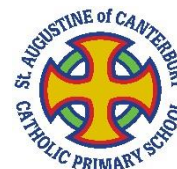


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NEWSLETTER 8

9.1.26

School's Attendance
92.26%
Target
96.4%

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very Happy New Year to you all!

It is wonderful to be back at school again following a prolonged period of illness. Thank you for your well wishes and warm welcome on the playground this week. As Mr Isaacs has indicated in his letter, I will have a gradual return for a short period before commencing full-time again soon.

I would like to extend my most sincere gratitude to Mr Isaacs for leading the school as Acting Headteacher in my absence. He has done a tremendous job and ensured continuity and stability for the school during the Autumn term. I would like to also thank Mrs Fitzpatrick, who has also done a brilliant job supporting Mr Isaacs whilst maintaining her role as SENCO. We are very fortunate indeed to have such an experienced and brilliant team, across the whole school. This was clearly evident during the Ofsted inspection which took place before Christmas.

Mr Isaacs has been promoting the message of school attendance. It is essential your child is in **school every day and on time**. Our most recent % attendance figure is listed above and is clearly too low. We committed therefore to working with families to ensure attendance improves. You will all be aware that requests for leave during term-time are not permitted unless under very rare and exceptional circumstances.

Finally, I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Mrs Foord for all of her work running the after-school club for many years. Mrs Foord and her team worked extremely hard for the after-school club. You will still see Mrs Foord around school as she still runs a fabulous breakfast club in addition to her role as a lunchbreak supervisor. Thank you to all of the staff who contributed to the after-school club.

May God bless,

Mr Mark Hilliam,
Headteacher

Welcoming the New Year With Prayer

As this New Year commences, let us remember the past year and truly repent of all that has hindered us from abiding in You.

Forgive us, for the promises and resolutions we made and never fulfilled. Forgive us, for the times we neglected prayer and Your word as our focus.

Let us recall the things that hindered us from getting closer to You and keeping Your word. Help us Lord, to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

read the full prayer @ christianstt.com

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This NHS-approved platform offers self-guided, evidence-based programmes designed to support low mood and anxiety, drawing on the principles of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT). Developed by clinical experts, the programmes are free, confidential, and accessible anytime via mobile phone, tablet, or computer.

In addition to resources for young people aged 12 and above, SilverCloud also provides tailored modules for parents and carers of children aged 5 and upwards, helping them to better support their child's emotional wellbeing.

To ensure professionals feel confident in introducing SilverCloud to families, Northpoint will be hosting a webinar. This session will demonstrate how the system works and provide an opportunity to ask questions, so you are fully equipped to guide parents, carers, and young people who may wish to access the service.

The webinar will be available on these dates;

Wednesday 28th January from 15:30 - 16:30

Thursday 5th February from 15:30 - 16:30

To sign up to the webinar, please email bnssg.childrensperformance@nhs.net and you will be provided with the diary invitation and Microsoft teams link. The webinar will be recorded for those who are not able to attend.

Kind regards,

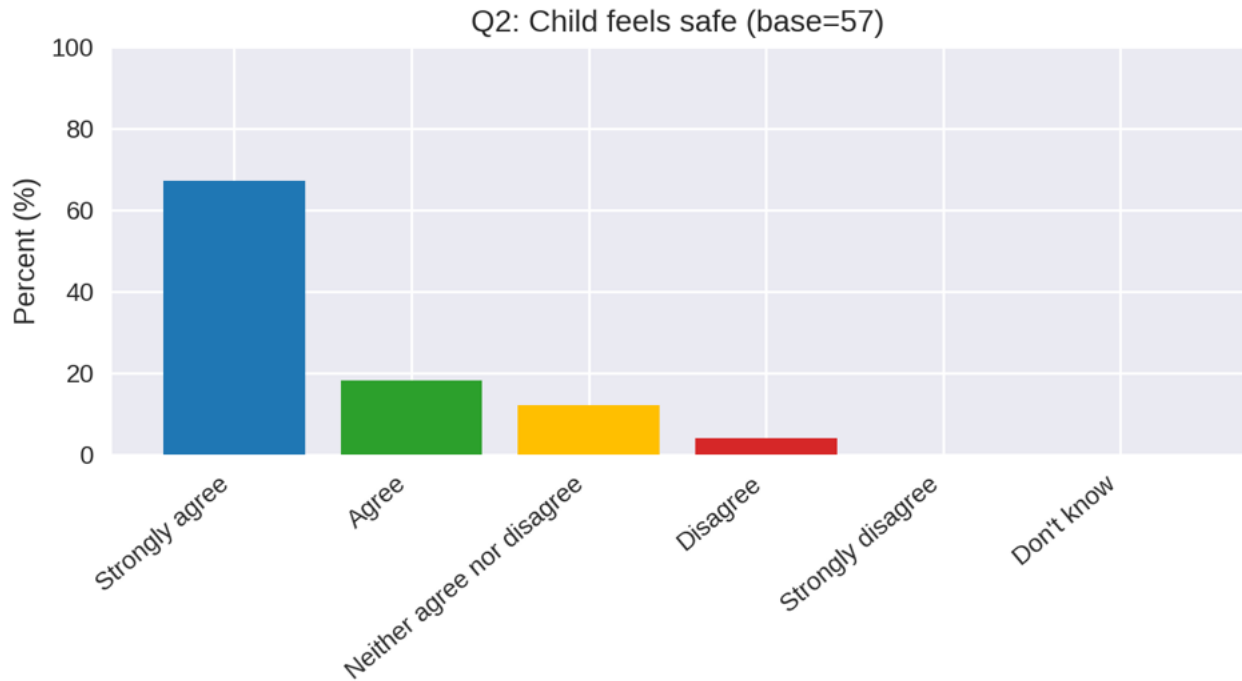


**Health Promotion in
Education Settings**
South Gloucestershire

Parent survey – question 2:

It is very reassuring to note that when asked, 85% of parents said that their child feels safe. Our next step therefore is to ensure that all children feel safe in school. We remind all children to speak to a trusted adult if they are at all worried. This may be anybody in the school and is not just limited to teachers or teaching assistants.

Q2: Child feels safe



Dates for your diary

Friday	13 th	February	INSET Day 4 – School closed
Thursday	2 nd	April	INSET Day 5 – School closed
Monday	15 th	December	Reception Class Nativity at 2:00pm
Tuesday	16 th	December	KS1 Nativity at 2:00pm and 5:30pm
Wednesday	17 th	December	KS2 Carol Service at 6:00pm
Wednesday	17 th	December	Christmas lunch Christmas jumper day
Thursday	18 th	December	KS2 Theatre trip to see Treasure Island KS1 trip to see Antarctica
Friday	19 th	December	Christmas mass, 9:30am
Friday	19 th	December	Term 2 ends HALF DAY: CHILDREN TO BE COLLECTED AT 1:40pm
Christmas Holidays			
Monday	5 th	January	Term 3 starts
Tuesday	6 th	January	Epiphany mass, 9:30am
Tuesday	27 th	January	Year 5 Pedestrian Training (online session)
Wednesday	28 th	January	Year 5 Pedestrian Training (practical session)
Friday	23 rd	January	Year 6 class assembly
Thursday	29 th	January	Mathstermind 2
Friday	30 th	January	Year 4 class mass, 2:30pm
Monday	2 nd	February	Travelling Book Fair (for 1 week)
Friday	6 th	February	Year 5 class assembly
Tuesday	10 th	February	Parents' Evening (3:40pm to 7:00pm)
Thursday	12 th	February	Parents' Evening (3:40pm to 6:30pm)
Friday	13 th	February	Term 3 ends: INSET Day 4
February Half-term			
Monday	23 rd	February	Term 4 starts
Wednesday	25 th	February	Maths Themed Day 2
Friday	6 th	March	Year 4 class assembly
Wednesday	18 th	March	Year 2 class liturgy, 2:30pm
Friday	27 th	March	Year 3 class assembly
Thursday	2 nd	April	Term 4 ends INSET Day 5
Easter Holidays			
Monday	20 th	April	Term 5 starts
Friday	24 th	April	Year 2 class assembly
Friday	15 th	May	Year 1 class assembly
Friday	22 nd	May	Term 5 ends
May Half-term			
Monday	1 st	June	Term 6 starts
Wednesday	10 th	June	Maths Themed Day 3
Friday	12 th	June	Reception class assembly
Tuesday	21 st	July	Term 6 ends