



Open Evening

On Tuesday we welcomed prospective year 5 and 6 children and their families at our St John Fisher open evening. We were incredibly busy but all were able to tour the school and take part in the many activities our staff had prepared for the children to give them a flavour of all we have to offer. From working out in the gym to making banana cake in Food to looking at combustibles in Science to putting your senses to the test in English with different foods and smells. It really was an evening enjoyed by all.

Diocesan Schools Mass

Last week we also took representatives from our school to the annual Diocesan Schools Mass in Norwich cathedral. It has been the first one we have been able to hold since the pandemic and it was a special occasion to gather students and staff from all the schools together again.

Theme for the week

Our focus this week has been 'Precious' and we have considered how precious God considers us to be that He has provided each of us with a guardian angel. We also considered how precious other people are by appreciating the work of Gandhi who dedicated his life to protecting others.

We also have an extra full page on the Diocesan Mass that took place last week written by our Lay Chaplain Rowena Goodfellow.

Kate Pereira

Upcoming Events	
17 October	Year 11 Options Evening 7pm – 9pm.
23–27 October	Half term.
14 November	Year 8 & 12 Parents Evening.

Academic Tutoring

Post 16

2 October – 13 October 2023

Sports Leaders Award

On Tuesday 3 October we took our Year 10 Sport Leaders to Jack Hunt to receive their football referee training from Dan England



from Hunts FA. The students did a fantastic job and are looking forward to refereeing and leading their first primary school festival on Thursday 16 November.

Mrs Foster, 2nd in PE

YDP News

This week we played our first competitive fixture as we travelled to Writtle in the first round of the cup. A very strong first half performance that saw us hit the woodwork three times, however we went into the break at 1-1. The boys kicked on in the second half and came back from being 2-1 down to win the game 3-2. Well done Year 13.

Connor Peters & Elvis Munyiri, AllStars Managers



Breakfast - Free Bagels

Why not start the day with a filling breakfast. Our Breakfast club runs every day between 8.10am and 8.30am all students are welcome to come and join us in the Dining Hall for a free bagel.



New to You Uniform

As a school we are aware that the current cost of living is a concern for many of us. We are hoping to trial selling good quality second hand uniform 3 or 4 times a year. To be able to do this we are asking for any uniform your child has grown out of be donated to school. This can be sent in with your child or dropped off at reception. Obviously, it will take time for us to build up a good supply, so when these sales take place will be dependent on how much uniform is donated. Hopefully this will benefit lots of our students and we will be very grateful for any items.

Mrs Reid and Mr Cowlin, Student Support Officers



Diocesan Schools Mass

Last week we were honoured to be part of the Diocesan Schools Mass, celebrated by Bishop Peter Collins at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, Norwich. All 28 schools from the Diocese, some 800 students and staff attended. We celebrated the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels. The Mass and music was very beautiful and it was lovely to see Bishop Peter talking to our young people. During his homily he talked about our Diocesan family of schools and the importance of the Archangels and our guardian angels. I wish to thank the students, who represented our school, for their conduct and respect throughout the day. Each school was presented with prayer cards to our guardian angels, a copy of which has been given to each student in our school. If you would like to read the Diocesan article please click on this link [750 pupils from across Diocese attend Schools Mass - Catholic Diocese Of East Anglia \(rcdea.org.uk\)](https://www.rcdea.org.uk) - Mrs Goodfellow



I was privileged to represent our school by carrying the St John Fisher banner down the aisle – Nathasha, year 10

This event was truly amazing. The service was organised beautifully making sure everyone felt completely involved. I thoroughly enjoyed every part of this event and I am so glad that I got the opportunity to attend it – Iris, year 10.



I was honoured to meet the bishop at Norwich Cathedral where he welcomed all the schools from our diocesan family - Sean, year 12



I really enjoyed how beautiful the Cathedral was, from the inside and outside. Everything from the patterns on the pillars, the carvings in the supports under the roof and even the size of the building were amazing. The music that played from the organ, as well as the singing from the choir definitely made it even better. I'm glad that I was given the opportunity to experience it – Andre, year 12



During the homily, Bishop Peter invited a representative from each school to join him at the front of the cathedral where they introduced themselves to us and each other. It was a special moment to see the children talk to each other. After Mass, we all sat outside and had lunch heading back to school. It was a very special event for us to be included in.



Mrs Wilmore, Senior Deputy Headteacher