

— September 2026 —

BRS Newsletter

*"An Excellent Education for all
– so that each student 'should have life & live it to the full.'"*



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*'Academic excellence, spiritual development
and social awareness through Christ.'*



Headteacher Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Welcome to the new academic year at Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy. I hope you have all enjoyed a restful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to school and to see the enthusiasm, positivity and determination with which they have started the new term.

September always brings a sense of excitement and opportunity. It is a time to set new goals, embrace new challenges and build upon previous successes.

We are particularly delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students and their families to our school community, and we look forward to supporting them as they begin this important stage of their educational journey.

At Blessed Robert Sutton, we remain committed to ensuring that every student feels valued, supported and challenged to achieve their full potential. Through high-quality teaching, strong pastoral care and a wide range of opportunities both inside and outside the classroom, we strive to help all students flourish academically, socially and spiritually.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we look forward to another successful, rewarding and fulfilling year for all our students.

God bless,

Mr S Gray
Headteacher



September so far...



We are delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students to Blessed Robert Sutton. They have made an excellent start to secondary school and have quickly settled into life at BRS.

Over the first few weeks, students have embraced new routines, formed new friendships and shown positive attitudes towards learning.

We have been particularly impressed by their enthusiasm, resilience, and willingness to get involved in all aspects of school life.

As part of our Bootcamp programme, we were pleased to welcome the Mental Health Schools Team (MHST) into school to deliver sessions on social media to students across all year groups.

The sessions encouraged students to reflect on their use of social media and explore both the opportunities and challenges it presents. Topics included online safety, digital footprints, screen time, online relationships and the impact social media can have on mental health and wellbeing.



A huge thank you to all the parents and students who attended our Year 11 Success Evening. It was wonderful to see such a fantastic turnout and to share advice, guidance and key information to support our Year 11 students as they prepare for their upcoming exams.

The presentation slides and resources shared during the evening will be available on our website in due course.



BRS Student Leadership

We were delighted to bring together our Student Leadership Team for their first meeting of the year. This was an opportunity for students to meet with staff, discuss their roles and begin planning how they will help to shape and improve school life over the coming year.

During the meeting, students were presented with their Student Leadership badges, recognising the commitment, responsibility and dedication they have shown in earning these important positions.

We are incredibly proud of the students who have stepped forward to take on these important leadership roles. We look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have as ambassadors for our school, supporting their peers and helping to shape the future of our community.



Year 8 Student Leadership



Year 9 Student Leadership



Year 10 Student Leadership



Year 11 Student Leadership



Year 11 Prefects, Head Boys,
Head Girls and Deputy Head
Boy and Head Girl



Head Boy, Head Girl and
Deputy Head Boy and Deputy
Head Girl

Sutton Experience

At Blessed Robert Sutton, learning extends far beyond the classroom through our wide range of enrichment opportunities. The Sutton Experience offers students the chance to develop new skills, pursue their interests and build confidence through participation in clubs, activities and academic support sessions.

From sports, music and drama to chess, languages, reading, homework support and creative arts, there is something for everyone. These opportunities help students develop friendships, enhance their wellbeing and enrich their overall school experience.

We encourage all students to take advantage of the fantastic activities available daily and get involved in the wider life of our school community.

									
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Before School	Breaktime	Before School	Breaktime	Before School	Breaktime	Before School	Breaktime	Before School	Breaktime
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Lunchtime		Lunchtime		Lunchtime		Lunchtime		Lunchtime	
Basketball Sports Hall JD	Trampoline Gym EG	Chaplaincy Team A102 HF	Music Club A115 SG	Library Club Library LM	Silent Study A106 AW	Girls Football Sports Hall RW	Silent Study A106 LH	Library Club Library LM	Silent Study A106 AW
A101 Hub A101 AC	Silent Study A106 RW	Inclusion Hub A109 RW	Chess Club A107 WG	Inclusion Hub A109 LMC	A101 Hub A101 AG	Inclusion Hub A109 AG	Reading Mentors A303 NO	Inclusion Hub A109 PK	Badminton Sports Hall LL
Spanish Revision A111 COJ	Safe to Speak Hub SLS	Safe to Speak Hub SLS	Spanish Films A111 COJ	Safe to Speak Hub SLS	Table Tennis Sports Hall JD	Safe to Speak Hub SLS	Table Top Games A304 PLH	Safe to Speak Hub SLS	Learn Japanese A111 COJ
BRS Buddies B102 EW	Library Club Library DW	Library Club Library DW	A101 Hub A101 MB			Library Club Library DW	A101 Hub A101 LMC	A101 Hub A101 AC	
Afterschool		Afterschool		Afterschool		Afterschool		Afterschool	
No Afterschool Clubs		Homework Support Inc Hub SM	Football Asira JD/LMC	Homework Support Inc Hub SM	Geography Revision B101 HB	Homework Support Inc Hub SM	Clay Club B103 JTC	No Afterschool Clubs	
		School Production Hall AJM		Y11 French Revision A112 CSI		School Production Hall AJM	ECO Club B101 RD/HB	Y11 French Revision A112 CSI	

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Year 6 Parents

Year 6 Parents: Don't Miss the Secondary School Application Deadline!

If your child was born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016 he or she will be starting Year 7 in September 2027. You must apply for a secondary school place through your home Local Authority, by Sunday 31 October 2026.

If you would like your child to be considered for a Catholic school under a religious conviction criterion, there is an additional step:-

Complete the school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF).

Send the completed SIF directly to the school.

Send the required supporting evidence, (for example, a copy of your child's Baptism certificate), directly to the school.

The Supplementary Information Form and supporting evidence must be sent to the school, not to the Local Authority. (The Local Authority application and the school's Supplementary Information Form are separate processes. Both must be completed, by the deadline, if you wish your child to be considered under the school's faith-based admissions criteria).

If the school does not receive the SIF and supporting evidence by the deadline, your child may be placed in a lower admissions category, which could affect their chance of securing a place, even if they have siblings at the school.

If you do not have a copy of your child's Baptism certificate, contact the parish where your child was baptised, as soon as possible, to request a replacement.

Autumn Feast Day

A festive autumn-themed menu poster. The top features a banner with the text 'Join us for our AUTUMN FEAST' in large, colorful, stylized letters. Below this is a smaller banner with 'A World of Flavour All in One Place!'. To the right, a circular badge says '1st October'. The menu is titled 'MENU' in a green brushstroke box. It lists nine items, each preceded by a small leaf icon. At the bottom, three price boxes are shown: 'Mains only £2.50', 'Mains and dessert £3.30', and 'Mains, dessert and drink £3.55'. A final banner at the very bottom says 'Please ask a member of staff for any allergens'. The entire poster is decorated with autumn leaves, pumpkins, and berries.

Join us for our

AUTUMN FEAST

A World of Flavour
All in One Place!

1st October

MENU

- Chicken Korma and naan curry pots
- Sticky Korean pork taco's
- Sweet n sour chicken and veg noodles
- Creamy chicken and veg slice
- Jumbo hot dog and onions
- Chilli con carne and rice
- Sweet chilli chicken wraps
- Beef and veg bolognaise pasta pots
- Pizza selection
- Veggie pasta bake

Mains only	Mains and dessert	Mains, dessert and drink
£2.50	£3.30	£3.55

Please ask a member of staff for any allergens

Term Dates

Advent Term 2026 (Autumn Term)

School Inset Days: Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Advent Term One:

Thursday 3rd September - Friday 23rd October 2026

Half Term: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026

Advent Term Two:

Monday 2nd November - Friday 18th December 2026

Christmas Break: Monday 21st December 2026 - Friday 1st January 2027

Lent Term 2027 (Spring Term)

School Inset Day: Monday 4th January 2027

Lent Term One:

Tuesday 5th January - Friday 12th February 2027

Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2027

Trust Inset Day: Monday 22nd February 2027

Lent Term Two:

Tuesday 23rd February - Thursday 25th March 2027

Easter Break: Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April 2027

Pentecost Term 2027 (Summer Term)

Pentecost Term One:

Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May 2027

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2027

Half Term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2027

Pentecost Term Two:

Monday 7th June - Friday 16th July 2027

School Inset Days: 19th, 20th & 21st July 2027



Important Dates or Events

17th September: Open Evening (Early Closure)

24th September: Year 7 Welcome Mass

Year 7 Tutor Evening 3-4pm

29th September: Year 7 Retreat Day in School

Information & Reminders

Early Closure - Open Evening

Please note that school will close early at 12.15pm on Thursday 17th September for Open Evening to allow staff time to prepare for the event.

Pupils eligible for Free School Meals can collect lunch from the canteen before leaving.

The 401 bus has been requested for 12:15pm, but delays of up to 30 minutes are possible. Please contact your child's Year Leader if alternative arrangements are needed.

Parent Pay

Please ensure your child's ParentPay account is regularly checked and topped up to cover the cost of meals, trips, and other school activities.

Keeping accounts in credit helps transactions run smoothly and avoids any disruption to services. If you experience any difficulties accessing ParentPay, please contact the school office for support.

Nut Allergies

We have several students within school who have severe nut allergies.

We are a nut-free school and kindly remind parents/carers and students that nuts and food containing nuts must not be brought into school.

Medication

If your child takes any medication in school, please ensure that you complete and submit a Medical Health Care Plan. The form can be found on our website:

www.robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk/parents/school-life



Open Evening

Blessed Robert Sutton
Catholic Voluntary Academy

Our Mission Statement
To inspire and support all students to achieve exceptional success - academic excellence, spiritual development and social awareness through Christ.

Our Vision
John 10:10, that each student 'should have life and live it to the full'

Scan the QR code to visit our website

Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider

Bluestone Lane, Stapenhill, Burton, DE15 9SD

For current Year 5 and Year 6 students

Thursday, September 17th 2026
5pm - 7pm

Headteacher and Student Leadership Team talks at 5.15pm, 5.45pm and 6.15pm

01283 749450
office@brs.srscmat.co.uk

Mobile Phones

In line with current government guidance, mobile phones should not be seen, used, or heard during the school day.

Students are expected to keep their phones switched off and stored securely in their bags from arrival until the end of the school day.

If a mobile phone is seen, used, or heard, it will be confiscated and the student will receive a sanction in line with our Behaviour Policy.



Uniform and Expectations

At Blessed Robert Sutton, we strive to ensure our school uniform is both smart and affordable, representing the best value for money for families.

To support this, we keep the number of branded items to a minimum, with only the school badge and tie required.

Other uniform items, including white shirts, black trousers or skirts, and black shoes, are widely available from a range of retailers.

Students are expected to arrive at school each day in full uniform, with the correct equipment and a positive attitude to learning. We kindly ask families to ensure that all uniform items meet school expectations, including footwear, jewellery, and PE kit requirements.

If your child experiences difficulties with wearing the correct uniform, please contact your child's head of year.

By working together, we can ensure that every student is ready to learn and can thrive in a calm, purposeful, and supportive environment.

Please use the guidance below to ensure that skirts and footwear meet school expectations.

These examples are designed to help students and families make informed choices when purchasing uniform items.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards.

Acceptable Skirt Policy



Acceptable Shoe Policy



Equipment

GET SEPTEMBER READY!
Stock up now!

STATIONERY SHOP
Affordable School Essentials
BE PREPARED EVERY DAY

PRICE LIST

Black Pen	20p	Board Marker	20p
Purple Pen	20p	Fineliner	40p
Pencil	10p	Highlighter	40p
Small Ruler	10p	Glue Stick	20p
Big Ruler	20p	Paint Brush	60p
Rubber	20p	Whiteboard	£1.00
Sharpener	20p		

OPENING TIMES
BREAK TIME
LUNCH TIME
LOCATED AT STUDENT RECEPTION
Thank you for supporting!

FORGOT YOUR EQUIPMENT?
We've got you covered!
VISIT STUDENT RECEPTION
Be ready. Be organised. Be your best.

OPEN DURING BREAK AND LUNCH
LOW-COST STATIONERY
MONEY RAISED SUPPORTS FUTURE SCHOOL EVENTS!

RUN BY STUDENT PREFECTS

It is crucial that students bring their basic equipment to school every day so they are fully prepared for learning. Please ensure your child has the following equipment with them each day.

A pencil case containing:

- 2 black pens
- 1 purple pen
- 2 pencils
- Glue stick
- Ruler
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Highlighter(s)

Students must also have:

- Scientific calculator
- Reading book
- Student planner
- Whiteboard and whiteboard marker
- Year Group, House and Mission badges attached to their blazer

Having the correct equipment helps students engage fully in lessons, supports organisation, and ensures they are ready to learn from the moment they arrive at school. Please encourage your child to check their equipment each evening and replace any items that have been lost or used up.

Additionally, essential equipment can be purchased from Student Reception should any items need replacing. Please see the price list for further details.

Attendance

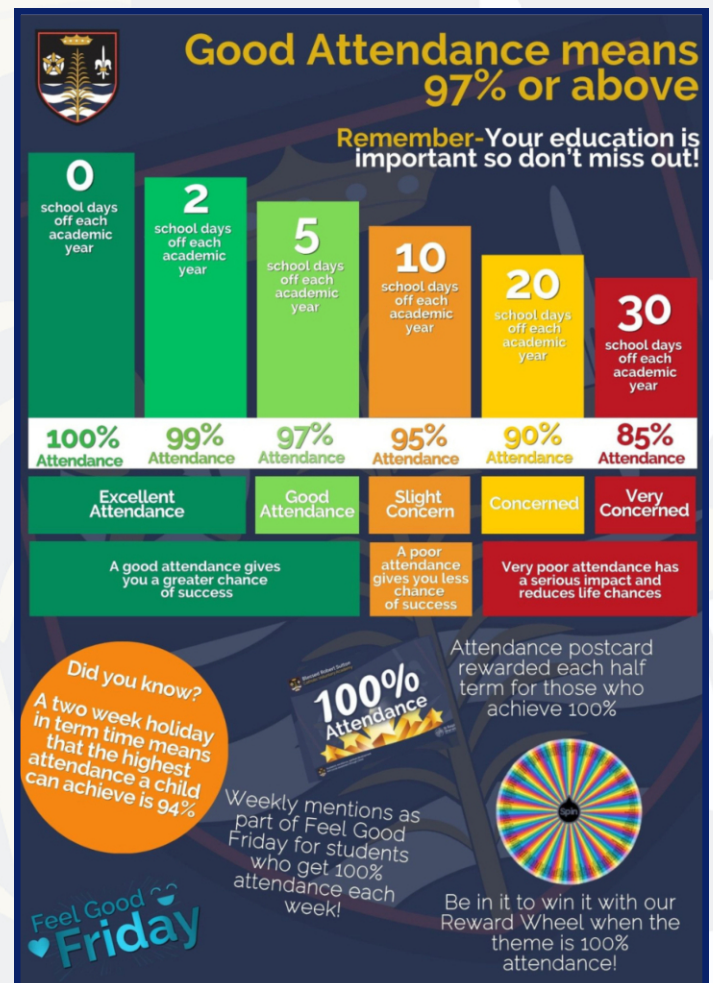
At Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy, excellent attendance is key to success. Every lesson counts, and attending school every day helps students reach their full potential academically, socially, and emotionally.

We work closely with families to promote good attendance and provide support whenever needed. Our aim is for all students to achieve at least 97% attendance, ensuring they do not miss valuable learning opportunities.

Remember:

- Every day in school matters.
- Good attendance supports progress, achievement, and wellbeing.
- Strong routines and punctuality help students feel confident, settled, and ready to learn.
- We are committed to supporting families in overcoming barriers to attendance.

By working together, we can ensure every student has the best possible opportunity to succeed.



If your child is not well enough to come to school, please report via an email to **attendance@brs.srscmat.co.uk** or calling **01283 749481** by 8.25am.

If we have not heard from you, then a member of the Attendance Team will contact you to find out the reason for absence.

Safeguarding

At Blessed Robert Sutton Catholic Voluntary Academy, safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment where all students feel valued, respected, and able to thrive.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and we work closely with students, families, staff, and external agencies to promote the welfare and wellbeing of every child.

All staff receive regular safeguarding training and are committed to identifying and responding to concerns promptly and appropriately.

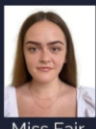
Why Safeguarding Matters-

- Every child has the right to feel safe and protected.
- We listen to students and take their concerns seriously.
- Safeguarding and wellbeing are central to successful learning.
- Parents and carers play a vital role in keeping children safe.
- Support is always available for students and families who need it.

**Blessed Robert Sutton**
Catholic Voluntary Academy

Safeguarding Information

Report any concerns to safeguarding@brs.srscmat.co.uk 01283 749450

Designated Safeguarding Lead  Mr Hopkins	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead  Mrs Smith	Safeguarding Governor  Mrs Harris		
Pastoral Manager  Mr Mills	Attendance Lead & Pastoral Support  Mrs Rowe	Assistant SENCO & Mental Health Lead  Mrs Miller	Pastoral Manager  Mrs Kucharik	
Head of Year 7  Miss Harkin	Head of Year 8  Mrs McDowall	Head of Year 9  Miss Fair	Head of Year 10  Miss Waters	Head of Year 11  Mr Davies

Our first priority is that all children feel safe in school.

If you do not feel safe or you are worried about someone else, you must speak to an adult you trust. The staff listed here are responsible for safeguarding in the school. Please speak to/ email them if you have any concerns.

Child Protection First Response:

Staffordshire: 0300 111 8007
Monday to Thursday 8:30am-5:00pm
Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
(Staffordshire out of hours: 0345 604 2886)
Derbyshire 24hr: 01629 533190
Leicestershire 24hr: 0116 305 0005
Leicester City: 0116 454 1004

If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please contact a member of our safeguarding team.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
-Mr S Hopkins

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
-Mrs S Smith

safeguarding@brs.srscmat.co.uk
01283 749450

For safeguarding policies, advice and support, please visit our website:
www.robertsutton.srscmat.co.uk

Catholic Life

As we begin a new school year, September is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for new beginnings, new friendships, and the many opportunities that lie ahead. We warmly welcome all our new pupils, families, and staff members to our school community and look forward to sharing our faith journey together.

This month, we focus on our school mission and values, reflecting on how we can live as followers of Jesus each day. Through prayer, worship, and acts of kindness, we will work together to create a caring and respectful community where everyone feels loved and valued.

September is also the Season of Creation, a special time when Christians around the world reflect on God's gift of the Earth and our responsibility to care for it. During this season, pupils will be encouraged to think about simple ways they can protect our environment, such as reducing waste, recycling, and appreciating the beauty of God's creation.

Throughout the month, classes will take part in collective worship, prayer opportunities, and activities that help us grow in faith. We will explore how Jesus calls us to show compassion, forgiveness, and generosity to others, both within our school and in the wider community.



September Prayer

Loving God,

Thank you for the gift of a new school year. Bless our pupils, families and staff as we learn and grow together. Help us to show kindness, work hard, and care for one another. May we always follow Jesus' example and be a light to those around us.

Amen.



Key Contacts

Please find below details of the key contacts in school. If you have any questions, concerns, or require support, we encourage you to contact the most appropriate member of staff, who will be happy to help.

We are committed to working in partnership with parents and carers and welcome communication to ensure every student receives the support they need to thrive both academically and personally.

General Enquiries -

Tel: 01283 749450

Email: office@brs.srscmat.co.uk

Reporting Absences -

Email: attendance@brs.srscmat.co.uk

Safeguarding -

Email: safeguarding@brs.srscmat.co.uk



Head of Year 7 - Miss Harkin

Email: pharkin@brs.srscmat.co.uk



Head of Year 8 - Mrs McDowall

Email: amcdowall@brs.srscmat.co.uk



Head of Year 9 - Miss Fair

Email: hfair@brs.srscmat.co.uk



Head of Year 10 - Miss Waters

Email: ewaters@brs.srscmat.co.uk



Head of Year 11 - Mr Davies

Email: rdavies@brs.srscmat.co.uk