



Bishop Ellis Catholic Voluntary Academy

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Friday 1st November 2024

Dear parents and carers.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that our love for God is also made known through the way that we love others. God wants us to love each other with just as much love as we have for ourselves. Today, 1st November, is the Feast of 'All Saints' – a Holy Day of Obligation we celebrated Mass in school today with Fr Jude. On this day the Church especially remembers all those who are already in heaven.

During the month of November, we think about all those we love who have died. If you would like us to pray for anyone in our celebrations of the word this month, please use the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/r/VJhQAbGq6M>

"If we love God and our brothers and sisters, we walk in the light." Pope Francis

Prayer for Peace in the Middle East.

Lord, we pray to you for the Holy Land, for the people of Israel and Palestine who are under the grip of unprecedented violence, for the victims, especially the children, for the wounded, for those held hostage, for the missing and their families.

Amen

2025 applications.

The application process for children starting primary school 2025 is open.

- Remember that there is the requirement to complete an online application (and that places are not automatic.)

For parents of children starting primary school in 2025, We are holding another open morning on Thursday November 14th for prospective parents.

Community Links

We were delighted to welcome PCSO Ella and PCSO Lesley into school on Wednesday. They spent some time with the children at breaktime. We also discussed any local safeguarding concerns that the police would want the school to be aware of. The children were very enthusiastic to meet them both. Ella and Lesley both commented how lovely the children they met were.

Health and Safety near the school.

We always want to encourage children to be active and cycling or scooting to school is a great way to keep active. As you know the space to enter the school site is narrow. Please can you ensure that your child gets off their scooter or bike BEFORE coming through the school gate. Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

FOBE news

F.O.B.E. AGM - please note that the AGM will be held on **Friday 8th November**,

The meeting is open to everyone to attend. Tea and coffee will be available from 9am with the meeting to start at 9:30am. Come along if you'd like to find out what we do, and how you can get involved in enriching the school experience for our children. Thank you

Harvest Celebration of the Word.

Many thanks for all of the donations for our Harvest celebration of the word. We donated the goods to the Leicester South Foodbank hub before half term.

Attendance.

Our attendance so far this year is **96.1%**. **Please see the website for the CMAT attendance policy.**

Linked to the importance of excellent attendance is punctuality. School **starts at 8:45am**. It is therefore essential that children are here before then. We know that this is sometimes easier said than done and if you would like to discuss this with a member of the school senior leadership team, please speak to one of us on the gate.

Please note that under the new guidelines if your child is late it will be marked as an unauthorised absence and you will therefore be liable for a fine.

Cross Country

Well done to Morley who represented our school in the recent cross country event at Mallory Park. He ran very well and improved on his place from last time.

Diary Dates

November

Friday 1 st	9:30 Whole School Mass. Feast of All Saints.
Monday 11 th	Anti-Bullying Week 11:00 Remembrance Liturgy including period of silence.
Wednesday 13 th	World Kindness day.
Thursday 14 th	Open Morning for families with children starting school in 2025.
Monday 18 th	Road Safety Week
Friday 22 nd	National Youth Funday
Friday 29 th	School Closed for Children. St Thomas Aquinas CMAT inset day.

December

Tuesday 3 rd	9:30 Advent Mass- years 5 and 6.
Friday 6 th	7:15 Menphys Carol Concert
Monday 9 th	FS and KS1 dress rehearsals.
Tuesday 10 th	9:30 KS1 Nativity to parents 2:30 Christingle Service

Wednesday 11 th	9:30 Foundation Stage Nativity to parents 2:15 KS1 Nativity to parents
Thursday 19 th	10:00 Carol Service- Divine Infant of Prague.
Friday 20 th	3:15 End of Advent Term. School closes for Christmas
Tuesday 24 th	Jubilee Year begins

January

Monday 6 th	8:45 Lent term begins. 2:45 Celebration of the Word- Epiphany.
Tuesday 14 th	2:30 Celebration of the Word- Pilgrims of Hope
Friday 24 th	Non Uniform Day- St Thomas Aquinas CMAT hardship fund.
Tuesday 28 th	St Thomas Aquinas CMAT feast day celebrations.

February

Monday 3 rd	Mental Health week.
Monday 10 th	Random Acts of Kindness Week.
Friday 14 th	3:30 Half term
Monday 24 th	8:45 Return to School

March

Wednesday 5 th	9:30 Ash Wednesday Mass- Whole School
Tuesday 18 th	9:30 Reconciliation Service

April

Tuesday 1 st April	9:30 Mothers' Day Mass- led by years 1 and 2.
Friday 11 th April	9:30 Way of the Cross. 3:15 End of Lent term.
Monday 28 th April	8:45 Start of Pentecost Term

May

Monday 5 th	Bank Holiday. School Closed
Monday 12 th	Y6 SATS week
Friday 23 rd	3:30 Half term

June

Monday 2 nd	8:45 Return to School Year 4 Multiplication Check
Monday 9 th	KS1 Phonics 2:45 Celebration of the Word- Pentecost
Tuesday 24 th	9:30 Celebration of 1 st Communion Mass. Years 3 and 4
Monday 30 th	2:45 Celebration of the Word. Feast of SS Peter and Paul.

July

Monday 7 th	9:30 Bishop Ellis Founder's Day and y6 Leavers Mass Whole School.
Friday 11 th	3:15 End of Pentecost term.

God bless

Mr Monaghan

