



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 29th September 2023

Upcoming

- Fri 6th Oct – Harvest Mass: 9.30am
- Wed 11th Oct – Photograph Day (Nursery and Reception)
- Fri 13th Oct – Hobgoblin theatre to visit Y5
- 18th/19th October – Parents' Evenings
- 23rd – 27th Oct – Half term
- Wed 1st Nov – All Saints Mass: 9.30am

School Crossing Patrol

For the foreseeable future, our School Crossing Patrol Officer, Sally Barnes, will no longer be available to support our children when crossing the road. We would like to ask all families to take extra care when crossing the road, making sure that the pelican crossing by the school is being used.

Nursery uniform

We are pleased to announce that jogging bottoms are now on the uniform list for Nursery children, along with round jumpers for our smallest nursery children. If you wish to purchase these items, then please visit our school uniform provider.

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/botwellhouse>

Parent behaviour

Over the last week, we have sadly had a few incidents where a small minority of parents have been aggressive and raising their voices to members of our staff. We would like to remind you that this type of behaviour is unacceptable and will not be tolerated at our school.

If you have an issue that you would like to discuss with a member of staff, please ensure that you are courteous and respectful, as our staff will be towards you. Thank you.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all of the families who supported the MacMillan Coffee Morning by providing and/or buying cakes. We know that the money raised will be very much appreciated.

Volunteers needed



We are looking for volunteers to listen to our Year 1 and Year 2 children read. This would need to happen between 10.30am and 11.30am or from 12.45pm onwards.

We are also looking for people who would like to volunteer at lunch time between 11.45am and 12.45pm to engage in playtime games with some of our children.

If you are interested in one or both of these, please contact the school office. Training will be provided.

Prayer and Reflection

This weekend (30th September) is the feast day of St. Jerome. St. Jerome was a priest, confessor, theologian, and historian and is best known for his translation of most of the Bible into Latin and his commentaries on the Gospels. His list of writings is extensive.

Jerome travelled to Rome and learned Latin and at least some Greek. He acquired a knowledge of Hebrew by studying with a Jew who converted to Christianity. The later resurgence of Hebrew studies within Christianity owes much to him. In the Catholic Church, he is recognized as the patron saint of translators, librarians and encyclopaedists.

Jerome was known for his teachings on Christian moral life, especially to those living in large popular centres such as Rome. He famously wrote:

“Good, better, best,
Never let it rest,
Til your good is better
And your better is best.”

A remarkable scholar and a sometimes prickly man, Saint Jerome nevertheless believed deeply in the mercy of Christ, as this prayer of Saint Jerome for Christ's mercy abundantly shows.

Prayer:

*O Lord, show Your mercy to me and gladden my heart.
I am like the man on the way to Jericho
who was overtaken by robbers,
wounded and left for dead.
O Good Samaritan, come to my aid.
I am like the sheep that went astray.
O Good Shepherd, seek me out
and bring me home in accord with Your will.
Let me dwell in Your house all the days of my life
and praise You for ever and ever
with those who are there. Amen.*

