



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

**BISHOP ELLIS CATHOLIC
VOLUNTARY ACADEMY**

7th February 2025



HEADTEACHER'S NOTE

Dear parents and carers.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Peter (after a night of failed fishing) is finally successful and realises his true calling because he listens to and follows Jesus' instructions. It's important to make the right choice about who or what we follow in life. Simply following our desires and feelings, which often change, can leave us feeling unsatisfied. Jesus invites each and every one of us to make following him our most important priority. We follow Jesus whenever we are kind, try to make peace, and make others feel welcome. Choosing to follow him is not always easy but it really does guide and help our families to keep growing in wisdom and love.

Pope Francis tells us "To follow Jesus means to share his love for every human being!"

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Monaghan

SCHOOL REMINDERS

Tuesday 11th February

Wear comfy clothes to
school

Friday 14th February

Last day of term

Monday 24th February

Start of new term

USEFUL LINKS



Click on the image
above for uniform,
Coolmilk, school lunch
menu, free school
meals, after school
clubs and
more!



Click on the image for
term dates, newsletters
and the school
calendar



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Ellis on Social Media



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SOME OF THIS WEEKS HIGHLIGHTS!

OPEN AFTERNOON FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

Thank you for everyone who was able to attend our open afternoon. Thank you to our superb y6 children who acted as tour guides. It is always such a positive opportunity to see the fantastic curriculum in action in your children's books.



ATTENDANCE

Our attendance so far this year is 95.5%. This currently places us in the top 29% of schools nationally. Our aim is for attendance to be 96%.

Please see the website for the CMAT attendance policy.

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for
concern

100%-96%
Excellent





PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

As promised, these are the results of the St Thomas Aquinas CMAT parent survey from last term. Many thanks to everyone who completed the survey.

In addition to this information there were many positive comments which I was delighted to be able to share with individual staff members. They all really appreciated this positive affirmation.

There was also some really useful constructive feedback.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Opportunities for moral, spiritual & social development	73%	23%	4%	0%
Opportunities for prayer & reflection	62%	38%	0%	0%
Quality of Religious Education	73%	23%	4%	0%

	Fairly to Highly Ambitious	Not particularly ambitious to unambitious
How ambitious do think the school is for your child?	85%	15%

	Very good - expectations are high	Good - the culture in the school is positive	Generally satisfactory	Concerning
From what you know, how would you describe behaviour at your child's school?	42%	35%	15%	7%

	4+ stars	3+ stars
How would you rate the communication from your child's school?	81%	96%
How would you rate the responses from your child's school?	88%	88%
How would you rate the Catholic Life of your child's school?	96%	100%

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Dining	27%	42%	15%	7%
Toilets	23%	54%	12%	4%
Building	69%	19%	0%	4%
Grounds	65%	35%	0%	0%
IT and Computing	42%	42%	12%	4%
Sports	23%	58%	7%	4%