



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, Jesus compares the people around him to his own family. We are all brothers and sisters with Christ. As followers of Jesus, we try to see everyone as family. When we see that there are people who need help across the world, we are reminded that they are our family too.

We are so proud of our children this week. Y1 have thoroughly enjoyed completing their phonics screening checks and concentrated so hard in order to read the real and 'alien' words beautifully. Mrs Coleman, Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Joyce are so pleased with how hard the children have been working with their reading this year and so impressed with their efforts this week. We look forward to sharing the results with you in due course.

We have also been fortunate to host the YR and Y2 class showcases this week! YR wowed us with their reading and singing all about friendships. They showed us the impact that compliments can have on us and all about Jesus and his friends and the messages we can take from them. Y2 took us on a tour of their learning, all about Pentecost, the Great Fire of London, the seaside and pirates. Their singing was sensational!

We were then very excited to welcome Y6 back from their residential on Wednesday. School did not feel the same without you (and was very quiet)! We greeted tired, but thrilled faces, buzzing with excitement from their adventures. Well done for your impeccable behaviour; you are a credit to everyone and we are so proud. A huge thank you, of course, to our dedicated staff: Mrs Polito, Mrs Evans, Miss Floyd and Mrs Hayes who planned for the activities, supervised the children and enabled this memorable opportunity to go ahead!

We hope you enjoyed KS2 sports day yesterday if you were able to come to watch. It was such a fantastic morning, with the children constantly 'on the go' with the carousel of activities - speed bounce, egg and spoon, races and throwing activities to name but a few! Thank you, Mrs Smith and Mr Reynolds, for organising such an imaginative and successful event. Unfortunately, we had to cancel KS1's sports morning today due to the weather forecast but we are hopeful that it will go ahead as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed for children who have been producing some fantastic writing with varied punctuation, being kind, safe and responsible and showing excellent concentration and attitude to learning.

Our Class of the Week Awards were presented to Y1 and Y6.

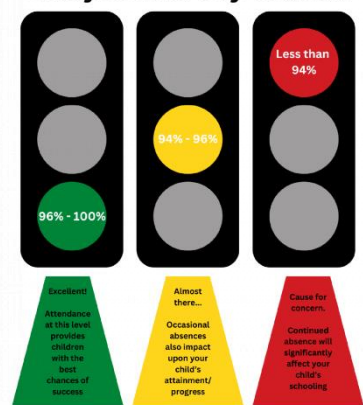
Our lunchtime award went to YR for excellent behaviour and super manners.

Our winning Saint Stars team was St Francis - they had some extra break time!

Attendance

You may have seen in the media, attendance rules are changing from the beginning of autumn term. The local authority will be issuing penalty notices for the following: penalty notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Penalty fines will also be considered when there has been 10 sessions (10 half days of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period).

Every School Day Counts!





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Notices

- We are trying to increase our school fund pot a little bit as we have our sixtieth anniversary celebrations coming up and want to purchase some little treats and resources for the children to enjoy. We are grateful for any donations you could make towards school fund via the gateway. Many thanks.
- Class Showcases: These have been wonderful events and we have a couple more to look forward to next week:
 - Y1: Thursday 20th June 2:30pm
 - Y3: Friday 21st June 2:30pm
 - Y6 end of term key dates are:
 - Production on Wednesday 10th July 1:45pm and Thursday 11th July 6:30pm. Tickets will follow.
 - Leavers' Mass and Assembly - Thursday 18th July 1:40pm
- PTA News: We hope you enjoyed the fashion show last week. We will let you now soon how much it raised from the ticket sales, raffle and refreshments. Thank you to our PTA members who give up their time to help raise money for our children. The PTA are now busy working on their next fundraiser, the St Mary's summer fayre. Please put **Friday 12th 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. The first of these will be on **Friday 21st June**. We are asking children to wear non-uniform that day in return of parents sending in packets of **sweets** that we can use in the fayre tombola. Thank you in advance for your support with this.
- If you are having a clear out and find any quality children's **books, teddies or dressing up costumes**, the PTA would also be very grateful for donations of these for the summer fayre, also. Please send them in to the office.

Events

Monday 17th June - Y3 trip (see separate letter)

YR parents - we would like to invite you to a transition meeting to share information about moving to Y1 on Tuesday 18th June 2:30pm

Wednesday 19th June - New Nursery and Reception induction evening

Friday 21st June - non uniform day (sweets donations please)

Thursday 27th June - School 60th Anniversary celebrations - please see separate letters about the Mass, art box project and bake off

Y6 Swimming this half term - see separate letter

Thursday 4th July 2pm - our musicians will put on a concert for us to enjoy. They have been working incredibly hard during their peripatetic music lessons. Parents are welcome

Inset days for 2024-25 are now on the school website. Please note that we are having two inset days in September (2nd and 3rd).

Year 1-6 start back on Wednesday 4th September

YR start on Monday 9th September

YN start on Wednesday 11th September

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a little mustard seed, which grows from a tiny beginning into something magnificent. To live in this kingdom and be part of it, means that we live as Jesus taught us. We put the love of God and others before anything else. The word of God is planted in our hearts and as we grow in kindness, love, understanding and forgiveness; we share it with others and in this way God's kingdom grows, too.

Jesus taught us to pray, "Thy kingdom come" and so we pray that the kingdom of God will grow in our daily lives as we pray the Our Father.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

