



END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

18th July 2025

Dear parents and carers,

As we come to the end of another school year at Notre Dame, it's hard to believe how quickly the time has gone. Watching our wonderful Year 6 children take part in their Leavers' Evening and read so beautifully during their final mass was a real moment of pride. They have grown into confident, thoughtful young people who are ready for the next stage in their journey.

It's been another busy and successful term, filled with residential trips, hands-on learning, and enrichment opportunities. End-of-year assessments are now complete, and we are very proud to share that our writing standards are above the Bailiwick average, with reading outcomes above both the Bailiwick and UK averages. Maths results have also continued to rise and are now above UK national averages. This is a fantastic reflection of all the hard work from staff and pupils alike.

Alongside these academic successes, our children have continued to benefit from a rich curriculum, educational visits, and cultural opportunities that help them grow as well-rounded individuals. One of the highlights this week has been our Notre Dame's Got Talent event. It was wonderful to see the amazing range of skills and talents our pupils have, and just how much they encourage and support one another. We also enjoyed our final Headteacher's Tea Party, which I've been able to host each half term to celebrate progress and achievement. It's always a joy to spend time with the children and hear how proud they are of what they've achieved.

A huge thank you must also go to our incredible PTFA. Not only have they raised an amazing amount of money this year, but they have also worked tirelessly to plan fun events for the children and support the school in so many ways. Their efforts have helped us to fully resource classrooms and enhance learning across the school and we are extremely grateful for all that they do.

Today we said goodbye to Miss Donnelly and Miss Brannan. Miss Donnelly is returning to the UK to take up a new teaching role, and Miss Brannan is starting an island-wide teaching position, supporting schools across Guernsey. We thank them both for everything they've given to Notre Dame. They will be greatly missed. We also say farewell to a few children who are moving on to new schools, and of course to our brilliant Year 6, who leave us ready for their next chapter.

I'd also like to give a huge thank you to all our staff. They really are a fantastic team who go above and beyond every day – not only for the children, but for each other too. I feel incredibly lucky to work with such a dedicated, kind and committed group of people. Thank you as well for all the kind words, cards and messages we've received. They are always appreciated, especially those handwritten notes from the children.

School starts back on Wednesday 3rd September, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back then. In the meantime, we hope you all have a restful and enjoyable summer. Don't forget to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at the Guille-Allès Library and make the most of all that's on offer around the island.

Wishing you all a restful summer break and see you safe and well in September.

Best wishes,

Mrs R