

Friday 30th January 2026

# Newsletter

Dear Pupils, Parents, Carers and Friends,



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## First Holy Communion 2026

Enrolment Mass  
 9.30am Sunday 1st February

If your child is in Year 3 or above, a baptised Catholic and you would like them to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion, you are invited to attend Mass on **Sunday 1st February** at 9.30am to enrol them in the preparation programme.



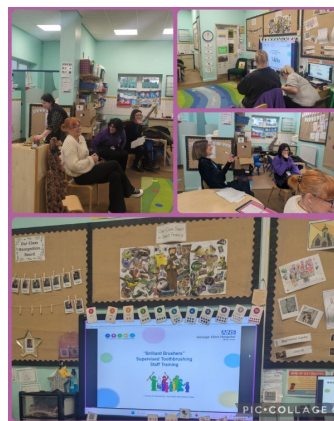
*If you have any questions or are interested but unable to attend, please speak to Mrs MacDonald. Please also speak to Mrs MacDonald if you would like to have your child baptised.*



Next week is National Storytelling Week. This fantastic annual event is a joyful celebration of the power of sharing stories. Stories teach us about the world; they allow us to step into someone else's shoes and feel empathy; they help us to relax and escape and they can help develop essential literacy skills. A bedtime story should be part of every child's day, and will probably be their favourite part!

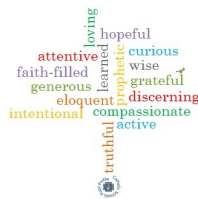
Reading books are sent home daily for children to enjoy and share with you. We ask that children are heard reading at home at least three times a week, and that their reading books and reading records are returned to school each day.

*read to succeed!*



Did you know that the number one reason for children to have anaesthetics in hospital is to have teeth removed? We are starting the 'Brilliant Brushers' programme in Reception to teach our children how to look after their teeth. Smile!

This half term our pupils are learning to be **curious** about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.



## After School Clubs

- Breakfast Club: 7.45am - 8.45am £2 including breakfast
- Staylate: 3 - 5.30pm £5 including a snack



After School Clubs are from 3-4pm, cost £2 per session (unless indicated otherwise) and must be booked and paid for in advance (before 12pm on the day please).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
- Activities - Cookery - Y6 Maths IT - Boys' Football (Y5/6)	- Activities - Multi-sports (Y1/2) - Martial Arts (KS2) - Netball (KS2)	- Activities - Computers - Basketball/ multi sports (Y2+) - Girls' Football (Y5/6) - Eritrean Club  4.15pm—5.30pm AC Academy	- Activities - Boys' Football KS2 - Musical Theatre - Mini Vinnies	- Activities - Hockey (Y5/6) -Gymnastics / acro dance

This month, we are remembering to be thoughtful.



### Spring Term PE Days

Pupils wear their PE kit to school on PE days - black shorts/ joggers, white polo shirt and school jumper. Please supply a change of trainers (old ones) for tag rugby sessions as it can be muddy on the field!

Year 1/2	Monday: Mrs Collins' and Miss Doherty's Classes Tuesday: Mr Leybourne's
Year 3/4	Wednesdays (Year 4 also need to bring their swimming kit)
Year 5/6	Tuesday and Friday

**PE KIT REMINDER**



### Looking forward...

Sunday 1st February	9.30am Enrolment Mass for First Holy Communion Preparation Programme
Monday 2nd February	National Storytelling Week
Tuesday 3rd February	Netball v All Souls (H)
Wednesday 4th February	Y5 Taskmaster
Monday 16th February - Friday 29th February	Half Term - Holiday Club open £15 per day



Have a lovely weekend!

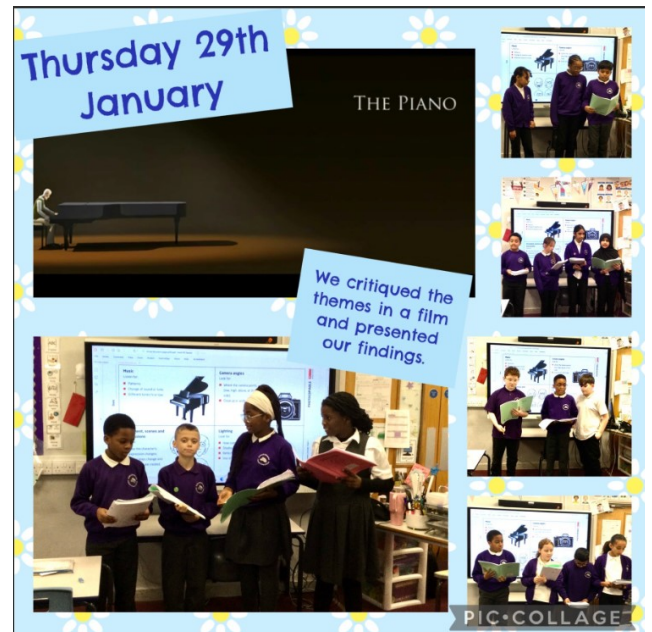
Pauline MacDonald  
Head Teacher

Congratulations to our football team who won 2-0 against St Osburg's!

Year 5/6 English Challenge

After hearing the story 'Oí Cat!' the Nursery children made playdough models.

Another busy week at SMSB!



**Please Keep To The Paths**