

The Botwell Bulletin

We place Christ at the heart at the heart of everything we do to inspire excellence

Learning Looks:

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible for the 'Learning looks' that are scheduled (see timings below). These sessions are a great opportunity to see your child's learning in class: looking at the classroom environment as well as their efforts in their exercise books. This is not for catching up with the teacher about their learning as there is a separate parents evening for this.

So how does it work?

Drop your children off at 8:35am or as early as possible after this, so that the class can get registered and all books etc organised in preparation for your visit. Once you have dropped your child off, go into the school hall where there is seating available as well as tea, coffee etc. Excitingly, our caterers will be there providing some meat and vegetarian food tasters from our menu... there may even be a desert!

If you cannot make these sessions please do discuss this with your child before so they are clear and also let the teacher know via the app so that we can support them, as some children get upset and we're doing everything that we can to avoid this.

Important: No admittance after 9:00am. As with every event this year and going forwards if you are not there at the start you will not be able to gain entrance. This is for safeguarding reasons and health and safety.

Learning Look Dates

- Tuesday 3rd November – Reception, Year 4, Year 5
- Wednesday 4th November – Year 1, Year 2, Year 3

(Year 6 parents you will be able to look at your child's books at the face-to-face parents' evening on Wednesday 11th November).

Celebrating St Anthony Mary Claret



Today, our Claretian Flames children visited classrooms to tell the children about St Anthony Mary Claret and his love for God and others. They gave each child a bookmark to keep as we

Upcoming events

Monday 2nd November

- Children return to school

Wednesday 11th November

- Year 6 parents evening

Thursday 19th November

- Parents' Evening for Reception-Year 5

Friday 27th November

- Choir at the Mayor's 'turning on the Christmas lights' event

celebrate his feast day tomorrow, 24th October.

Thank you to our Claretian Flames for helping our school family mark this special occasion!

Commissioning Our Claretian Flames and Pupil Chaplaincy Team



Fr Jude visited our Year 3 and 4 Claretian Flames and Year 5 and 6 Pupil Chaplains in the chapel. The children told him what they had been doing to celebrate the feast day of St Anthony Mary Claret. He then gave them a blessing and commissioned them into their roles.

We look forward to seeing them share God's love and help lead prayer and worship across our school. Please keep them in your prayers as they take on these special responsibilities.

Parent Volunteer Wanted – OPAL Play Working Group



As mentioned in last week's Bulletin, we are looking for a parent volunteer to join our OPAL working group. This would involve meeting with Mrs Slater (our OPAL lead), Mrs Vasile (our OPAL champion) and Sister Eileen (our OPAL governor) to help lead the initiative in our school.

OPAL is an award-winning programme that aims to improve children's play experiences by providing more creative, active and imaginative opportunities during playtimes. It encourages children to explore, take appropriate risks, work together and use a wider range of materials and resources to make their play more enjoyable.

If you are interested in getting involved and helping us make playtimes even better for our children, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the school office or send a message to Mrs Slater via the Botwell App to express your interest.

Book bags and water bottle



Just a reminder that after half term, we expect all children to have the Botwell bookbag, as shown to the left. Backpacks will no longer be permitted in school.

Also, a reminder that water bottles need to be transparent and no larger than 750ml.

Attendance



Well done to everyone for your efforts with attendance this half term!

We are pleased to share that 13 out of our 21 classes achieved attendance of 96% or above across the whole half term. A special congratulations to 4 Brennan, who achieved the highest class attendance over this period. You will receive a reward on your return after half term.

Our highest-attending year group was Year 5, so well done to all the children and families in Year 5 for helping to achieve this fantastic result!

Thank you to all our families for your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly and make the most of every learning opportunity. Let's keep up the good work next half term!

Learning Labs Tuition

Learning Labs Tuition has partnered with Botwell House Catholic Primary School this academic year to provide additional support in Maths & English to our students. This will include Maths and English support, 11+ Grammar School preparation, SATs preparation, and help with school homework! They will be running Botwell House specific courses that have been made to help our students progress and improve at school. We have arranged subsidies and discounts of **up to 50%** for our families and we encourage you to register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. There are limited spaces available. If your child is already enrolled with us, please note that **your discounted rates are already applied**. Please get in touch at the number below to book a free consultation, or fill in the online form below to register your interest.

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Prayer and Reflection

As we celebrate the feast of St Anthony Mary Claret, our school's patron saint, we are reminded of his unwavering faith, compassion and commitment to serving others. As a missionary, he believed that God's love should be shared through both words and actions. His legacy continues to inspire our community at Botwell House, encouraging us all to be modern-day missionaries who lead with love. May we follow his example by placing Christ at the heart of everything we do, bringing hope, kindness and compassion to those around us.

St Anthony Mary Claret, pray for us.

Dear Lord,

Guide us to recognise the gifts you have given each of us and use them to make a difference in the world. Through the intercession of St Anthony Mary Claret, give us the courage to stand up for what is right and the wisdom to listen to those in need. Strengthen the bonds between our families, school and parish, so that together we may grow in faith and unity. May our lives be a reflection of your goodness, today and always.

Amen.

