



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

**Newsletter No. 35: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

We've had such a busy week this week. We started our week thinking about the Gospel message and how we welcome Jesus when we welcome and care for one another. We thought about the courage the disciples needed to stand up for what they believe in and how we can learn from them.

On Wednesday we continued our theme of 'welcome' as the teaching staff welcomed their new classes and the children welcomed their new staff. This was a lovely morning and got the children thinking all about how far they have come, their targets for the new year and excitement about upcoming learning projects.

Hopefully you have had time to read our Ofsted report which was published and sent out this week: [50222022 \(ofsted.gov.uk\)](https://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspections/50222022). Our Catholic mission, Catholic life and caring and supportive ethos emanate throughout the report, with the children at the centre of all we do. Staff were seen setting the standard of exemplary learning behaviour, meaning that children demonstrate commitment, determination and resilience with their work and teachers' skilful planning and delivery of learning, meets the needs of all pupils. We are really proud of this achievement and still focussing strongly on school improvement. This includes sustaining what we are doing really well and developing and embedding new initiatives that will take us forward as a school.

In other news this week, a huge well done to EYFS for excellent behaviour and enjoyment on their seaside themed day, Y3 for taking in the wonder of Harvington Hall and Y4 showing interest and respect during their Synagogue visit.

Yet another highlight of our week was our music assembly / concert yesterday. Thank you to our talented musicians who led us through such a delightful and engaging rendition of some of our favourite music, showcasing their marvellous talents and hard work!

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Kind regards,  
Mrs Hill

**Award Winners**

There were no awards given out this week. Our ECO Warriors' team lead an assembly. The children shared with the whole school how we have a responsibility to look after our planet. They suggested that we make more effort to turn off lights, stop water running unnecessarily and recycle. We are trying hard with School Council, The Garden Team & Mini Vinnies being ambassadors - let's keep it up SMA!



**Multi-Culture Week**

This week the children have been learning about different cultures; Judaism, Sikhism, Christianity, Hinduism. Reception learnt about Weddings in different cultures.





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## Notices

The PTA are now busy working on their next fundraiser, the 'St Mary's Fest' summer fayre. Please put **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 3:30pm** in your diaries! As is tradition, we have a number of non-uniform days planned before then in order to prepare for the event. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far. All of this generosity means our fayre can go ahead. The next non-uniform day is planned for **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July**. On this day, please could we ask for:  
Cake donations from Nursery and Reception  
Bottles from Y1-6.

The PTA would also like to set up a 'toy shop' at the fayre, so if your child has any pre-loved toys they no longer use, please could you send them in on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> as well.

Thank you in advance for your support with this. We appreciate your generosity at this very busy time.



There have been complaints from our neighbours regarding the children's behaviour at the end of the school day. We pride ourselves on following the British Values in school and outside of school. Can I please remind you to ensure the children are not running around or climbing on fences to upset the local community?

## Events

Y6 Production: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1:45pm and  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 6:30pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July - Nursery closed to current Nursery children

Sports Day EYFS and KS1 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 9:15am (**children in their normal PE kits please**)

Sports Day KS2 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 9:15am (**Children to wear a t-shirt in their house team colour please**)

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July: Reports will be sent home

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2:15pm: YN Graduation video and Stay and Play - parents welcome

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July: 9:15am Mass in school followed by the Y6 Leavers' Assembly  
Term Ends at 1:30pm

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Inset Day: school closed to pupils

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Start of Term

## Reflection and Prayer

### *This Sunday is the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus teaches us the importance of having a 'childlike heart'. We realise the importance of being trusting, honest, loving, innocent and content with the simple things in life.

Jesus was telling us he wanted us to keep the childlike qualities of goodness when we are adults.

Jesus welcome us to come to him and rest when our worries are weighing us down. When we hand over our burdens and rest with Jesus we also have a chance to get ready to make a fresh start with Jesus.

*Dear Jesus,*

*When I am busy, with so much to do, you say,  
"Come to me and rest."*

*When I am worried, with thoughts running around my head, you say,  
"Come to me and rest."*

*When I am tired from trying so hard, you say,  
"Come to me and rest."*

*Jesus, I come to you now and rest in your loving arms."*

*Amen.*



Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill