



**Newsletter No. 19: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, the children have been learning about the importance of hearing the call of Jesus and responding, following the plans he has for us - just as Jesus called the first disciples and they followed him. Simon, Andrew, James and John were born to fish. They were skilled at their trade and thought that would be how they would spend their lives. However, they responded 'yes' immediately to God's plans and gave up everything to follow Jesus. We have been thinking about how we can show that we are saying 'yes' to Jesus through our words and actions this week.

Yesterday, Y3, presented us with their class showcase - wow! It was spectacular, as they led us through so many curriculum areas - RE, with the Baptism of Jesus, DT, pneumatic systems, history with the Stone Age, as well as French, music and computing! They read so eloquently and clearly and sang and danced beautifully!

We were very excited this week to receive a letter from Bridget Phillipson, Secretary of State for Education, which congratulated us on our excellent outcomes for disadvantaged pupils. Please see an extract from the letter attached, outlining how our school's performance places us among the very best nationally. This is a wonderful achievement for all of us in our school community and testament to a team effort of hard work, dedication, aspirational standards and support and encouragement of all of our hard-working pupils to enable them to achieve their very best. To receive this national recognition is just fantastic and something we are very proud of - a huge well done to everyone!

This half term, we have also been thinking about the values and Catholic Social Teachings our key figures demonstrated throughout their lives. The children have produced some beautiful art work around this theme. We will share snapshots of it with you over the coming weeks. Please also have a look at our letter regarding our art gallery - you are able to purchase your child's wonderful work!

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Kindest regards,  
Mrs Hill

**Award Winners**

During our Congratulations Assembly this morning, individual certificates have been distributed to children for excelling with their knowledge about shape and space, producing some outstanding art work and also being curious, active and reflecting on their learning journey in order to improve. Well done.

Our class awards were given to Y3 and Y4 for being kind, safe and responsible.  
Y3 achieved the attendance award, with 99%.  
Y5 were presented with the lunchtime award for excellent team work and collaboration.

**Catholic Social Teaching**

This half term we are learning about 'Subsidiarity' from Sid the Sheep.

Everyone should  
have a say



Subsidiarity

Sid's story helps us to remember that everyone has important ideas and knows what is best for their families and communities. They need to have a say in decisions which affect them.



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

### Notices

- Our key learning behaviour this half term is 'Pride'. This includes encouraging the children to take pride in their appearance. Our uniform is part of our identity and sense of belonging in school. Please support your child in adhering to our uniform policy, including wearing a tie - part of our winter uniform. We have a small stock in school. If you would like to purchase one from us, please call the school office.
- During the weeks beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February, we will be completing some further work on Children's mental health and also online safety. Nicola Rudge, our online safety advisor, will be leading an online safety workshop for parents on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 9am. Parents are welcome to attend. This will take place in school.
- There is an NHS service available in Boots pharmacies, called NHS Pharmacy First. This service enables children and adults to get convenient access to advice and treatment where appropriate for seven common conditions, without the potential delay of waiting for a GP appointment. There is no need to make an appointment to access this service. It supports the following conditions for people in the age groups specified below:
  - Earache (aged 1-17)
  - Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
  - Infected insect bites and stings (aged 1 year and over)
  - Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)
  - Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
  - UTIs (aged 16-64 years)
  - Shingles (aged 18 and over)

Please see these websites for more information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/>

<https://www.boots.com/healthhub/a-z-services/pharmacy-first>

### Events

Our updated menu for spring term is on our website. We will be on week 3 next week - the 'all day breakfast' on Thursday is always popular!

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Online safety workshops

Week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> February - parents' evenings. Please see separate letter.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2pm - the school nurse will be delivering a workshop on fussy eating. All parents welcome.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Art Gallery in school (Please see separate letter)

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Crazy hair day (As part of mental health week, our School Council would like children to wear an interesting / fun hairstyle on this date. They are asking for £1 cash donations for charity, please.)

16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February - half term

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Y6 educational visit - please see separate letter

### Reflection and Prayer

#### This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*God our Father wants us to be happy. Lasting happiness comes from inside us, when our hearts are filled with love and goodness. Jesus taught us how to find such happiness.*

