



Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have written this ahead of the Harvest Assembly this afternoon. Can I say how touched we all are at your amazing generosity with the food collection. As I will say in the Assembly with children during the week the reason we do this is because this is what God wants us to do- to show a preferential option for the poor. Well, after putting together the display this morning, I can say that as a school community we have certainly managed to do this. Year 6 are looking forward to their evacuee day on Wednesday. I am sure that this will be great fun.

World Mental Health Day – Say Hello to Yellow

World Mental Health Day is Friday 9th October and a small way to stand out and show up for young people's mental health is by dressing in Yellow. **All children are asked to wear yellow on Thursday 8th October as the school is closed to pupils on Friday.** Together we can create a brighter future for young people's mental health and what colour is brighter than yellow!!



Year 5/6 Residential:

We are delighted to announce that the planned trip to London will be going ahead. Thank you for your support.

Year 5/6 Swimming:

Just to give you advance notice that the school swimming lessons will be held daily for two weeks before we break up for half-term. We will be informing the children who are going next week.

Parent Council First Meeting of the New School Year: I would like to meet with the newly formed Parent Council now that the new Academic Year has settled. The first meeting will take place on Wednesday 7th October at 9am. I am looking forward to meeting regularly to discuss what the school does well and what we might do even better. Please can you phone the school to confirm your attendance.

Packed Lunches & School Meals-

As A Healthy School, we aim to promote healthy eating. Please don't send sweets or too many treats in the packed lunch box. We still have children attending the school with nut allergies so **don't send anything that has nuts in please.**

PD DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS ON FRIDAY 9th OCTOBER

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Final Thoughts/Prayers:

Today is our Harvest Festival and it is CAFOD's Family Fast Day. Here is a prayer to reflect these events. Generous God, we praise and thank you for all that you have given us. May the gifts that we have donated remind us that all good things come from you and are intended for all. Fill our hearts with your love and move us to be good neighbours to all our sisters and brothers.

Turn us away from indifference and lead us to work together to create a movement of hope. Inspire us all to play our part, to build a better world where each and every person can share in the joy of your gifts.

Amen.

Have a great weekend when it comes.

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Mr Geaves

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