



*'Jesus said: I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life! John 8:12
Our Mission: 'Be the light'*

Friday 4th September 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and found some time to rest and recharge. It has been lovely to see the children return to St. Godric's with such energy and enthusiasm. Our Reception children have made a really positive start - settling into routines, getting to know one another and growing in confidence each day.

Our Nursery children have also begun the term so well, and we're looking forward to welcoming the additional children who will be joining Nursery next week after spending time with us on their visits.

A warm welcome to all new families joining St. Godric's this year. We're delighted to have you with us and are looking forward to the year ahead. For those new to the school, our newsletter is sent every Friday. It shares highlights from the week, attendance information and key updates for the week ahead.

We also like to share key dates for the school year with you at this time. We are still awaiting confirmation of some key dates so this will be shared at the beginning of next week.

News from this week...

A super start!

We are so pleased with how well the children have settled back into school and are embracing their learning.







Be the light!

For those of you new to our school, this is our mission.

Our Vision: 'Jesus said: I am the light of the World. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.' John 8: 12

Our Mission:

Simple but powerful – 'Be the light'

Our values:

Generosity
Optimism
Determination
Respect
Inclusion
Compassion



Attendance for this week

Year Group	Attendance
Year 6	100.0%
Year N2	100.0%
Year 2	99.4%
Year 1	98.5%
Year R	97.0%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	96.6%
Year 3	95.0%

An incredible start to school for our Year 6 and our current Nursery children.



Our school target is 97.7%. Each week, the class with the highest percentage is presented with the attendance trophy for the week.



Curriculum Evening

On Thursday 10th September at 5pm, we will be holding our annual curriculum evening. The session lasts for around an hour and begins with a whole-school presentation in the hall, where staff introduce themselves and share a little about their roles in school.

After this, parents are invited to visit their child's classroom to hear more about the curriculum and the topics that will be covered throughout the year.

Please note that this is an information evening rather than individual parent meetings. Parents' evening will take place later in the half term.

Arbor

We use Arbor, our school management system, to make it easier for families to stay connected and manage day-to-day school life. Parents can log in using the Arbor App or for a more detailed view, can use the website. Link: [Arbor website](#)

We send out our parental communications via Arbor and store important information about your child(ren) such as parental contact numbers, allergy information and religion. Please ensure you regularly log in to your child's account to update us with any changes, read any correspondence and keep on top of bookings and payments. Some items are added to your account for payment e.g. trips and for some, you need to book yourself eg. Clubs and additional Nursery time.

School Meals

School meals for Reception, Y1 and Y2 children are free. The cost for Nursery children and KS2 is £3 per day. If you wish to change your child from dinners to packed lunch or vice versa, we need one week notice before the change can be made. If you think you may be entitled to pupil premium and free school meals, please complete the form by clicking on the link: [free School meals eligibility](#)

Wraparound Care

Before and after school club can be booked via the Arbor app. We simply ask that you book with at least 24 hours notice. Before school club is £5 and we open from 7.30am. After school club is £6.50 and children can be picked up anytime before we close at 5.30pm.



Nursery children

Our Nursery hours are:

8.45-11.45 mornings

11.45-2.45 afternoons

8.45-2.45 full day

If you wish for your child to stay at school until 3.15pm on any of the days, please ensure the school office know about this and log in to your Arbor account to pay for the additional half hour (£3 per day).

Uniform reminder

Just a reminder of our school uniform policy. When it is not PE, children should be wearing black school shoes.

Uniform

Grey trousers or shorts / Grey skirt or pinafore dress Red/white checked dress (summer)

White polo shirt

Burgundy sweatshirt or burgundy cardigan

Black school shoes (no boots)

PE

Burgundy T-shirt and black shorts and trainers.

Children who attend breakfast and/or after school club should also bring trainers in with them.

On PE days, please make sure that shorts are black and are knee length or just above. Please note that earrings should not be worn in school at all. Many thanks for your support.



Coming up next week:

Monday 7th Sept – new Nursery children to start

Thur 10th Sept – Y5 Swimming

Thur 10th Sept 5pm – Curriculum Evening

A Prayer for the First Week Back

Loving God,

Thank you for the first week of our new school year - for the smiles, the friendships, and the steady routines beginning to take shape.

Bless our children as they continue to settle in. Give them confidence in their learning, kindness in their words, and joy in the discoveries they make each day.

Bless our staff and families too. Guide us in supporting one another so that St Godric's remains a place where every child feels safe, valued and loved.

Amen.

Kind regards

Mrs Bridon
Head Teacher