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Dear Parents / Carers,

Meditation Monday

This **Monday 4th December** parents of children in Years 1 – 6 are invited into school to take part in our Advent Meditation event. This will take place 8.30 – 8.45 in classrooms. This will be an opportunity for you to mark the start of Advent with your children in a special way. Please come to the Key Stage 2 hall to sign in by 8.30 am. I hope to see you there.

Wrap Around Club (Paid for Care Club)

A reminder of the rule that if your child will be using our **Wrap Around Club** they will need to be booked in for each day. Bookings are made via ParentMail and can be made up to 11.59pm of the night before. If unexpectedly you need to book your child in to the provision you can call the school office but this needs to be done by 2:30 pm. Please note if you have not booked your child into our Wrap Around Club it will be expected you will be picking your children up at 3:00 pm. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us in this matter this week, it is appreciated.

A visit from Rabbi Solomons

This week children took part in Judaism workshops led by Rabbi Solomons. The children represented the school beautifully and developed their understanding of Judaism. It is always interesting to learn about different faiths. Well done all and thank you to **Mrs Forde** our RE Subject Leader for providing this opportunity for our children.

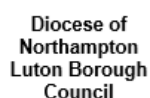
St Margaret's Needs YOU!

You will have recently received information about the need for Parent Governors to sit on our Local Academy Committee. We still have vacancies for a parent Governor. If you would like to find out more about the role and would like an informal chat with me, please do contact the school office who will be more than happy to arrange a convenient time for you to pop in and see me.

The role of a Parent Governor is so important for a school. As a governor you will support the school in making important decisions to improve our school and provide our children with the best possible start in life.

Poppy Appeal – Grand Total!

Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy, a wrist band or any other item to support our Poppy Appeal. We raised an amazing **£755.03!** All of the money raised will be used to make a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.



St Andrew

Thank you to Year 6 St Bernadette who led a class assembly this week teaching us about St Andrew. It was a brilliant assembly and taught us so much about him. St Andrew was the first disciple and trusted Jesus and followed him without thinking. I spoke to the children about trying to be the best we can be and follow Jesus' teaching and be modern day saints. St Andrew, pray for us!

Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Today you will receive a letter via ParentMail regarding term dates for the 2024 – 2025 academic year. The letter details the concept of a 2 week half term in the Advent Term. There is a link within the letter for you to share your thoughts. Please do take the time to read the letter and complete the online form.

Keeping Children safe online

This week I have been advised of a number of incidents that are causing children and parents concern online. It is so important that as parents we are aware of what our children are doing and experiencing online. Please do take the time to check your children's mobile phones and tablets to make sure you are comfortable with what your children are accessing. If you need any advice do not hesitate to contact school.

How old must my child be to use an app?

Below is a simple table detailing the age children are legally allowed to use platforms / Apps online.

Platform	Age Rating
Threads	12+ years old
Remini	12+ years old
Facebook	13+ years old
Instagram	13+ years old
Snapchat	13+ years old
Tiktok	13+ years old
X (Formerly Twitter)	13+ years old
Wink	13+ years old
Mylol	13+ years old
Youtube	13+ years old
Discord	13+ years old
Twitch	13+ years old
ChatGPT	13+ years old
Omegle	13+ years old
Kick	17+ years old
Holla	18+ years old

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Attendance

Please find below attendance data for every class for this week.

Good attendance will be rewarded so please do make sure your children are in school each day. Thank you for your support.

CLASS ATTENDANCE	YEAR TO DATE	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Reception St Bernadette	91%	94%	91%↓
Reception St Clare	95%	98%	95%↓
1 St Francis	93%	98%	87%↓
1 St Clare	93%	95%	86%↓
2 St Francis	96%	97%	96%↓
2 St Bernadette	95%	98%	96%↓
3 St Clare	95%	97%	96%↓
3 St Bernadette	96%	95%	← 95% →
4 St Francis	97%	95%	96%↑
4 St Bernadette	95%	97%	88%↓
5 St Clare	95%	98%	← 98% →
5 St Francis	95%	95%	← 95% →
6 St Bernadette	96%	93%	95%↑
6 St Clare	94%	95%	94%↓
6 St Francis	96%	96%	94%↓

Well done to **5 St Clare** who had the top attendance this week with 98%!

Can a class get 100% for this class next week? Go for it!

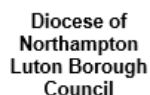
Diary Dates

Please find below a table with key dates for this term and beyond, please do take note of events that effect you and your child. More information will follow regarding school trips etc.

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,

Mr Chiswell



Dates for your Diary

(Please note dates are subject to change and there will be new events added)

Date	Event	Time
Mon 4th Dec	Meditation Monday Years 1 - 6	8.30 – 8.45
Mon 11th Dec	EYFS & Y3 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
Tues 12th Dec	Y1 & Y5 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
	Christmas Service at St Margaret's Church	5:00
Weds 13th Dec	Pre School Christmas Concert	10.00 – 10.30
Thurs 14th Dec	Y 2 & Y4 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
	Pre School Christmas Concert	2.00 – 2.30
	Fantastic Finishes for Parents	3.00 – 3.45
Mon 18th Dec	Y6 Christmas Crafts	8.30 – 9.30
	Tasty Treats	2.00 – 2.45
Tues 19th Dec	Reception Class Nativity Performance to Parents	9.15 – 9.45
	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	
	School Christmas Movie Night	4.30 – 6.15
Weds 20th Dec	Carols on the Playground	2.30 – 3.00
	End of Advent Term – Children return to school on Mon 8th Jan 2024	