note we finish on Thursday 23♂ October)
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							3	Back to School
							4	Year 1 Trip
							5	9am Year 4 Yellow Class Assembly
							6	Year 3 Flag Fen Trip
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							10	5:30pm Reception 2025 New Intake Information Evening
								Armistice Day
								9 – 11am NCC Free Parents Session: I wasn't taught like that –
		No	vemb	er			11	KS2 English Session 1 (Studio Hall)
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								Flu Vaccination (Second visit for any missed children)
						1	12	9am Year 3 Blue Class Assembly
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	Year 4 Class Mass
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	14	Children in Need
							18	9 – 11am NCC Free Parents Session: I wasn't taught like that –
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	10	KS2 English Session 2 (Studio Hall)
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							20	9:30am Year 5 and 2 Class Mass
							20	4pm Year 6 Football League
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							23	3:15pm Choir to sing at Christmas Light Switch On
							24	Bikeability starts
							25	9 – 11am NCC Free Parents Session: I wasn't taught like that – KS2 English Session 3 (Studio Hall)
							26	5:30pm Reception 2025 New Intake Information Evening
							27	9:30am Year 6 and 1 Class Mass
							29	6pm Christmas Fair
							30	1 st Sunday of Advent
								9 – 11am NCC Free Parents Session: I wasn't taught like that –
							2	KS2 English Session 4 (Studio Hall)
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	5	Christmas Family Bingo
7	8	9	10	11	12	12	6	2pm Choir Singing at the Minster
		_	-			_	8	9:30am Immaculate Conception Mass Yr 1 to Yr 6
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	9	Reception Nativity to Parents (afternoon and evening)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	10	10:30 Pantomine
Jubilee Year of Hope Action: Year 1					Нор	e Ac		Christmas Jumper Day Rocksteady Concert 1:30 Reconciliation Yrs 4 - 6
·						12	7pm Advent Service (Choir at Holy Family Church – TBC by Fr. Peter)	
				17	9:30am End of Term Mass Years 1 to 6			
				18	Christmas Lunch 2:15 Year 1 Parent Christmas Craft Sessions			
							19	End of Term: Finish at 1:45 pm