

ST. DOMINIC'S *Gazette*



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Our **SEAL**
word of the week
commencing
5th June
is
Secure.



Attendance & Punctuality Class of the Week

Congratulations to Class 2A for the best class attendance in EYFS/KS1 this week with 98%. In KS2, congratulations to Class 4B whose attendance was 97%.

Can we please remind parents to inform the school on the first day of any absence and to give an expected return date. GP and dental appointments should be made after school whenever possible.

If your child is not going to be in school please call the office on 020 8985 0995 (option 1) to report their absence. Please do this before 9:00am on each day of absence.

May Half-Term

Half-term holiday

Today is the last day for this half term. School will be closed next week.

We will return on **Monday 5th June at 9am.**



Ofsted Report

We are delighted to inform you that the Ofsted Report outcome following the recent inspection of our school is that; *St. Dominic's Catholic Primary School continues to be a good school.*

What is it like to attend this school? *This is a caring and welcoming school. School staff and pupils treat each other with respect and kindness. Pupils understand what is special about their school and work hard 'to love, learn, hope, trust and care'.*

We also received a lovely letter from Peter Sweeney the Director of Education at Westminster Diocese:



Diocese of Westminster
EDUCATION SERVICE

Dear Deirdre,
I am writing to congratulate you and your whole staff team at St Dominic's School on the outcomes of your recent Ofsted Inspection. I realise just how much work by you, the staff, the governors and the whole community has gone into making the school a caring and welcoming place. This is clearly as a result of the nurturing environment you have created and which has been acknowledged by the Inspector.

The report rightly highlights the work you have done to prepare your pupils to be responsible citizens. You teach them about the diverse society in which they live; the skills they need to develop healthy relationships and give them opportunities to take part in

democratic processes themselves. Above all, you model these expected behaviours with your staff, shown by their support for you.

Please thank everybody involved at the School for all that they are doing to provide the students with such a well-rounded, Catholic Education.

Yours sincerely,
Peter Sweeney
Director Education Service
Diocese of Westminster

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<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>
And search using our postcode **E9 5SR.**



Prime Drinks

Prime drinks are **NOT** permitted in school. Please do not allow your child to bring these drinks to school as they will be confiscated. We encourage pupils to bring bottles of water to school and make sure they are accessible throughout the day. We will also make sure that children have access to free, fresh, chilled drinking water from the drinking fountain in the playground



Summer Term.

Now that the warmer months are upon us can we remind parents that pupils can come to school in their

summer uniforms. Children can wear their summer dresses or shorts and short-sleeved polo shirts.

Children should bring bottles of water to school on hot days and should have adequate sunscreen to protect them during P.E. and playtimes.



School Start and Finish Times

The school gate will be opened at 8:50am and the bell rung at 9:00am for the start of the school day.

The playground gate will be locked at 9:10am and children arriving after that time will be marked as late for school.

They should report to the school office where they will be marked as present and recorded for school dinners.

The school gates will be open at 3:20pm each afternoon and children will be dismissed for the end of the school day at 3:30pm.



Collecting children at the end of the school day.

We have recently noticed a steady increase in the number of children being collected late at the end of the school day. Can we kindly remind parents/carers that unless their child is attending an after-school club, all children must be picked up at 3.30pm.

We appreciate that there may be times when delays are unavoidable and we would ask that you always contact the school if you know you are going to be late. **Unless you have contacted us beforehand, children who are not collected at 3.30pm will be brought into the after-school club for which there is a £10 charge per child.**



Nursery Applications

Do you have a child who is three and needs a nursery place?

If the answer is yes, then you should apply for a place in our nursery. We offer part-time and full-time places.

All you need to do to enrol your child for a place in our nursery is come to the school office with your child's birth certificate and proof of your address.

'The youngest children get off to a flying start in the school's Nursery.' Ofsted.



WOW! Day - Wednesday 14th June.

St. Dominic's will be holding this term's WOW Day on **Wednesday 14th June.**

Children are invited to dress up in clothes appropriate to their topic theme and spend the whole day enjoying projects, tasks and activities centred around their learning adventure.

Make sure you ask about your child's class theme - we can't wait to see all of the incredible costumes!



IMPORTANT: Providing the school with up-to-date details

Can parents please ensure that contact details are kept up to date. It is essential that we have current telephone numbers for at least three adults who we can contact in case of illness, emergency or absence.

If you have changed your contact details recently please advise the school office immediately.



Birthdays at St. Dominic's

Happy Birthday to the following children who will be celebrating their birthdays over the coming week

Year 2	Richelle
Year 4	Esther



Feast of Pentecost

Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost, which the Jews celebrated fifty days after Passover. On Sunday we celebrate the birthday of the Church, and hear how Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to the disciples, just as he had promised to do.

Prayer

Come, Holy spirit,
And fill our hearts with your love.
Work through us to bring Jesus to those who do not know him, so that we may share this love with others.

Amen.

