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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Friends of Margaret Roper**

Please see flyers below for the Summer Festival and Lolly Fridays, which start today. I can't think of a better day to commence Lolly Fridays than today – it is so warm! The Summer Festival has been carefully planned by Jo Wiley, Daniela Chivers, Anna Bond and all the Friends of Margaret Roper committee and we'll be asking for help through your class reps. Don't miss out! It is so wonderful that we are able to have community events this year – we have missed them – and I know it will be a roaring success. You can book places through ParentPay – the link is open.

### **Quiz Club**

*On Tuesday, Kanya, Isabella, Laurence and Rajarshi took part in an online semi-final for the Maths Quiz Club Championship. 91 schools were taking part and it consisted of 30 questions. We played amazingly well, although there were some tricky questions and we managed to make it through to the national finals. We finished joint 11<sup>th</sup>, but the top 15 schools got through to the finals, scoring over 1500 points. The National Finals will take place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June, and we will be going up to central London to compete against schools from all over the country. Wish us luck!*  
*Report by Kanya.*

### **Warm weather**

I sent a letter to all families earlier in the week. With the weather so hot, it's a blessing and a challenge equally. While the weather stays warm, I have excused ties for all pupils and am directing them not to wear their jumpers. We will continue this for next week, as the forecast is still warm, though not as hot as today. Please make sure that your children have water bottles, that they are named and that you apply and provide sunscreen for anyone who needs it (which is mostly everyone). Sun hats are necessary and should be in school every day. We don't want to coop the children up inside, so we will be judging how much outside time they can enjoy safely, and directing the children to find shade; we are lucky that there is lots of shade on the playground. We will avoid using the field in the hottest part of the day, as there is little shade.

### **Sports Day – date for your diary.**

Our whole school sports day will take place commencing at 9.30am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Traditionally, sports day is a fun event, with parents attending to see their children compete for their houses in the different activities, followed by a picnic lunch for everyone on the school field. Parents and families are very welcome to join us for this. We haven't been able to run this for a couple of years, so it will be lovely to have it back.

## Sports News

Congratulations to Ted Englefield, Y5, who took part in the Westminster Vitality Mile recently. Ted ran the mile in 6 minutes and 6 seconds and was first in his Boys U11 category. What a great result! Very well done, Ted. Ted runs also for South London Harriers and competes at a very high level.

## We Miss you

Coming home in hard copy today, and attached to this letter below, is a letter from Archbishop John Wilson. The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales announced the reinstatement of the Sunday obligation from Pentecost on 5<sup>th</sup> June. More information can be found here:

[Bishops' invitation to return to Mass at Pentecost: Archdiocese of Southwark \(rcsouthwark.co.uk\)](http://rcsouthwark.co.uk)

This call from our Archbishop is not intended to 'guilt' Catholics back to weekly Mass attendance; rather it is an invitation from the church to fully rejoin in the Mass, as Archbishop John says "...the source of our faith; to the place where we are spiritually restored and replenished."

Please read the letter from Archbishop John carefully. Also included is a smaller letter, which the Archbishop has asked if you could share with somebody you know who might not have returned to Mass as yet. If you can pass it on, then please do.

Last Sunday was Trinity Sunday, and in our assembly, we thought about the mystery of the Holy Spirit. This Thursday was the feast of Corpus Christi (Body of Christ) and this is celebrated on the Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. So, it is a very appropriate time to consider how our faith is enriched and restored by receiving Christ in the Eucharist.

Sunday is also Father's Day and inspired by St Joseph, the foster-father to Jesus who shows us that there are many ways of being a father. Each of us has our own experience of what a father means to us; some may have happy thoughts and others may not. But whether we have happy thoughts or sad thoughts about fathers, the good news is that each of us has a loving Father in heaven!

Father God,

We give thanks for all fathers and father figures in our lives. Please bless them and help them to be good fathers to their children.

We pray for those people who, for whatever reason, don't have a father figure in their lives. The Bible tells us that you are a 'Father to the fatherless.' May they know your deep love and care for them.

Let's say together:

**All:**

**Father God,  
Thank you that we are all your children  
and that you love and care for us.  
Amen**



### Isaac Brett RIP

I am very sad to inform you that a past pupil, Isaac Brett, passed away just before half term, aged just 18 yrs. Some of you may know his family; he also had two sisters that attended Margaret Roper, Tamara and Saeren. I have sent a Mass card and a letter to his family and Mass will be offered in school for Isaac, as well as a memorial placed in the Fr Salmon Garden. Please keep the family in your prayers. An online tribute and donation page for The Lucy Rayner Foundation has been set up where people can leave memories of Isaac and thoughts for the family. See <https://isaacbrett.muchloved.com/>

**'St John the Baptist Youth Club'**: Thank you to all who attended the first session last Sunday. We got to know each other, created a code of conduct and took suggestions for future sessions. **35 children attended!**

The Club (10-15 year olds) continues this Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> of June, 4:15-5:45pm, in the church hall. This week's activity: **reflective clay activity**. Also, as requested, we'll have dodgeball in the main hall, along with the usual games.

Email [jtbyouthclub@gmail.com](mailto:jtbyouthclub@gmail.com) to register and remember to bring a water bottle.'

See some pictures of the youth group below:

### Diary of dates for the rest of the term:

28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day 9.30am
13 <sup>th</sup> July	EOY production 'Beauty and the Beast' 7pm
14 <sup>th</sup> July	EOY production 'Beauty and the Beast' 7pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Mass 6.30pm Salmon Garden
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Ropers Got Talent Final 9am
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of term finish 1.15pm

Stars of the week:	Writers of the week:	Mathematicians of the week
<b>Ebosetale &amp; Marina</b>	<b>Benji S</b>	<b>Lucy</b>
<b>Rocco &amp; Arabella</b>	<b>Chimdi</b>	<b>Michael</b>
<b>Reyes &amp; Florence</b>	<b>Neveah</b>	<b>Lori</b>
<b>Ara &amp; Matteo</b>	<b>Ella</b>	<b>Olivia</b>
<b>Santi &amp; Matilda</b>		<b>Athena</b>
<b>Anna &amp; Nathan</b>	<b>Santi</b>	<b>Isabella</b>
<b>Oliver R &amp; Ellie</b>	<b>Harry</b>	<b>Kanya</b>

Happy birthday to Marissa, Leila & Sam who all celebrate their birthdays around this time. We hope you have a great day.

This week's Attendance Awards are as follows:

Y5 - 99.66 % Highest Attendance

Y4 100 % Punctuality - well done to both classes!

Have a lovely weekend

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FRIENDS OF  
MARGARET ROPER  
SCHOOL PRESENTS

16  
JULY



4PM  
9PM

JOIN IN THE FUN AT OUR  
**SUMMER**  
★ **FESTIVAL** ★



**BOUNCY INFLATABLES \* BUNGEE RUN \*  
DISCO \* DJ \* PIRATE ZONE \* OUTDOOR  
KITCHEN \* THE PLAYGROUND BAR**

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• **ICE CREAM HUB • THE PAVILLION SWEET STORE \*  
RAFFLE PRIZES \* AND MUCH MORE**

**TO PRE-ORDER YOUR FOOD,  
CONTACT YOUR CLASS REP FOR  
ORDER FORM**

**ENTRY FEE: £2 PER PERSON (VIA  
PARENTPAY)  
£3 ON THE DAY  
UNDER 3'S GO FREE**

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# ICE LOLLY

FRIDAY'S ARE BACK!

COOL DOWN AND START THE WEEKEND

From this Friday a selection of ice pops will be available  
to buy from our ice pop-up shop!

Ice pops £1 each

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St John the Baptist Parish Youth Group  
– Looks like fun!



Westminster Mile Medalist!