



## HOLY SOULS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome back!

We hope you had a restful summer and we look forward to all the wonder and awe, learning and fun this new school year will bring.



We have had a great week here in school and it has been a joy to see the children settle in to their new classes and routines with such enthusiasm and excellent manners and behaviour. Thank you to the staff for preparing so well for this new school year.

On Monday and Tuesday all staff completed their annual Keeping Children Safe in Education training, Online safety training, Risk Assessment training, Fire Safety training and Child Protection training. Thank you to our Chair of Governors and Safeguarding Governor Canon Jonathan for joining us. The staff had great fun learning how to use their new interactive whiteboards.

From Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September we return to full school uniform. Please see the website for our expectations regarding uniform, hair, shoes and PE Kits. PE Kit can be worn all day on your child's PE day. Please can we ask that all clothing and pupils belongings are clearly labelled.

Please can we ask that if you have moved house or updated your phone number that it is shared with the office staff. There is a requirement for all children to have two telephone contact numbers both of which can be reached should there be an emergency.



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### A message from Canon Jonathan

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your families have had a wonderful summer and now we find ourselves getting back into the routine of the school year. September is always a time of new beginnings. Here in the parish, we welcome Fr Marco as our new assistant priest. Please make him welcome in our parish. It's also a great moment to take stock about what is important. This Sunday is Education Sunday when we are asked to pray and give thanks for the work of our Catholic schools. It's a great reminder that our faith is at the heart of what we do at Holy Souls, and that's it's all about school, family and the parish living and working together.

An important part of our life is taking part in the celebration of Mass on Sundays which is indeed an obligation for Catholic families. Sharing the Mass with our children and praying together as a family makes all the difference to growing in faith and... living life well. Our parish is built up by the families who come to Mass and find strength in our life of faith, but sadly, lots of our children do not seem to get this opportunity. At this time of new beginnings, I am asking you to think about this responsibility of practising your faith by coming to Mass as a family and passing on the faith to your children. You will find a wonderful and real welcome at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls and with the help and support of our school and parish and all our families, we will continue to grow as the Family of God and live life well.

Masses this weekend and every weekend at 5pm on Saturday, 8.30am, 10am and 12 noon on Sunday.

God bless you all

Fr Jonathan

Today in school we have enjoyed celebrating the birthday of Our Lady.

May she bless us and guide us this coming year.



Have a lovely weekend. God bless Mrs Girling