

Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Voluntary Academy

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School Mission Statement

'We walk kindly in the footsteps of Jesus Christ as we live and learn'

May 2023

Dear Parents,

As we approach the May holiday, please read on for important notices and moments to celebrate over the past half-term!

King Charles' III's Coronation

We had the opportunity to celebrate the King's coronation in school week commencing May 1st, with a specially designed Coronation brunch menu for lunch, Union Jack bunting across school and a dress-up day where children and staff chose to wear red, white and/or blue! We even had some pupils go the extra mile and dress up as the King and Queen themselves! It was a royal week that marked an historic moment!



Music evening

We had a wonderful showcase of musical talent with the return of the BRW annual music evening! Years 3 and 5 performed as class bands, having worked with our Trust music teachers throughout the year. Year 3 also, along with Year 4, performed as a choir with the support of Mr Treloar, our choir master from the Cathedral. We also had smaller music groups showing how hard they have practiced with performances from our woodwind, brass and string musicians in school and impressive solo singers also! Thank you for all the positive feedback we have had from parents about the night, and for your support in encouraging the children to embrace music!

KS2 National Assessments

Our hard-working Year 6 pupils sat their National Assessments at the start of May. They have shown incredible dedication to preparing for these tests and truly shone throughout the week. They were resilient, resourceful and fully committed to doing their best. And they truly enjoyed their daily breakfast from the kitchen team, which fueled them on! Thank you to all the parents and staff for supporting them throughout the Year 6 and their time at Blessed Robert Widmerpool.

Ascension Mass

We had a wonderful celebration to remember Jesus's returning to his father. The children were true leaders with their glorious singing, speaking and knowledge of faith. Our EYFS children enjoyed a special liturgy in school too. Thank you to our school and parish community members who were able to attend.



Sports Days

Our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 Sports Days took place this half-term. We saw all children participate in a range of sporting activities linked to field and track events. With the weather holding out for us, we saw 'Sovereign Standing Jumps'; the 'Duke's Discus'; the 'Overhead Palace Pass'; and a 'Royally Good Sprint' to name just a few events! Well done to the houses of Mark and Matthew who triumphed this year! Thank you to all our parents who were able to cheer on the competitors this year.



Website

We continue to update our website **brwacademy.com**. and encourage you to visit it regularly. You will find lots of news posts about your child's class; information about learning this term; 'Word of the Week' videos; and up-to-date radio broadcasts!

First Holy Communion Mass

Our Year 3 and Year 4 First Holy Communion cohorts celebrated this sacrament in a beautiful mass at Corpus Christi on Saturday 20th May. The sun came out to celebrate with us as the children shared their faith proudly with the parish community. It was a beautiful celebration with a memorable homily in the form of a treasure hunt from Fr. Wilfred! The celebration continued this week with a First Holy Communion Liturgy in school, where the whole school community could support our pupils in taking the next step in their journey of faith.

Uniform

We have updated our Uniform and Appearance Policy. The main purpose of our policy is to foster in all pupils a sense of belonging, equality and pride at being part of our school! Please see the attached document to view the updated policy. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to communicate these with your child's class teacher.

Key Dates

- **Class Photos** – Monday 5th June
- **Year1/2 Joint Class Mass** – Friday 9th June 9:00am. (In Church)
- **EYFS Class Mass** – Friday 16th June 9:00am. (In Church)
- **Open Afternoon** – Wednesday 21st June 1:30pm – 3.00pm. (In school)
- **Inset Day** – Friday 7th July
- **Year 3/4 Joint Class Mass** – Tuesday 4th July 9.00am (In Church)
- **Year 5/6 Musical Performances** – Wednesday 5th July and Thursday 6th July 5.00pm. (In School)
- **Final End of Year Mass** – Monday 24th July 2:00pm – 3:00pm. (In school)

Yours sincerely,

Miss Lee