ST BRENDAN'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER – 23rd October 2026

As we come to the end of our first half term, I would like to thank all our children, families and staff for such a positive start to the new school year. It has been lovely to see our children settling into their new classes, building friendships, embracing new challenges and growing in confidence. We are incredibly proud of the kindness, enthusiasm and determination they have shown throughout these last eight weeks. There has been so much to celebrate already, both in and beyond the classroom. Every achievement, however big or small, reflects the hard work of our children and the encouragement and support they receive from the adults around them. Thank you to our families for continuing to work so closely with us, and to our wonderful staff for the care, commitment and dedication they show our children each and every day. As we reflect on all that we have achieved together, we are reminded of the words from Corinthians 16:14: "Let all that you do be done in love." Our school mission, "Love Life, Love Learning. Achieve Together in God's Love," also reminds us of the importance of showing love, kindness and respect in everything we do. These values can be seen throughout our school community, in the way our children care for one another, encourage each other and approach each new opportunity with enthusiasm. As we begin our two-week break, I hope that everyone has the opportunity to slow down, enjoy precious time with family and friends and have a well-earned rest after such a busy and successful start to the year. I would like to wish all our families a happy, peaceful and restful half-term break. Whatever you have planned, stay safe, enjoy your time together and make some wonderful memories. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for another exciting half term of learning, growing and achieving together.

What's Happening

Our latest Dates for Diary can be found ***here***

Follow us on our ***Facebook Page***

Visit our website ***www.st-brendan.bolton.sch.uk***

48 Hour Sickness Rule

In the unfortunate event your child is unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea, pupils must remain at home for 48 hours since their last episode.

Whilst we recognise this impacts on their education and possibly your own work/childcare arrangements too, we have a duty to follow the UK Health Security Agency guidance to minimise the spread of infection in our school community. Please access the link below for NHS guidance which may also help with other illnesses and what to do regarding attendance
https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Flu vaccine mop up sessions

The intra health nursing team will be back in school on Tuesday 8th December for anyone who missed the first session of the flu vaccination program.



Our Awards

What are our Awards?
The children have received the following awards. These will be celebrated on our Facebook Page and/or fortnightly newsletter.






HEAD TEACHER POSTCARDS
w/c 19.10.26 – Isla B, Luke S, Theo W, Lucas S, Erin B, Elisa W, Hettie H, Orlagh C, Ellyn W, Orla K, Reggie G, Effie B

HEAD TEACHER AWARDS – Olivia L, Amelie B, George H

RESPECT TOKEN WINNER
w/c 19.10.26 – Tommy M, Edith D

GOLDEN LEAF
w/c 19.10.26 – Patrick C, Sienna P

ST BRENDAN'S AMBASSADORS
w/c 19.10.26 – Jude R, Tommy N, Molly C, Rio B, Rory C, Jacob S, Archie A-D

ST BRENDAN'S STAFF AMBASSADOR
w/c 19.10.26 - Mrs Williams

Miss Massey

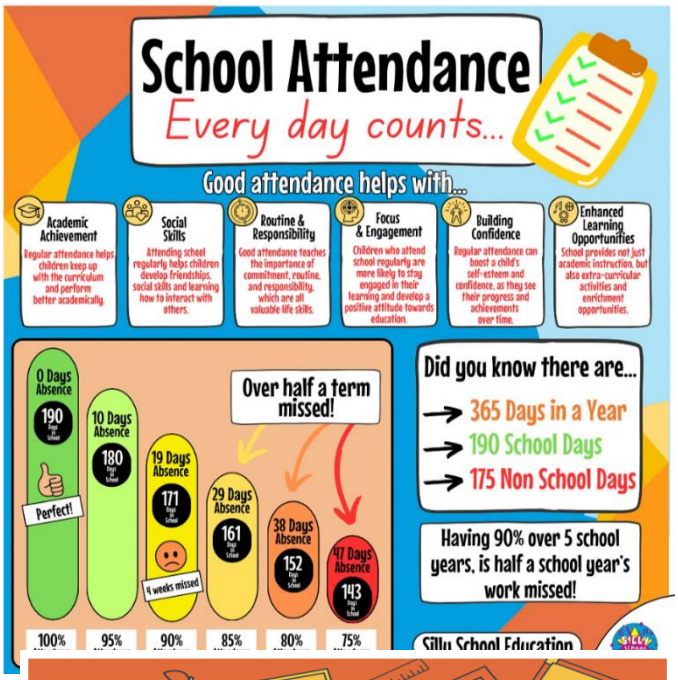
We are delighted to share that Miss Massey will be getting married during the half-term holiday! She will return to school in November as **Mrs Cross**. We are sure you will join us in wishing her every happiness as she celebrates this very special occasion, and we send our warmest congratulations and best wishes for a wonderful wedding day and future together. ❤

Attendance

Attendance this week is as follows:
There have been **37** instances of pupils arriving to school late over the last 2 weeks.
Please remember the doors open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am.

Year Group	w/e 16.10.26	w/e 23.10.26
Reception	99.17%	94.58%
Year 1	99.26%	95.93%
Year 2	98.67%	96%
Year 3	98.4%	96.4%
Year 4	92.5%	90%
Year 5	99.03%	95.16%
Year 6	98.71%	94.52%
Total	97.96%	94.64%







PTA thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA's first fund raiser of this academic year on Thursday after school for the movie night. Thank you to the PTA for organising it and for the parent/carer helpers who gave up their time to help.

Looking ahead PTA events

On Thursday 12th November children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for an item of chocolate and again on Friday 20th November in exchange for a bottle, both are for the tombola stalls for the Christmas Fair. More details to follow after half term.

Reception and Year 6 class photos

On Wednesday 18th November, children who are in our current Reception and Year 6 classes will have their class photos taken during the school day.

Thank you.

Forest school after October half term

Year 4 will be starting their forest school sessions when we return from October half term. **Their first session will be on Thursday 12th November**. Please remember to send your child to school with appropriate clothing and footwear for these sessions each week. Full details can be found in the important documents section of your MCAS app.

Y3 Presentation Mass

On Saturday 21st November, children in Year 3 who will be taking part in the Sacramental Programme will be able to attend a presentation Mass at St Brendan's Church at 6pm.

For those children taking part in this, details have been added to your MCAS app under the 'important documents' section.

Spelling Shed and Monster multiplication news!

Please check out our **Spelling Shed** and **Monster Multiplication** leader boards below! This is a great way to celebrate the fantastic effort and progress our pupils are making. Well done everyone. Let's see who climbs the leader board next!

#	Group	Score
1.	Year 2	52,816,884
2.	Year 5	44,915,668
3.	Year 4	5,356,798
4.	Year 3	3,569,334
5.	Year 6	1,428,482
6.	Year 1	776,822

Top Spelling Shed Pupils

#	Avatar	Pupil	Groups	Score
1.		Hudson	Year 2	22,408,392
2.		Hettie	Year 5	18,083,948
3.		Millie	Year 5	12,474,234



Top Scorer(s)	Fastest Speed
Lucas D	Lukasz M
Charlotte B	Lucas D
Finlay B	Michael O'D
Rory C	Harry W
Louie D	Lennon S
Remy E	Ander J
George H	Louie D
Joseph R	Owen S
Cian S	Remy E
Ronnie S	Loula E
Eliza Mc	Melvin A
Dominic W	George W
Theo W	Chester P
Ander J	Amelie B
Alessia H	
Loula E	
Bowen F	
Lucas Mc	
George W	

Other Useful Newsletters

A copy of the latest Parish Newsletter can be found ***here***

School will be closed from Friday 23rd October and will reopen on Monday 9th November.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and restful break and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 9th November.