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**Newsletter No. 20: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, the children have been learning that true happiness comes from our friendship with God. We have been thinking about how we can live as people of the Beatitudes - by being forgiving, peaceful and determined to do what is right, through our daily life and interactions.

This week, the children have enjoyed our online safety workshops. The theme for this year is 'Exploring the Safe and Responsible Use of AI.' Everyone is talking about AI, and with many young people hearing about and using AI online, it is important that they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology. The children have learnt about how AI can be used for good; however, as with all online technology, safeguarding and adult vigilance is key. It is important that children are monitored and supervised as they are learning to navigate the online world. With that in mind, we have many resources we can share with you over the coming weeks. There is a poster attached as a starting point with some useful hints and tips for parents in regards to AI.

Thank you to parents in attendance at the online safety workshop. We have uploaded the slides to the computing page of our school website if you were unable to attend.

We look forward to another interesting week next week. Monday is the start of children's mental health week. Our theme is, 'This is my place.' The aim of this is to promote a sense of belonging among young people. The children will be exploring the importance of feeling connected and supported in schools, homes and communities. We hope to raise awareness, reduce stigma and provide tools for children to feel that important sense of belonging. Here is some more information and resources for families to share:

[https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/?utm\\_source=Buzzeducation+&utm\\_medium=Email+&utm\\_campaign=CMHW\\_Buzz\\_email3\\_Feb\\_2026](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/?utm_source=Buzzeducation+&utm_medium=Email+&utm_campaign=CMHW_Buzz_email3_Feb_2026)

Our School Council are also leading an initiative linked with mental health and wellbeing. They would like the children to come to school wearing a crazy/fun/interesting hairstyle on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

They are kindly asking for a donation of £1 cash per pupil which will be sent to Childline - this is the children's choice of charity. Thank you in advance for supporting this and we look forward to seeing those hairstyles!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Hill

**Award Winners**

During our Congratulations Assembly today, individual certificates have been distributed for children who are being excellent role models, for writing some beautiful and imaginative poetry and for perseverance and positivity towards tricky learning concepts.

Our Class of the Week Awards were distributed to YN and Y4 for being kind, safe and responsible and our Lunchtime Award went to Y5 for beautiful manners and good cooperation and communication through their play.

Our Attendance winners are Y1 with 99%.

**Catholic Social Teaching**

This half term, we have 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.





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## Notices

- Please be aware that we have a buffer time in the morning when the main gate is open: from 8:40-8:55am. This helps alleviate congestion and traffic. Once the gate is closed, all staff are then back in school. If arriving after 8:55am and using the main entrance, please accompany your child to the entrance, in order to safeguard and hand them over to a member of staff.
- Please be reminded that if you are unable to book your child's dinner online, call the office who will be happy to help and do this manually for you.
- We will be celebrating World Book Week in school in March and are inviting the children to dress up on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the separate letter. Our focus this year is on ambitious vocabulary!
- We are always looking at ways to promote and encourage the importance of reading in school and this is an ideal way to expose children to new and adventurous vocabulary. This poster highlights the benefits of twenty minutes reading per day:



## Events

Our updated menu for spring term is on our website. We will be on week 1 next week - the lasagne on Monday is very tasty.

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 and purchase of your child's art work (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 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Jesus said to his disciples, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven."*

At Baptism, we became children of God, filled with the light of His spirit.  
Help us to always walk as children of the light, touching the lives of others with God's love. Amen

