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6<sup>th</sup> June 2025

### ***Our Value this half term is Courage***

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

**PGL** Many of our Y5 and Y6 children had a super few days away earlier this week as you can see in the photos on the following page. They behaved brilliantly and made the most of everything PGL had to offer. A big thank you to the staff who took them; Mrs Ruddlesden, Miss Jancey, Mr Ryall, Mrs Hanshaw and Mr Whitchello!

**Cycle path** We have had a few complaints from the public recently about cars and pedestrians blocking the cycle lanes when they leave the school. Please take care to walk on the pavements and if parking, be careful not to block the cycle lanes. Thank you very much.

**Birthdays** We enjoy celebrating your childrens' birthdays but please do not send them in with sweets or anything else to share with their class. A reminder that unfortunately we are unable to hand out any food due to the range of allergies and intolerances and sending in other items can put pressure on other families unintentionally. There is no expectation for families to do anything but if you would like to mark their birthday in school, you could buy a favourite book to donate to their class and we will put a sticker in it saying that it has been donated on behalf of your child, to celebrate their birthday. Thank you for your understanding.



**Safety Online Simplified 27**

**Does your child play Fortnite? Then this information is for you...**

Epic Games have introduced a new feature that uses artificial intelligence to bring non-playable characters (NPCs) to life. So your child could talk to or text Darth Vader in real time. Sounds great, but make sure you've thought about the implications of this. These include 1. AI isn't perfect 2. Voice cloning raises questions 3. It will blur the boundaries between AI and real people for some children.

"Allow voice and written communication with AI Features." is turned off by default for under 13s, but do check your child's settings, talk to them about their Fornite sessions. Stay curious and non-judgemental.

Read a very informative blog post from [Wayne Denner HERE](#)

### ***Achievements***

Each week we will be focusing on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Concentration**.

Congratulations to:

**YR:** Romilly; **Y1:** Olivia; **Y2:** Charlie & Freddie; **Y3:** Sarah; **Y4:** Aria, Anthony & Lilia; **Y5:** All of Year 5; **Y6:** All of Year 6.

Next week we will be focusing on **Questioning**.

### ***House points***

We are keeping a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has as well as a running total.

The overall total number of points so far this year for each House is:

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| St Francis:   | 3319 |
| St Andrew:    | 3198 |
| St Catherine: | 3168 |
| St Clare:     | 3128 |

Please don't let your children bring **Pokemon or similar trading cards** to school. Confusion about what belongs to who can cause a lot of upset to the children. Thank you.

**Non-Uniform Day** We will be having a non-uniform day on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** when items can be donated for the Summer Fete the following week. Further details will follow, but we know Nursery will be running a second hand toy stall so if you have any toys that you could donate, (no baby toys please), please bring them to the school office. Thank you.

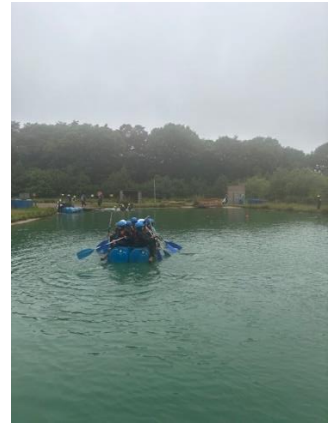
**Reading for Pleasure** A reminder that inside our entrance is a small bookcase with books that you can borrow; please just return them when you have finished them. If you have a book that you have enjoyed and would like to leave it for someone else to read, please do. We would welcome any books in languages other than English so that we can meet the needs of our diverse school community. Thank you very much, and happy reading!

*Have a good weekend! Mrs Collins*

**Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family**

*"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever." Psalm 52:8*

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## ***Diary Dates***

- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – APDR Meetings
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Y5 and Y6 catch up Swimming begins. Arrive at school at 8:30am.
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June** – Y6 to Crucial Crew
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Y3 and Y4 to St Albans Cathedral
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Non-uniform day for Summer Fete (details to follow)
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – 2:30pm MHST Transition Workshop
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – Summer Fete after school
- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Open Evening
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Secondary Transfer and Moving Up Day
- **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Production
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Y6 Production
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July** – Sports Day
- **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – pm Y6 Leavers' Service
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm