



**St. Austin's Catholic Primary School**  
**A Catholic Voluntary Academy**  
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**Spiritual Reflection—Holidays**

O God of all beginnings and endings,  
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.  
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,  
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.  
The days have passed quickly, O Lord.

The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,  
The lessons, assessments, visits from guests, breaks and assemblies,  
All have come forth from your hand.

While we trust that your purpose has always been at work each day,  
Sometimes it has seemed difficult to understand and appreciate just what you have been up to in our school.  
Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.

Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.

Bring all of our plans to a joyful conclusion,  
And bless us, according to your will,

With the fulfilment of our summer hopes and dreams.

Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,

And guide us each day as you have done this past year.

Help us to return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow in age, wisdom, knowledge and grace all the days of our lives. Amen



For us all, the school holidays are a great break from early mornings, the busy schedule of lessons and the daily routines of work and school. For those moving on to new schools or new opportunities, take a good look at your life and decide that you are going to make it count. It can be scary to take new risks and try new things. Perhaps you think "What if I fail?" What if you do? It won't be the first or the last time and it probably won't be the worst. Whatever happens, you'll grow in wisdom, experience and character. The road to success is never risk free. St. Paul writes in Galatians: "No risk, no reward."

**Goodbye and thank you**

Another school year draws to a close with lots to look back on. We remember especially our Y6 Leavers who say goodbye to St. Austin's for the final time this afternoon as they move on to their respective High Schools in September. We wish them every success and happiness and thank them for all they have contributed over the past seven years. We also extend this sentiment to children from other year groups that are leaving us this year.

We are also saying 'Goodbye and thank you' for 35 years of loyal service to St. Austin's School to our long-serving Chair of Governors, Mrs. Olivia Rowley. Mrs. Rowley has seen our school through many changes and has both challenged and supported the Senior Leaders over the years helping us to make St. Austin's the great school that it is. She will be greatly missed at Leadership level though we know that she'll continue to take a keen interest in our school as a Grandparent to two children currently in school.

We also remember members of staff who are leaving us today—Mrs. Ward (UFS teacher and RE Leader), Mrs. Nicholson (Y4 Class Teacher) and Mrs. Naveed (Support Assistant in Y1). We thank them for their hard work, commitment and dedication. Mrs. Ward begins her well-earned retirement and Mrs. Nicholson and Mrs. Naveed are moving on to new challenges.

On behalf of everyone here at St. Austin's—Leadership Team, Teaching Staff, Teaching Assistants, Office and Clerical Staff, Lunchtime Staff, Cleaners and Site Manager, we wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. Wherever you are going, travel safely and enjoy that quality time with your families.

**End of Year Mass**

Thank you to the parents, carers and other family members who were able to join us in the celebration of Mass yesterday morning in St. Austin's Church. The Liturgical dances which were beautifully and reverently performed at the end of the Mass were wonderful—thank you to both our Y5 and Y6 children for rehearsing and performing these—they really did add that 'something special' to our Liturgy.

**Other highlights from our final week of term**

Thank you to the parents of our Y6 children who attended the Leavers' Assembly on Monday afternoon—many a tear was shed, which were, no doubt, tears of both happiness and sadness as this chapter in our Y6's lives draws to a close. The children really appreciated having you there with them. This was then followed by the Pizza Party % Leavers' Disco later in the evening. The children danced, spent time with their friends, ate giant pizzas and most importantly had that quality time to enjoy themselves at the end of a demanding year.

It was lovely to see so many parents in school on Tuesday attending our annual celebration evening. We received many compliments and hope you had the opportunities to see some of the work your child has produced this year as well as getting a glimpse of where your child will be working next year.

**Parish Mass times each weekend are:**

**St Austin's:**  
Saturday at 6.15pm, Sunday at 8.15am, 11am and 6pm

**SS Peter & Paul's**  
Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 10am (NB New Time)

# 100% attendance this school year

Congratulations to the following children who have been in school every day this year—a fantastic achievement!

UFS—Gabriel Batch-McGinty

Year 1—Sofia Barr, Risa Church, Elizabeth Harrison

Year 2—Tanya Da Mata, Owen Gray, Evan Moran, Keavy Williamson

Year 3—Mya Shadlock, Ben Townend

Year 4—Sophie Baxter, Justas Boguckas, Joseph Huskins, Lilia Grace

Year 5—Kesiya Joseph, Louie Turner, Sanya Xavier

Year 6—Isabel Abhilash, Asher Matuka, Tawana Tizora

## Staffing for 2018-2019

UFS Mrs. Kendrew and Miss. Gourmley  
 Y1T Miss. Tickle  
 Y1/2C Mrs. Curzon  
 Y2V Mrs. Velayudhan  
 Y3W Miss. Workman  
 Y3/4AT Mrs. Turner (Mon/Tues) and Mrs. Adams (Wed-Fri)  
 Y4M Mrs. Mills  
 Y5B Miss. Balmond  
 Y5/6C Mrs. Chernenko  
 Y6CD Mrs. Conley (Mon-Wed) and Mrs. Durkan (Wed-Fri)

## Hot Chocolate with the Head

Congratulations to all of our children who have enjoyed 'Hot Chocolate' with either myself or Mr. Molyneux this year. It has always been a pleasure to take 15-20 minutes out of the busy week to spend time with the children; finding out what they have done to earn their place on 'Hot Choc Friday' as well as hearing their views and opinions about school life. They have always been so positive about school and have come up with some excellent ideas.

This was a new venture for this school year and given how successful it has been we are planning to continue it again from September.

## School Planners

These were another new idea this year, which have also been successful. Each child will be issued with their new planner on the first day of the new term in September.

## Attendance

In KS1 & UFS the winners this week are 2V with an attendance of 96%.

In KS2 the winners this week are 3W with an attendance of 97%.



## Looking ahead to September...

Children may continue to wear the 'summer uniform' until October half-term. We ask that PE kits (**white polo shirt, dark plain shorts and trainers. In colder weather plain black joggers and jogging top**) are brought in on the first day. **Please can we ask you to ensure all items of clothing—are clearly labelled.**

**We re-open again on Tuesday 4th September at 8.50am**

## Dolce School Meals

After the summer break Dolce will be increasing the cost of school meals by 5p per day. £2.25 per day / £11.25 per week.

If your child is currently in Year 2 and moving up to Year 3 after the break you will pay for your child's school meals from September.

## School Holidays 2018/2019

Autumn Term 2018		
School opens	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	
School closes	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
School opens	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	
School Closes	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Holidays
Spring Term 2019		
School opens	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	
School closes	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term
School opens	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	
School closes	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter
Summer Term 2019		
School opens	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	
School closed	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Day
School closes	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Bank Holidays
School opens	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	
School closes	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer break

Inset days: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 & Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019