



Jorja is collecting money for Great Ormand St.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final stretch of this academic year, I am filled with immense pride at the remarkable spirit of compassion and community that continues to flourish within our St Teresa's family. This week, I want to share some truly inspiring news that perfectly embodies our Catholic mission and values.



One of our own pupils, Jorja, is undertaking an extraordinary challenge – a 60-mile walk to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. This cause is deeply personal to Jorja, who was supported by Great Ormond Street hospital from birth, including a major surgery at just two and a half

years old. Today, I am delighted to say that Jorja is a thriving member of our school community, and her determination to give back to the hospital that cared for her is nothing short of remarkable.

While raising money may seem like a small gesture compared to the incredible work that Great Ormond Street's staff perform every day, Jorja's commitment reflects the very heart of our Catholic mission – to serve others with love and gratitude. Her fundraising page can be found at the [link provided](#), and I encourage our community to support this wonderful cause if they are able. This act of service beautifully demonstrates how we are called to use our gifts and experiences to help others, turning personal challenges into opportunities for compassion.



Upcoming Dates:

- 11th June: Rockstar day
- 20th June: Early year's collective worship.
- 27th June: Y3/4 District Sports
- 1st July: Y5/6 District sports
- 2nd July: Y6 adventure island trip.
- 3rd July: School Summer Fete**
- 4th July: New class teachers announced and letters out to parents.
- 7th July: Transition days for new classes this week.
- 9th July: Sports day (Details tbc)
- 11th July: End of year reports out
- 16th July: Y6 Reward day
- 18th July: Last day of school (Half day)**

Eid al-Adha Mubarak!

This week also brings us Eid al-Adha, and I want to extend warm wishes to our Muslim families celebrating this important festival. Although a Catholic school we are blessed with serving a small but growing Muslim population, and this diversity enriches our community immeasurably. It is wonderful to witness how much Christians and Muslims share in common – our commitment to faith, family, and service to others creates bonds that strengthen our entire school family.

Happy Eid-al Adha to all of our Muslim students and families!

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Uniform Reminder

As we move through these busy weeks, I must remind you about some important practical matters.

We have noticed that some pupils are wearing earrings that do not comply with our school policy, and we've seen a return to black trousers and skirts rather than our required grey uniform. Remember, only stud earrings are permitted and no other jewellery.

Please refer to the attached uniform information to ensure all pupils are dressed appropriately. Summer dresses (the blue chequered kind) and grey shorts are permitted on sunny days.



Requesting a leave of absence for your child

Additionally, I want to remind all families about our attendance procedures. All schools must follow the Department for Education's statutory guidance regarding school attendance. Leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances and must be requested in advance. Holiday requests do not constitute exceptional circumstances, and we cannot grant retrospective leave. **If your child cannot attend school for any reason, please contact the office without delay.**

Important Summer Dates

Looking ahead, we have an exciting array of summer events approaching. **Wednesday 11th June brings our Rockstar day**, followed by **Early Years' collective worship on Friday 20th June**. Our sporting calendar includes **Y3/4 district sports on Friday 27th June** and **Y5/6 district sports on Tuesday 1st July**. Y6 pupils will enjoy their **Adventure Island reward trip on Wednesday 2nd July**, and our much-anticipated **Summer fete takes place on Thursday 3rd July after school**. The transition period begins with new class letters going out on Friday 4th July, the same day end-of-year reports reach parents. **Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th July are transition days for new classes**, followed by **Sports Day on Wednesday 9th July**. Our **Y6 production takes place on 16th July**, with their reward day and disco on 17th July. Finally, **Thursday 18th July marks the children's last day – a half day** to close this wonderful year.

Thank you for your continued support. God bless, Mr J Bottjer (head)

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