

Religious Life of our school

Our Friday Collective Worship was lead by Rev'd Miranda Seldon, who is an Associate priest of the parish. She spoke to the children about issues that are important in our everyday lives, covering a range of topics. The children shared concerns about the care of our environment, the need for peace and the need to protect God's creatures. They shared some insightful thoughts during this Collective Worship time.



'Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated yourself'. (Luke 6:31)

Transition sessions

This week, all the children had at least one transition session, during which time they met their teacher/s for next year. It was lovely to see the excitement of the children as they joined together with their new class cohort and teacher, and spent the morning together.

Y5/6 : Mrs Ansell (Monday)

Mrs Lilley (Tuesday - Friday)

Y1/2 : Mrs Letheren (Monday + Tuesday)

Miss Carty (Wednesday - Friday)

Y3/4 : Mrs DeRouffignac

EYFS : Mrs Benson (Monday - Thursday)

Mrs Marshall (Friday)

Show and Share singing session:



It was lovely to share some of the songs from the children's choir sessions last Thursday. We were treated to rounds, duets, singing while adding in sign language and actions. Many thanks to Mrs O'Brien from the Dacorum Music Services, for all the enthusiastic and fun choir sessions this year.



New start time for the beginning of the school day

In order to comply with the DfE statutory expectations regarding the school day, it is necessary to move the beginning of the school day to **8:40 a.m.** This will apply from the first day of the Autumn term, Monday, 4th September.

Summer Fair thanks

A huge thank you to all who made our Summer Fete such a success on Saturday; from the amazing hard work of the FOGGS team, the staff who came to help and of course, all the families and children who came to enjoy the afternoon. Despite the slight rain, the maypole dancing went ahead and it was lovely to be able to include this traditional dancing in the afternoon. There was a lovely community atmosphere and the grand total will be revealed shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge **thank you** on behalf of the school, to Louise Scarborough and Caroline Carter, who will be leaving us at the end of the term. We are so grateful for all their enthusiasm, drive and the dedication they have shown to our school over the years. Their amazing work for FOGGS has been very much appreciated by us all. We wish them and their families all the very best for the future.

Please note that all After School Clubs have now finished. However, Nurture Club and Breakfast Club will continue as usual next week.

Information will follow shortly regarding the After School Clubs for next year.



Piano lessons

Mrs Seodi, our piano teacher, has a vacancy for September. If you would like your child to start piano lessons in school with Mrs Seodi, please email the office.

Diary dates:

All dates are displayed on the [School Calendar](#) on the website. Please note that occasionally, it may be necessary to change dates. When this occurs, these will be highlighted to parents.

17/07/23	Summer Reading library challenge
17/07/23	2:00 Y6 Leavers' Service
20/07/23	FOGGS end of term party 3:30 Y6 Leavers' Party
21/07/23	Last day of summer term

Autumn term begins at 8:40 a.m. Monday, 4th September

In preparation for the new term.....

Please note the following requests for the return to school in September :-

- KS1 children to use just a school **bookbag** for transporting their reading book to and from school (available from the office)
- KS2 to have a **small backpack**, as storage space is restricted in Y3/4 and Y5/6
- In line with our uniform policy, **hair cuts** should not include any style that has a partly shaved head
- Following the success of the 'pen shop' in Y5/6, we will be starting a **stationery shop** for KS2 children.

All KS2 children will be provided with a small pencil case, containing all stationery that will be needed. This will include a pen, pencil, ruler, pritt stick and rubber. All items will be named. As the supplies need to be replaced, the school will have the items available for sale. The initial trial of the pen shop has proven to be very successful, giving the children a sense of monetary value and responsibility of taking care of their own property.

- **New start time** of 8:40 a.m. for all children.