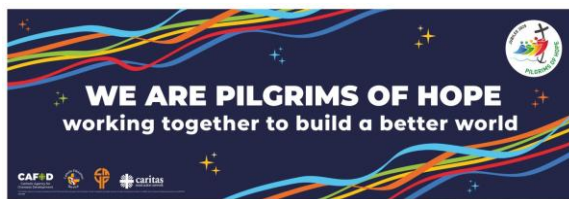




Where we live 'life to the full'
John 10:10



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Friday 9th May 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Governors,

'Habemus Papam' – we have a new Pope! The white smoke from the Sistine Chapel in Rome yesterday announced that Pope Leo XIV has been chosen by the cardinals, led by the Holy Spirit, to lead the Catholic Church. We pray for God's blessing on him in his new role.



We also welcome Ms Soaga as our new foundation governor. She will join the Local Governing Committee in ensuring our school continues to do its best to educate the children and help them follow our mission to 'live life to the full'.

Next week, our Year 6 children sit their **SATs** in school. We encourage them to keep calm and try to do their best. They have all worked hard to prepare and we are so proud of their efforts each and every day. They will begin each day with breakfast club at 8.15am and end the week with Mass at 10am on Friday in St Alban's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend this parish Mass.

The children who are going to make their First Holy Communion next weekend can make their first confession in the sacrament of reconciliation tomorrow. This has been offered by Fr Martin at 10am in St Alban's Church.

If you haven't had the chance to complete the survey for parents, which closes tomorrow, [here is the link](#).

Attendance:

Thank you for your ongoing hard work in aiming for good attendance. Our whole school figure is now at 95.9% - it would be great if we could just tip this over the line and reach 96%.

Unfortunately, holidays taken in term time will have a negative impact on our school's attendance data. Whilst we understand the financial pressure on parents to take cheaper holidays during off-peak times, we have to do our best to ensure that children attend school for each of the 190 days in a school year and take full advantage of all learning opportunities.

This week's attendance for each class is really good – all above 95%:

N1	N2	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
100%	98.0%	95.5%	100%	99.4%	100%	100%	98.1%	97.3%

With kind regards,
M Robinson
Headteacher

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