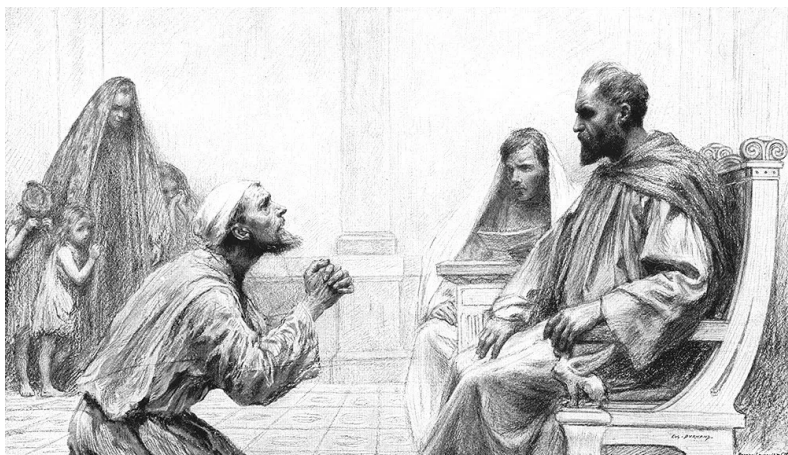




Weekly Parent Update - Autumn Week 2

Dear Parents,



Welcome back to school! It has been a privilege to see the community alive with such joy and warmth after the long summer break. Thank you for encouraging your children back into routines so swiftly this September - we really try hard to make every minute in school count!

In Celebration of the Word this week, we have been looking ahead to the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) and the parable of the unforgiving servant. We learn that God is generous with his mercy and forgiveness and we are called to be similarly minded. Our Xavier Behaviour Policy has at its heart a culture of relational and restorative practice - a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness across our school family is what we seek to live out when responding to challenging circumstances in school. We will always do our best to support every child's behaviour and meet every child's needs with dignity and patience, whilst upholding our school rule, "I am ready, respectful and safe."

The children have inspired and motivated us this week with their confident articulation of our school mission and their commitment to sharing The Way, The Truth and The Life of Christ with you all this year. You can read more about your amazing children on the [Headteacher's Blog](#). You can hear more about the coming year at our **Welcome Back Meeting for parents on Wednesday 16th September from 2:45pm.**

Wishing you every blessing this weekend,
Mr Collins

Xavier Belonging Survey



As part of a Trust-wide focus on belonging, Xavier is gathering data about how children feel about coming to school. Please take 2 minutes to complete this [quick survey](#) at home, which will inform our upcoming October INSET day. Thank you!

Attendance & Punctuality



Following recent DfE attendance updates, attendance remains a national priority and we all have an important role to play in promoting excellent attendance and punctuality. All pupils should be in school by 8:35am for Infants and 8:45am for Juniors. Any pupil arriving after these times will be marked as late. Consistent punctuality helps children settle into their learning, establish positive routines and avoid missing important parts of the school day.

Taking a child out of school during term time for holidays or other non-exceptional reasons is considered an unauthorised absence unless approved by the Headteacher in exceptional circumstances. Under the current regulations, a Penalty Notice of £80 per parent, per child (if paid within 21 days), rising to £160 if paid within 28 days, may be issued where a child has accumulated 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-week period. These sessions may be consecutive or non-consecutive and can include repeated late arrivals after the register has closed.

Regular attendance is crucial in helping children build resilience, establish healthy routines, maintain friendships and achieve their full potential. Even occasional absences for minor illnesses can quickly accumulate, affecting both academic progress and wellbeing.

As always, we are committed to working in partnership with families and providing support where needed to ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to thrive. If you would like support as a family for any reason with regards to attendance, please contact Mrs Sue Hua (Deputy Headteacher) or our Headship team who is keen to support you.

Every day matters. Every lesson counts. Every child deserves the opportunity to be in school, learning and flourishing.

School Volunteer



We are delighted to share that John Collins, a school volunteer on the Premises Team, will be supporting the Caretakers on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at St Joseph's. He will be known as "JC" to the community. JC loves swimming, music and going to the gym. He also has Down's Syndrome and may require a little patience and support before he is fully confident with his duties. Thank you for your care and kindness towards him.

Fidget Toys



Please be mindful that there are well-documented concerns about the safety and suitability of a wide range of “fidget toys” which are hazardous when ingested or damaged. We work hard in school to ensure everything we bring into the environment is safe and suitable for the children. **Please do not allow your child to bring in any form of fidget toy from home. If staff are concerned about the safety or suitability of toys from home, they may have no choice but to confiscate them, which will be uncomfortable for everyone involved.** Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

From the Children’s Commissioner - Dame Rachel de Souza



Please complete [The Big Future survey](#). As the Children's Commissioner I've launched this survey so you can have your say on what it's like to be a child or young person in England today. I will take your views to the Government, to help them make life better for children. Everything you tell me will be kept private. You don't have to answer any question if you don't want to. There are no right or wrong answers. Just answer honestly! To find out more, visit my [website](#).

Upcoming Diary Dates

Wednesday 16th September

Welcome Back Meeting (Years 1 - 6) - *Presentation from Mr Collins at 2:45pm followed by Year Leader briefings in classrooms straight after pick up.*

Friday 18th September

6A's Class Assembly - 10:10am

5L Swimming

Tuesday 22nd September

School Photos

Wednesday 23rd September

Nursery Photos

Thursday 24th September

School Tour - Call 01483 888401 to book your place

Friday 25th September

5J's Class Assembly - 10:10am

5L Swimming