



27th April 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Summer Term Week 3 Headteacher Update

This morning, we were notified that Ofsted will be visiting our school tomorrow and Wednesday. This is an important opportunity for us to share and celebrate the wonderful work taking place across our school community. I kindly ask that you keep our staff and children in your thoughts and prayers over the coming days. Parents and carers can also support the school by completing the Ofsted Parent View survey, details of which will follow shortly.

This week has seen a continued focus on high standards of learning and preparation across the school, particularly for our Year 11 children as they move ever closer to their GCSE examinations. Staff have been providing targeted support, revision opportunities, and guidance to ensure that every child feels as confident and prepared as possible. Our GCSE Modern Foreign Languages speaking examinations also continue this week, and we keep our Year 11 children in our thoughts and prayers as they complete this important component of their exams. We continue to be impressed by the maturity and determination shown by this cohort.

Our extra-curricular provision continues to be a real strength of the school, with a range of clubs, activities, and fixtures taking place. These opportunities allow children to develop their interests, represent the school, and build friendships beyond the classroom. In addition, we are looking forward to a Science trip taking place this Wednesday to the Dow Chemical Company, providing children with a valuable insight into real-world applications of their learning. Thank you, as always, to the staff who give their time so generously to make these opportunities possible.

Looking ahead, a reminder that we are now entering a particularly important half term for attendance and punctuality. Every lesson counts, and we ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school every day, on time, and ready to learn. Strong routines now will make a significant difference as we move towards the summer assessment period. I would also like to thank parents and carers for their ongoing support. The partnership between home and school is vital, and it is always appreciated when families work with us to support the high expectations we set for all pupils.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us, "I am the door of the sheep." This image speaks powerfully of guidance, protection, and trust. As a school family, we are called to walk through that door, to follow in faith, to support one another, and to ensure that every child feels safe, valued, and guided on their journey. It is through this shared commitment that we continue to grow together in faith and purpose.





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CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Have a wonderful week ahead. A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 4th May due to the Bank Holiday. As always, if you need anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch at headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk.

Yours faithfully

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