



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

Friday 20th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It feels like summer has finally arrived albeit we are in the third week of the autumn term. Democracy has been clearly evident this week. I would like to congratulate all the pupils from year six who put forward their presentation for Junior Leaders. Once again, we were thoroughly impressed with the standard of the presentations, the ideas and the confidence everyone displayed. Presenting to their class on a regular basis has certainly had a positive impact.

Pupils in all year groups listened attentively and have been voting for the person they think would be the best Junior Leader. The votes were announced at our assembly this morning. We would like to congratulate Orla and Zach who have been voted to take up the role of Junior Leaders for this academic year. All members of the year six class will be given roles of responsibility.

Year five visited Safety Central this week. Safety and how we deal with certain situations are a key priority! The aim is that the more knowledgeable our young people become, the more they will be able to help others to stay safe.

Wednesday was the launch of Buddy Time. The year six pupils met up with their buddies and enjoyed an afternoon of creative fun, resulting in a beautiful display in our school hall. Buddy time is always a special time, when our youngest and oldest pupils come together and truly live out our mission statement, ***Learn, Love, and laugh together.***

In assembly today, we welcomed Jim Ellison, a former pupil of the school, who now works in the Curious Cat Book shop in Frodsham. They wanted to publicise a reading competition that they will be running. Details will be distributed next week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, hopefully the sun will continue to shine.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **95.5%**.

Across the school, **12 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

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance	96-100% Attendance
Reception Class 1	Class 3	Class 2 Class 4 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).

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Dates for your diary

Open Afternoon

St. Luke's Catholic Primary have their first open afternoon for those children who will be starting school in September 2025. On Tuesday 24th September at 1.30pm, pupils and staff will be looking forward to welcoming you.

Wednesday 25th September—Flu sprays

Wednesday 25th September—KS1 library visit

Wednesday 2nd October—Year 3 and 4 library visit

Friday 11th October—Year 2 and 3 trip to Safety Central

Wednesday 16th October—Year 5 and 6 library visit

Little Church

Come and join us at Little Church during 11am mass on Sunday.

Lion Cubs

On Wednesday 25th September, "St Luke's Lion Cubs', Babies and Tot's group welcome back their little lions once again. They meet each Wednesday morning from 9.15 am to 11.15 am. If you are interested in attending or know of anyone and would like further details please call school on 01244 259999.

Marigold Class

English—We are enjoying our text, Troll Swap. We have been pretending to be disgusting trolls to help us think of words to describe them and their caves. We have written about How to be a Troll. Year 2 are working especially hard with their handwriting as they have started to join letters!

Maths—Reception have been working hard this week counting carefully and starting to recognise numbers. Year 1 have also been counting carefully to 10 and have been solving problems with reasoning. Year 2 have been counting tens and ones and solving problems.

History—We have started to learn about Queen Victoria and when she was alive. We looked at her family tree and how it leads to King Charles II. We have created our own family tree.

Vines and Branches—We have started our new Vines and Branches unit and have been learning all about the Bible, how special it is and all of the different books that are in the Old and New Testament.

Buddy Time—We met our new year 6 buddies this week. We read a story about the Rainforest and then created animals and plants to create a Rainforest display.



Tulip Class

This week, Tulip class have started reading the first few pages of Seal Surfer, spotting prepositions in Year 3 and fronted adverbials in Year 4. We have also been researching information about seals so that we can write our own reports! Did you know that baby seals have already developed 70% of their brains?

In Maths, we have continued our work on Place Value. Year 3 have been partitioning numbers within 1,000, whilst year 4 have progressed to 10,000. Pupils have also enjoyed setting each other some tricky maths challenges.

In Science, we continued to look at rocks and started to classify them depending on how rough, smooth, hard, soft, dark and light they are. We also discussed how each rock is used in day-to-day life.

We started our Geography topic this week, asking ourselves: are all settlements the same? We started making leaflets to teach people the differences between villages, towns and cities. We looked at some photos from Kingsley, Frodsham and Chester, and talked about what you can do in each place. We are excited to continue with these next week and consider how these places are connected.



Bluebell Class

We've had another wonderful week in Bluebell Class and it is great to see everyone enjoying their learning, settling in to the new routines and embracing the challenges of their new year group's curriculum. We have enjoyed reading more of our English text this week and have used the book as inspiration to write setting descriptions and use expanded noun phrases effectively. The key focus was to ensure that concise vocabulary choices were made and an additional challenge was set to write a story of just 100 words making sure that all words are chosen for the intended purpose.

On Wednesday, Year 5 went on a very exciting trip to Safety Central. Throughout the day, they participated in different workshops that focused on keeping safe in different scenarios from everyday life. There were lots of important messages shared with the children about how to keep themselves and others safe.

We are incredibly proud of the Year 6 Junior Leader candidates who presented their manifestos to the whole school. Throughout the week, the children have been voting for who they would like to be part of the Junior Leadership Team this year and we have shared the results with the whole school this morning. Congratulations to our newly elected Junior Leaders. Thank you to all candidates who put themselves forward; each have been given a special ambassador role to support our school community throughout the year.

