



St Brendan's Catholic Primary School

# Newsletter



*'Always treat others as you would like them to treat you'*



## Key Dates

**Tuesday 16th September - 9am**  
Coffee and Catch Up with Mrs  
Dixon & the Mental Health In  
Schools Team

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
Phonics Meeting for Year 1 and 2  
Parents 3.30pm

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
Phonics Meeting for EYFS  
Parents 3.30pm

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October**  
10am-12pm  
Open morning for New Intake  
2026

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October - 9am**  
Coffee and Catch Up with Mrs  
Dixon

**14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> October**  
Parent's evenings

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
Flu immunisation

## Welcome Back!

*I hope that you all had a lovely summer break. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back this week, especially our new reception children who are all settling in beautifully.*

*All school information will be shared electronically to you through email and the app 'My Child at School' from our school office, so please ensure the office has an update email address. On Monday you will receive your child's class newsletter which will outline their intended learning for this term along with ideas on how to support your child's learning at home linked to their classwork.*

*I would like to welcome Mr O'Brien and Miss Erridge to our staff, I am sure everyone will make them both feel very welcome at St Brendan's.*

*May we remind you that we have an open-door policy, which means you can speak with your child's class teacher, Mrs Dixon or myself regarding any concerns or queries you may have.*

Kindest regards  
Mrs Brydon

## **Fundraiser -Keep Up for Kian!**

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August, Michelle, Becca and Lilly completed a 15km run to fundraise for the Keep up for Kian fund. They did a fantastic job and have raised a total of £2060 so far, which is amazing and surpassed their original target. A huge thank you to everyone who has donated and supported the ladies with this challenge, it is greatly appreciated!



The link will remain live until the end of September should you still wish to make a donation.  
<https://gofund.me/5293941f>

### **Supporting your child's learning at home**

We keep homework simple and purposeful - focusing on daily reading and regular times tables practice. These two areas build strong foundations for future learning, supporting children's confidence in literacy and maths. For families, this approach helps create calm, consistent routines at home, without the pressure of lengthy or complex tasks. It also allows parents to engage meaningfully in their child's progress, strengthening the home-school partnership and making homework a positive experience for everyone. Regular, sustained reading has a profound impact on children's learning. The more children read, the more they encounter new vocabulary, sentence structures, and ideas, which strengthens comprehension, fluency, and confidence. Over time, this builds a richer understanding of the world and supports progress across all subjects, not just English. Encouraging daily reading at home, even for just 10-15 minutes, helps children develop a lifelong love of books and sets them up for success in school and beyond.

If your child does want to explore more of their class learning at home, on your child's class newsletter there will be some homework ideas or links to websites to support them with their home learning, which they can bring in to share with their class if they would like to.

### **Parents Phonics Meeting**

We will be hosting a Phonics meeting for Year 1 parents. The purpose of this meeting is to share with you the schools approach to the teaching of Phonics, using the Read Write Inc Scheme. Please note there are two dates for these meetings as the approaches differ for each age range

#### **Why do we use Read Write Inc?**

Read Write Inc (RWInc) is a consistent, rigorous and dynamic literacy program to teach EVERY child to read. Using synthetic phonics, children quickly learn to blend letter sounds together to read words following a fun and effective programme. The RWInc programme has been proven to be a very successful method of teaching every child to read and write using phonics.

Wednesday 17th September @ 3.30pm for Year 1 and 2 parents

Thursday 18th September @ 3.30pm for Reception parents

### **Nut Free School**

Please can we remind all parents that we do have children in the school with nut allergies and we try to ensure that we are a nut-free school. It is important that there is strict avoidance to this food in order to prevent a life-threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment.



To reduce the chance of this occurring, we are asking that you do not send any nuts or products containing them to school with your child e.g. peanut butter. If your child has eaten any food containing nuts before coming to school, please be sure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school. Thank you for your support with this.

*"If anyone belongs to Christ, they are a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"  
– 2 Corinthians 5:17*

*This school year let's grow, learn,  
and shine together.*



### **EYFS and Key Stage 1 Free School Meals**

All children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are entitled to have a free school meal. If you wish for your child to receive this then please go online to [www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk) and register. You must order the meal online the week before and the school will be charged accordingly. Please be aware that these meals are not free to the school if your child is not registered for a Kingswood meal on our census day, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October, as the school only receives funding for the number of children who have a school dinner on that day and we of course would like to receive the maximum funding to enable us to spend other funds on all of the children e.g. on books, resources or visitors to the school. To help us to receive funding, please sign your child up for a Kingswood meal – hot or packed lunch – before Wednesday 1st October. Thank-you.

We will notify you of the Christmas dinner date as soon as we have been informed.

### **Friends of St Brendan's**

The FOSB are a committee who raise funds, by running fun events such as crazy hair days, discos, raffles and school fayres throughout the year so that we can buy items that benefit all the children at school. The committee also look out for external opportunities to access funds through grants. The FOSB are always looking for volunteers to help support fundraising efforts for the school. If you are unable to commit to joining the committee, we welcome offers of help for events such as school discos, school fayres and selling raffle tickets.

If you are interested in becoming involved with the Friends of St Brendan's, you can email [friendsofstbrendans@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofstbrendans@hotmail.com) or leave your details with the school office. A member of the committee will then contact you with the date and time of the next meeting. You can use this email address to share any ideas you have to raise money or if you become aware of any funding opportunities e.g. grants.

### **Reminders for the New Term**

Please encourage your child to bring the correct equipment to school on the correct day this year. Can we remind you that, with the exception of stud earrings, jewellery should not be worn in school. The children have difficulty in removing earrings, so it is easier not to wear these on the days that they have PE. Staff are not allowed to remove earrings under North Northamptonshire County Council guidance.

Please remember that children who bring in a snack for the morning break should bring in a healthy snack, such as a piece of fruit or vegetable in Key Stage 2. As a school we aim to comply with the Healthy Eating Standards for schools and we would appreciate your support in encouraging the children to eat healthily.

### **Key Dates for the Term**

We're pleased to introduce our new online school calendar, created to help parents and carers stay informed and involved in school life. The calendar is on the school website and has all of the key dates available including school holidays. Please find it using the link below, we hope this is helpful.

<https://www.stbrendansprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/?calid=1&pid=3&viewid=1>