

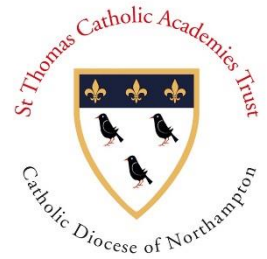


# St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

*'Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus'*

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"The glory of God is  
a human being fully alive!"

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

## **Friday Newsletter**

I would like to extend my continued thanks to parents for their patience and support as the school works through these difficult times, and considers the position of reopening for key year groups. Staff have been working very hard, and will continue to do so, to support your children with their learning and development. Next week is half term and the teachers will be taking their break, so no work will be set on Seesaw. I hope the children are able to take a break too and enjoy some of the lovely weather. The online provision will restart again after half term.

### **Reopening of School for Nursery, Reception and Year 1**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> June, schools are expected to be able to start reopening to wider groups of pupils other than the vulnerable and key-worker pupils that we have made continuous provision for since we closed on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Government has asked that schools begin to take in pupils from key year groups: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6, with the priority being the younger children who are at the start of their learning journey.

Parents of children in these year groups were asked whether they would be sending their child to school and a number of you responded. Thank you to those parents who did reply as this helped us with starting to plan what the reopening would look like.

At the moment, the school does not have a start date for Year 6; we are proceeding cautiously so that we can be sure that the systems and plans in place can be operated with the utmost care and attention to safety for pupils, staff and parents. I am hoping to be able to give Year 6 parents a start date before too long.

Parents in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 who responded to say they would like to send their children into school have received an email giving a start date and drop off and pick up times. Children have been allocated into small groups with teachers and LSAs. The groups will not mix so it is important we know exactly which children we are expecting each day.

Key worker children will continue to attend. If you are a key worker with no other option for childcare, please contact the school office to discuss a place for your child. Please note that we ask for staff ID and may need written clarification of the days you require your child to be at school from your employer.

If your child is in Nursery, Reception or Year 1 and you would like them to attend but have not responded to let us know, please do so by emailing the office with your child's name and year group.

**If you have not received an email, we have not planned for your child to be at school and you must not bring them until I have notified you otherwise.**

### Dates for next week

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – staff Inset day, school closed to all pupils.**

### Safeguarding Update

If you allow your child to have a social media account, despite there being minimum age recommendations for many of these sites, please ensure their account is private so it can only be viewed by people you are aware of.

**I would like to wish all our pupils and families a safe and enjoyable half term, I will be in touch after half term with more updated information on school opening.**

**God Bless,  
Mrs Maynard  
Headteacher**