



October 2025

Newsletter



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

Welcome to October's Newsletter. Please take a moment to read this month's newsletter to stay informed and find out how you can support your child's journey at school.

*Mrs Barnaville &
Mrs Gallagher*

Schools Mass

Last week, our Head Boy, Head Girl, and newly appointed Faith Ambassadors proudly represented our school at the Schools Mass held at St Mary's Church. Every school in our diocese was represented. Led by Canon Michael, the service included a special commissioning, entrusting our pupils with the responsibility of serving our community. We are confident they will carry out this role with dedication and integrity.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

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CANCER SUPPORT

As always, our Macmillan Coffee Morning was a wonderful success, raising an impressive £526.00 for this fantastic charity. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along to support the event, and special thanks to Miss Williams and Mrs Jones for their brilliant organisation. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!



Harvest Celebration

Thank you for your generous donations to our Food Bank collection. Your kindness will make a real difference to many families in need. It's heartwarming to see the message of Jesus "Love one another", reflected so beautifully in the actions of our school community. Through their contributions, our children are living out the Catholic Social Teaching principle of showing a preferential option for the poor and vulnerable.



Black History Month

Each October, we proudly celebrate Black History Month. This year, our children explored the theme “*Standing Firm in Power and Pride*”, reflecting on the resilience, strength, and progress within the Black community. We were fortunate to host two days of engaging workshops led by an external provider, where pupils learned about influential Black icons and their contributions to history, culture, and society. It was a powerful and inspiring experience for all.



Attendance

Please see below the attendance data for September

Please remember to consult our Attendance Policy for the correct process and time frame for you to request any Leave of Absence for your child. Under the new guidance, Leave of Absence can only be authorised by the Head Teacher in the most exceptional of circumstances and in accordance with your School's Attendance Policy.

A gentle reminder: Absences immediately before or after school holidays will be reviewed. We may ask for supporting information to help us record them accurately.

Class	%
Bears	95.8
Tigers	95.6
1M	97.7
1P	93.6
2M	97.9
2P	98.0
3M	98.4
3P	97.7
4M	99.9
4P	96.8
5M	98.5
5P	97.2
6M	95.0
6P	97.4
Totals Average	97.4

COMMUNICATION

If you have any concerns or queries about your child, please contact the class teacher via email at help@smdpluton.co.uk. Teachers are unable to speak with parents on the playground at the end of the day, as their priority is ensuring children are dismissed safely and are often then required to attend meetings and/or training courses or run clubs after the school day ends. They will respond to your message when they are able to give you the time and attention your query deserves.

All school communication is sent via parentmail—please ensure you are signed up to receive updates so you don't miss important information. While Class Dojo is used within school for classroom activities, it is not a platform for parent-teacher communication. This helps us keep messages consistent and avoid overwhelming families with information from multiple sources. Messages sent to teachers via Class Dojo will not be read or responded to. If you have any concerns relating to your child, their class teacher will be more than happy to help but this needs to be emailed to **help@smdpluton.co.uk** and they will respond at their earliest convenience.

Late Collection

Last week we sent out the late collection policy to all parents as we have noticed an increase in late collections from both **the end of the school day** and **after-school clubs**. Please take the time to read this so that you are aware of the procedures we may need to follow if late collection becomes a recurring issue.

And finally.....

We wish you all a happy and safe October half term. Please remember the school is shut for two weeks from Monday 20th October. The pupils return back on Monday 3rd November.

