



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 21st June 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It certainly feels like summer has finally arrived! Last week, our school choir performed at the Royal Cheshire Show. It is always a privilege to be invited to perform. As ever the choir sang with enthusiasm.

This was also evident at the summer fair, where, they along with all classes sang their hearts out for all who attended. This is always a particularly enjoyable part of the fair for all the parents and grandparents.

We would like to extend our grateful appreciation to everyone who volunteered and supported in any way. There was certainly a great community feel as we welcomed young and old, prospective pupils and past pupils. We have a selection of images from the day for you all to enjoy.

Thank you to the staff and pupils of St Nicholas for welcoming year five for an activities day last week.

Our day started off with an inflatable assault course, lots of fun and enjoyment was had by all. Time in the Chapel with the school Chaplin was an ideal way to end the day.

Years five and six are due to go on Residential this week. We are keeping fingers crossed that the fine weather will continue.

Just a reminder to parents that connectivity is not particularly good at this venue. We will endeavour to keep you updated the best way we can.

This week is the final week for those children completing the Sacramental programme. On Saturday, the children will make their First Holy Communion. We ask you to remember them all in your prayers.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Lion Cubs

We had a great time at Lion Cubs this week! Come and join us again next Wednesday!

Little Church

Come and join us at Little Church on Saturday 22nd during 6pm mass.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 26th—Friday 28th June—Year 5 and 6 residential

Saturday 29th June— First Holy Communion Mass 11am

Wednesday 3rd July—Whole school celebration Mass 10am

Wednesday 3rd July—Party for First Holy Communion (Yew Tree Class)

Thursday 4th July—Sports Day 9am

Tuesday 9th July—Year 6 transitions for Helsby High School

Tuesday 9th July—Choir at AmaSing

Wednesday 10th July —KS1 trip to Llandudno

Thursday 11th July—Year 6 performance

Friday 19th July—School closes for summer

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **96%**.

Across the school, **25 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means **4** school days missed

95% attendance means **10** school days missed

90% attendance means **19** school days missed

80% attendance means **38** school days missed

5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

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| Lower than 90% Attendance | 90-95% Attendance | 96-100% Attendance |
| Class 1 Class 4 | Reception Class 1 | Class 2 Class 3 Class 5 Class 6 |

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Cherry Class

Year 1 have worked very hard this week completing assessments in maths, reading and writing! They have all tried their best and we are very proud of them!

We have started our new book in English, Goldilocks and just the One bear. We have been writing an information report about where bears live, what they eat and what they look like.

As part of our geography, we have been comparing climates in the UK and in China. We discussed what a climate zone is and talked about different biomes.

In science we have set up an experiment to find out what the parts of a flower do and what happens if a plant doesn't have one of its parts.

We have been sorting flowers and plants into seasons and discussing how they change over the year.



Elm Class

This week Elm class have worked extremely hard. They have been completing their summer assessments and I am so proud of their hard work.

In science this week, they observed how a plant breathes and showed their findings through illustrations and explanations.

In geography this week, Elm class have started their posters answering their key question "What is it like to live by the coast". They are including examples of human and physical features you might find there and whether they would like to live there!

In DT, they have started to think about ingredients for our healthy wraps, they made a mind map of ingredients and tried to include good food combinations.

We are looking forward to the summer fair and hope everyone has a lovely weekend!



Yew Class

This week has been another busy week in Yew Tree class. Lots of members of Year 3 and 4 enjoyed performing in school choir at the Cheshire Show, they sang beautifully and enjoyed the sunshine.

On Tuesday, lots of children competed at the district sports event. They showed great sportsmanship, resilience and determination throughout the evening. Carrying on with sports, 9 children attended a tri-golf event. They developed many skills and had a wonderful afternoon.

In DT this week, we learned about eating seasonally. We learned that seasonal foods are foods that grow best in the different seasons. We used the ipads to research what foods grow best in the different seasons in the UK.

In history, we learned about the castles that William the Conqueror commissioned to build. We looked at Motte and Bailey castles and stone keep castles. We identified the differences between the two and described advantages and disadvantages of each.



Cypress Class

It has been another busy week this week in Cypress Tree Class. On Monday, Year 5 enjoyed a day at St Nich's High School for the Year 5 Activity Day. They participated in different lessons and activities throughout the day and thoroughly enjoyed their time there. Whilst Year 5 were out, Year 6 continued with rehearsals for the upcoming KS2 production. The class are working really hard to bring their characters to life and the show is coming together well.

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 6 took part in a workshop all about reducing the number of fizzy drinks we consume. They discussed the amount of sugar in the drinks and the negative impacts on the body. Each member of the class were asked to make a pledge to try to make healthier food and drink choices.

To mark the beginning of the Euros, we have enjoyed researching the different countries that are participating in the tournament. We found out lots of interesting facts and brought our research together to create individual fact files to show what we had learnt.

During this week's history lesson, we were looking at how trains changed during the Industrial Revolution and discussed the impact that this had during this time. We have found this topic really interesting and often make links to how this period in history impacted on our lives today.

Today, we are really looking forward to performing at our school Summer Fayre. We have decided to perform one of the songs from the Key Stage 2 performance to give a preview of what to expect when it comes to the stage very soon.



School Choir at Cheshire Show

Our School Choir had a wonderful afternoon performing at the Royal Cheshire Show this week. After a walk around the different stalls and exhibits that were on, everyone gathered at the Main Bandstand to watch out talented singers perform. They sang with great enthusiasm and put smiles on a lots of people's faces with their beautiful signing and fabulous dance moves. We are very proud of them all!



FoSL Summer Fair

We want to thank all of the hard working members of FoSL and helpers that organised a great Summer Fair. Everyone had a great time!

