



St Adrian's Catholic Primary School



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"To learn, to love, to live as a community of God with Christ as our teacher."

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Just like that, another academic year has passed! We will say farewell to another great Year 6 cohort as they leave behind St Adrian's to travel to pastures new on their journey to their respective secondary schools.

It has been another incredibly busy and jam-packed year, especially in the summer term with all the sports competitions, the assemblies, plays, Masses, trips, open evening, transition days and so much more.

I would like to firstly thank the fantastic staff we are blessed to have here in St Adrian's. Each member of this team gives it their all to ensure that the children get the best provision possible with the greatest opportunities to help them grow and flourish. The running of this school truly is a team effort, with every single person here playing an important part. I am truly grateful for all the hard work and commitment from everyone, particularly at the time when mum was passing. A special thanks to Mrs Gallaher with the help of Mrs Gibbons who kept the school running smoothly in my absence.

Thank you once again to Madame Dembek who has taught in the school for 8 years. Many children have thrived in French and will hopefully have a good basis as they move on to secondary. We wish her all the best for the future. Bonne chance et au revoir!

As well as having a fantastic team surrounding me, there is a very supportive governing body who helps with the strategic management of the school. I am fortunate to have so many governors who have such a great knowledge of the history of St Adrian's and also bring their own area of expertise to the role. It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to 2 very long standing members of the governing body. Thank you to Mr Edward Behan who has served St Adrian's for 12 years and has been fully immersed in life here with his 3 children attending here as well.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Jackie Harrison who has served the St Adrian's School community tirelessly for an outstanding 28 years. Her knowledge of the school and her almost photographic memory for facts and figures about the history of St Adrian's will certainly be missed. Both Jackie and Ed have been such a guiding force in upholding the Mercy charism of the school and ensuring that the children of St Adrian's receive the best quality of Catholic education possible. We thank them both for the many years they have given. When we return in September, we will invite both of you back to our Mercy Mass so you may say your goodbyes to the staff, parents and the children. Once again, thank you.

Last night, Fr Francis celebrated our wonderful Year 6 Leavers' Mass. He spoke so fondly to the children giving them lots of advice and guiding points. We thank Fr Francis for the wonderful links we



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have with the parish and his commitment to ensuring the bonds between school, home and the parish are strong.

Parents, thank you once again for all the wonderful gifts given to all the staff and also for your unwavering support of the school. We appreciate all your help as we work together for the benefit of the children. This partnership is vital to ensure we get the very best out of them.

Thank you also to Mrs Smith, Ms Cristofoli and all of the PTA who have raised a huge amount of money over the past year. Our intention is to install a trim trail in the KS2 area and also some seating for a prayer area there too. We endeavour for the work on this to begin in the new term. Thank you also to all the parents and families for your generosity in all the events. Without your support, there are many projects around the school that couldn't have been achieved. Don't forget the welcome back BBQ on Saturday 28th September 2024.

As always, the children of St Adrian's are what really makes this school such an incredible place to work. They are so inquisitive, thoughtful, resilient and hardworking. They have so many great talents to share and it is a pleasure to be part of their educational journey in life.

The staff of St Adrian's wish you all a wonderfully, (hopefully sunny) happy and blessed summer break. We look forward to welcoming you and all the children back on Wednesday 4th September 2024.

God bless.

Mrs Porter
Headteacher

GOODBYE AND GOD BLESS - TO THE CLASS OF 2024

