St Robert Bellarmine Catholic Primary School

We Are God's Work of Art

Newsletter

September 2026

Welcome Back	Welcome back to everyone at the start of a new school year. All the children have settled extremely well into their new classes and are already working very hard. A special welcome to all our new children and families – we hope they will be very happy in our school.
Religious Education	We will continue with the Archdiocesan scheme To Know You More Clearly throughout the school over the course of this year. The first topic is called Creation and Covenant. We will be sending more information about the RE topics during the year.
Some Reminders	P.E. lessons start this week and all children will need to have their kits in school – plain maroon coloured shorts, plain white t-shirt and pumps. Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child's name. Please ensure your child has the school PE Kit. Children should have their book bags in school every day. If new ones are needed they will be available from the school office for £5.00. As you know all children, including boys, must wear a swimming cap when they go swimming with the school. Apologies, but caps can no longer be bought from school. Children MUST NOT wear earrings or any jewellery when swimming. (Swimming regulations will be provided to the relevant classes prior to starting lessons.)
Names in Uniforms	Every year we ask that you make sure your child's name is written on ALL of their uniform. Each half term we have a considerable amount of lost property which has no names in. We ask that you PLEASE write names in uniform, including pumps, shoes and coats, as this can often cause frustration and problems for both parents and staff.
Punctuality	It is very important that your children arrive punctually for school. The school day begins at **8.30am**. The school gate will be locked at 8.35am. Any child who arrives after this time will have to enter via the school office and will be given a late mark. We will keep parents informed each half term of how many lates your child has.
Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club is available from 7.45am at the cost of £2.50 per day.
Pupil Progress	This year the Pupil Progress meeting is on Monday 19th October. We will timetable the meetings from 12.30–5.30pm. The children will go home as usual at 3pm. Letters will be sent out in October to arrange appointments.
Dinner Money Payments	As you are aware we operate a computerised system through Arbor for school dinners. Dinner money must be paid weekly on a Monday morning. Please note the cost of a school dinner is £2.60 (£13 per week). All Infant children are entitled to a free school meal.
After School Club – Fun 4 Kidz	Our After School Club is located in our dining room and is run by Fun 4 Kidz. The club is open from 3.00pm until 5.45pm. If you wish your child to attend, you can contact them on 0151 932 9218. The cost is £12.20/ You will need to register with the club. There are limited places available.
Medicines in School	If your child is required to take any medication during the school day, school staff may only administer it if it has been prescribed and is needed four times daily. It must be handed in at the school office and a form completed. The medication must be clearly labelled with the child's name and accompanied by a signed letter of consent. Inhalers are not included in this policy.
School Council	School Council elections will take place with two children from each class (Y2–Y6) being elected. The children all vote in our Polling Station. The School Council has a very important part to play in the life of the school and offers a great opportunity for children to become involved in the development of the school.
Macmillan Coffee Morning	This will take place as a fundraiser for the Macmillan charity. If you are able to donate any cakes or biscuits it is very much appreciated. We will sell cakes and biscuits to the children in their classes as we did last year when we raised approximately £1,000. Parents are invited to come into school for coffee and cake. The event will take place on Friday 9th October.
MHST	The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) will continue to work with groups, classes & individual children in KS2.
Attendance	We continue to try to improve our whole school attendance. Our motto, "We can't teach an empty chair," emphasises the importance of encouraging really good habits of attendance. We will continue to consult with the School Council about rewards for good attendance.

Important Dates

Autumn 1	
2 Sept	Term begins
4 Sept	Assembly – Keeping Safe
9 Sept	School Council Elections / Polling Day
11 Sept	Assembly – Mission Day
14 Sept	School Photos and Calendar
16 Sept	Y2 Play in a Day
18 Sept	EYFS Grandparents Stay and Share
18 Sept	St Robert Bell Feast Day Mass
22 Sept	Flu Vaccines in school
23 Sept	Y3 Play in a Day
25 Sept	Y4 Democracy Assembly & Y6 Moel Famau
29 Sept	Y4 Martin Mere
30 Sept	Y6 Vikings - Play in a Day
2 Oct	School Council Surgery
7 Oct	Y1 & Y2 DT Day
9 Oct	Macmillan Appeal Coffee Morning
9 Oct	Wear Yellow for Mental Health Awareness
16 Oct	Y3 Assembly - Harvest Collective Worship - 8.30am
19 Oct	Pupil Progress Meetings
20 Oct	Y2 and Y5 Synagogue Trip
23 Oct	Non-uniform – Racism (Red/Blue)
	Unwanted Gifts
	Stay & Share EYFS
We finish for Half Term on 23rd October 2026 at 3pm.	

Autumn 2	
2 Nov	School re-opens and Friendship Fortnight begins
4 Nov	Y5 and Y2 DT
6 Nov	Eco Savers Assembly
11 Nov	Remembrance Day Collective Worship
13 Nov	Friendship Assembly - Y1, Y2, Y4 (8.30am)
13 Nov	Odd Socks Day
16 Nov	Road Safety Week
18 Nov	Y6 DT Day
20 Nov	Y6 - Prevent Assembly
20 Nov	Children in Need - PJ Day
27 Nov	School Council Surgery
27 Nov	Non-uniform – Chocolate
27 Nov	Mary's Meals Assembly
1 Dec	Y4 Reconciliation - 1.30pm
4 Dec	Y5 Assembly - Individual Liberty
4 Dec	Non-Uniform - Bottles
4 Dec	EYFS Stay and Share
8 Dec	EYFS (10am) and KS1 Nativity (1pm)
9 Dec	Cathedral Carol Service - Y3 & Y5 (tbc)
11 Dec	Christmas Fair - 1.30pm
15 Dec	KS2 Advent Service - 6pm
17 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day/Santa Dash
18 Dec	Christmas Parties
We finish for Christmas on 18th December 2026 at 1.30pm.	

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