

St Fidelis Catholic Primary School

17th July 2025 Newsletter



LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM - TUESDAY 22 JULY

The last day of school for this academic year for pupils will be Tuesday 22nd July. School will finish at the usual times of 3:10pm for Nursery and Reception and 3:20pm for Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

THANK YOU & GOODBYE

Mrs Armstrong has been a member of staff for more than 22 years. Her engagement with the school began when she was a pupil herself and then continued when her own two boys attended the school and then onto her being a member of staff.

Mrs Armstrong has epitomised our mission statement, encouraging our children to do their very best, being a role model to her colleagues in excellent practice and showing love to each of us. We will miss Mrs Armstrong very much - it is hard to think of St Fidelis without her here.



Mrs Armstrong

Mrs Atherton came to St Fidelis 16 years ago, starting here as a newly qualified teacher. Since that time, she has undertaken a number of different roles including leading Art, DT, Maths, St Fidelis University and most recently SEN. Mrs Atherton has always approached each area she has led with professionalism and a great attention to detail. We are grateful for the initiatives she has introduced including the Year 2 Sleepover which is a legacy of hers too.

We are very grateful that we have had such a talented leader as part of our leadership team and know the children in her new school are very lucky to have her.



Mrs Atherton

Mrs Sheridan has been a dedicated member of staff for 22 years. We are so very grateful to have had Mrs Sheridan's expertise for all of these years in both early years practice and her knowledge of pedagogy. Mrs Sheridan has made every decision with the children's best interests always in her heart, ensuring that they have come first in all of her thinking. We are particularly grateful for her input in setting up some of our support areas for our youngest children which has helped them make great progress.

We know Mrs Sheridan will be a great success in whatever she chooses to do next and we thank her for her commitment to our school.



Mrs Sheridan

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Mrs Royston joined our school two years ago, and has taught in Years 3 and 4 and most recently our Year 6 Owls class for two days each week. We thank Mrs Royston for the guidance she has given our children and wish her well as she returns to teaching in secondary education.



We were delighted when Miss Jaisey joined our staff team earlier this year as a member of support staff. Miss Jaisey was a pupil at St Fidelis before undertaking her secondary and university education.

We are grateful for how she has worked with our Year 6 and Reception pupils this year and hope that one day she will return to working in a school environment, as she has shown a great talent for it.



Mr Saheed joined the team in January to cover another member of staff's maternity leave. Since that time, Mr Saheed has shown warmth and kindness to everyone he has met - whether speaking to parents on the phone, welcoming visitors to the front door or helping our children during the day. Also a past pupil of St Fidelis, it has been wonderful to have him back and we wish him every success for the future.



Mrs Gilkes has spent a term with us covering the maternity leave of one of our teachers. Mrs Gilkes has settled in well and got to know the children in Year 4 Puffins quickly. We wish her all the very best as she continues her teaching career.



NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026

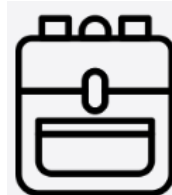
Children in Years 1 to 6 should return to school on Wednesday 3rd September at the normal time - the gates will open at 8:30am for a prompt 8:50am start. Children in Nursery and Reception should refer to their letters with information about staggered starts.

MUSIC TUITION (Yr3 to Yr6)

If you wish for our child to participate in music lessons, in order to secure a place, please make payment via MCAS - Products - Fees & Subs no later than 5th September. The payment system will close after this date.

SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR 2025-2026

Some of you may be starting to think of getting new uniform and equipment for the new school year. The school has stock available for the new term which can be ordered via My Child At School. **Items can then be collected when the school office re-opens at the end of the summer holiday on Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th, Friday 29th August, Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September from 9:00am to 12:00 pm each day.** A copy of the School Uniform Policy is attached to this email. Please ensure that all bags coming to school are St Fidelis school bags only.



READING CHALLENGE

Mrs Phelan, our English Leader, has put up posters around the school giving information about Bexley Libraries' reading challenge. It is open to children of all ages and reading abilities. More information is available via this [link](#). We hope as many children as possible will take part and look forward to hearing about the children's achievements in the new academic year.



BOOK AMNESTY

As we reach the end of the academic year a special plea for the return of all the school's library books that might have found their way home. We would be grateful if you as a family could have a hunt around in bags, bedrooms and bookshelves in case there are some yet to return.



RECEPTION 2026-2027

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, they will be able to join Reception in September 2026. If you would like an information pack when we open for applications in September please complete the form: <https://forms.gle/zU2GPNkvhNgwPkmY8>

Yours sincerely,

Mark Hannon

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Executive Head Teacher

Catherine Quirke

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Head of School

KEY DATES - SUMMER TERM 2025

Thursday 17th July 2025	Year 6 Show	7:00pm
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Year 6 Leavers' Service in Our Lady of the Angels	2:00pm
Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Last day of summer term	3:10pm/3:20pm
Wednesday 23rd July 2025	INSET Day - School closed for children	
Thursday 24th July to Monday 1st September 2025	Summer holiday - School closed for children	
Tuesday 2nd September 2025	INSET Day - School closed for children	
Wednesday 3rd September 2025	Start of Autumn term	8:30am