



Newsletter No. 17: Friday 16th January 2026

Weekly News

Dear Parents,

Another lovely week, started with us learning about the Baptism of Our Lord. We talked about how Jesus asked to be Baptised by John, even though John himself did not feel important enough. We are all important in our own way and have the special job of serving Jesus and sharing our gifts and talents. We also thought about how the Holy Spirit links to Baptism and how we can show that the Holy Spirit is working within us through our behaviour towards others.

We strive to work in partnership with parents and keep you informed about what your child is learning and their strengths and targets. Teachers have been working hard to ensure as much curriculum content as possible is on the class pages to support learning. This includes current key knowledge organisers and current topics, as well as practical and frequently requested resources and ideas for further learning. Please do utilise this resource; it is full of useful information and ideas for how you can continue the learning journey at home. You will also have received a one-page mini target sheet regarding your child's key areas of learning, including R.E., English and mathematics. We hope these will act as a helpful bridge between the information you received during the autumn parent consultations and information that will be shared later this half term. We are sure that you will also support your child at home with their areas for development.

We've had various workshops running this week. Year Six parents, we hope you found the transition meeting helpful last night. Nursery parents, it was lovely to see so many of you at our 'Stay and Play'. We hope you enjoyed it. Y2 and Y4 also enjoyed interesting workshops with our school nursing service this week - learning about the importance of keeping our teeth and bones healthy.

The children's art work from induction week is looking so beautiful in our display board around school. We will share some photos with you over the coming weeks.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

Award Winners

We've had a new display board in the hall, showcasing a selection of the awards that children can earn! We revisit our motto, 'Kind, Safe, Responsible' every Friday during assembly along with our Catholic school virtues. Our Peer Mentors share impact on our current learning behaviour each half term. More about this next week!



Catholic Social Teachings

We are learning about...

**Subsidiarity and
The Common Good:**

The common good is about respecting the rights and responsibilities all people and leaving no one behind.

Subsidiarity involves making sure that decisions are made at the most appropriate level, so all those affected can contribute and have a voice.

"Beside the good of the individual, there is a good that is linked to living in society: the common good. It is the good of 'all of us'...To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity."

Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate, 7



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

Notices

- During the weeks beginning 2nd and 9th 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 4th February at 9am. Parents are welcome to attend. This will take place in school.
- Please find attached an online safety poster about group chats and ask us if you require any further support or information.
- You will notice a school fund donation option when you go on to the school gateway. All contributions to this are gratefully received and go towards treats and little extras for our children. As part of this fund, each class has many opportunities to earn £5 in our awards assembly - for being kind, safe, responsible, or for winning our lunchtime or attendance trophies. Classes then save these vouchers to spend on wonderful treats! Please help us to keep these enjoyable traditions going.
- A reminder that watches with games, cameras, etc. are not allowed in school. They can cause distraction and safeguarding issues.
- Here are some key assessment dates for this academic year. More details will follow in due course:
Y1 Phonics check: 8th-12th June
Y4 Multiplication check: Between 1st - 12th June
Y6 SATs week: Week beginning 11th May
- Well done to the PTA 50/50 winners for November and December, as follows. Please also find attached a joining form - please consider signing up as it all helps towards funds for our students.
November - Maria & Shabi Ahmad, winning £52.50
December - Maggie Richmond, winning £48.75. Cheques are in the office.

Events

Our updated menu for spring term is on our website. The children also brought a copy home at the end of term. We will be on week 1 next week.

Thursday 22nd January- Y4 educational visit- Please see separate letter.

Thursday 29th January 9:20am - Y3 Class Showcase (parents welcome)

Wednesday 4th February - Online safety workshops

Week beginning 9th February - parents' evenings. Please see separate letter.

Friday 13th February - Art Gallery in school (Please see separate letter sent today)

Friday 13th 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.)

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

During this Sunday's Gospel reading, we hear about how God told John the Baptist he would send him a sign. The Holy Spirit would appear like a dove and settle on the one he had chosen to send. John would then be ready to show the son of God to all.

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John, Chapter 1)

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

