

## 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'*

### October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to celebrate with you some of our achievements this term as well as share some updates with you before the half term break.

#### Annual Theme and Welcome Mass

We started the year with our Welcome Mass where we launched our whole school annual theme of **'Stewards of the earth, Guardians of God's Gifts.'**

This year, we will be focusing on caring for our environment and nurturing the gifts we have been given. Every class has their own special backpack to take home, which is an opportunity to share with families and think about how we care for our world in simple ways which makes a HUGE difference.

Thank you to those who were able to come along to the Mass to celebrate with us, it was lovely to see so many parents there

#### Black History Month

We have marked Black History Month in school this month. Classes have engaged in assemblies, lessons and homework linked to this and celebrated many different books, authors and heroes who have championed the rights of the black community. Our pupils have showed a wonderful understanding of this important topic.

#### St Francis of Assisi Mass

We recently joined our family of schools to celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of our school family hub. We celebrated this occasion at Our Lady and St Patrick's church. Year 6 represented BRW and each school had a special part to play in the Mass. They represented their schools wonderfully and sang beautifully.

### DATES - 2024

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
Inset Day

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November**  
First day back at school

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
Remembrance Liturgy

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 9.15 am**  
Year 5 Assembly

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 9.15 am**  
Year 4 Assembly

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 5.00 pm**  
KS2 Advent Celebration

**W/C 9<sup>th</sup> December**  
Nativity week

**11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Dinner

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Jumper Day and Carols  
Around the Tree

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2pm**  
Advent Mass

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last Day of Autumn Term

### **Harvest Mass**

This week, we had another chance to be together as a school and parish community by celebrating our annual Harvest Mass. Our pupils and their families have been incredibly generous this year in donating food for the Clifton Foodbank and Emmanuel House, two charities that we have a long-standing relationship with. A big thank you for your help in supporting these charities.

### **Year 6 Assembly**

Year 6 started their year with a brilliant assembly performance showcasing Year 6's learning so far: poetry, science, history and RE to name but a few. They were a credit to themselves and their families and should be very proud of their performance.

### **OPAL Launch – November 5th**

A reminder that we are very much looking forward to launching our new OPAL playground project on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November where children will have a range of fun, engaging playtime provision to enjoy. Thank you for your kind donations of toys and other equipment, we will put them all to use. Mrs Hautenne, who is leading this project, will be updating parents about this next term. We are looking forward to enjoying playing outside whatever the weather!

### **INSET Reminder**

A reminder that we will be having an INSET day on **Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Children will be back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>.

Please visit our school news page on the website for further information about each class. I have included some other school highlights below. <https://www.brwacademy.com>

Thank you for your support this half term, we wish you a restful half term and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Maylard-Mason  
Headteacher

### **Year 3 Travel back to the Stone Age**

This term, Year 3 spent a Stone Age Day at Brackenhurst Education Centre. They had a fantastic time doing a whole range of activities including cave wall painting.



### **Year 6's visit to Go Ape**

Year 6 visited Sherwood Pines this term for their class visit. They conquered their fears, showed resilience, bravery and courage as they walked through the towering trees, and even had a go on the zip-line!



### **Year 2 Visit to Nottingham Castle**

Year 2 enjoyed their visit to Nottingham Castle this term. They had the chance to explore the castle and build their knowledge of colour in a real life Kaleidoscopic Exhibition.

