



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

Friday 27th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

At the beginning of the week we had a special assembly about Blessed Carlo Acutis. The children listened to the story of his life and heard about his strength of faith. He had special devotion to the Eucharist and to Our Lady. During the month of October, as we pray the rosary we will also devote our prayers to Blessed Carlo Acutis. The Diocese has given each child a book mark as a memorial of the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Today we were delighted to welcome Hattie and Jamie to our Celebration Assembly. You will remember they were our Junior Leaders last year. They organised a sponsored litter pick as a fund-raising event, to purchase a Buddy Bench for the Key Stage 1 playground. Today they did the official unveiling and invited some of our youngest pupils to come and have a sit on the bench. We have no doubt that both Hattie and Jamie will be a great addition to St. Nicholas Catholic High School.

Next week we will be having our Curriculum Evening, parents are invited to come along as this is an opportunity to gain an overview of the school year and how the curriculum will be delivered. It is also an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We are delighted with the way the children have settled back into school life, this has been particularly reflected in their attitude to learning,

The timings have been organised to allow parents to attend where required.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh



# Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **94.4%**.

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
Class 1	Class 2 Class 3	Reception 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

Tuesday 1st October—Curriculum evening

5.30pm—EYFS/KS1      6pm—Year 3/4      6.30pm—Year 5/6

Wednesday 2nd October—Year 3 and 4 library visit

Friday 4th October—Cafod Harvest Fast Day—Non Uniform Day

Tuesday 8th October—Open day for Reception 2025 9.30am

Wednesday 9th October—Open day for Reception 2025 1.30pm

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

Tuesday 15th October—Open day for Reception 2025 1.30pm

Wednesday 16th October—Year 5 and 6 library visit

Wednesday 23rd October—FoSL Halloween Disco

Friday 25th October—School closes

## Little Church

Come and join us at Little Church during 6pm mass on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

## Lion Cubs

We loved seeing our St. Luke's Lion Cubs again this week. Come and join us again for a play, hot drink and hot, buttery toast!



# Marigold Class

Library—We had a lovely time at Frodsham Library this week. We learned about all of the things you can do with your library card and listened to a lovely story. We then read our own books and checked some out to bring back to school.

English—We have been working hard with our writing this week. Reception have been learning to write letters correctly and listening to the initial sounds in words. Year 1 have been working on independent sentences and finger spaces. Year 2 have been learning about expanded noun phrases and have been using commas in sentences.

Maths—Reception have been working recognising numbers in different ways and sorting them out into groups. Year 1 have also been finding one more and less and number bonds to 10 using tens frames. Year 2 have been counting tens and ones and solving problems and have started to complete times tables questions.

Geography—We have been looking at where St. Luke's is in the UK and we have created a map that shows the 4 countries in the UK and St. Luke's school. We have also created a key to show the symbols on the map.

Art—We have been using brand new sketching pencils to recreate lines used in the artwork on Kathe Kollwitz and year 2 have been practicing shading along those lines. We have talked about how her pieces make us feel and what we think they might be about.





## Tulip Class

During our first week of term, Tulip class have written 'What am I?' poems in English. We had fun reading them out and guessing which animals our peers had come up with. We also used teamwork to revise alphabetical order. We ordered ourselves started with the letter A, and successfully unscrambled the word cards (even noticing the trickier words where the first few letters were the same). This helped us to use dictionaries more effectively and improve our spelling and vocabulary.

In Maths, we have continued learning about place value and have begun to calculate 1,000, 100, 10, and 1 more or less than three-digit and four-digit numbers. We have also started estimating using number lines and considering manipulatives such as base-ten to help us to identify place value.

You might be wondering how biscuits can help us to learn about rocks? Well this week, Tulip class layered biscuit crumbs to simulate a sedimentary rock forming. We observed how the layers could be different sizes and colours, with different minerals and sediments becoming compacted. Next week, we are excited to learn what can be found inside sedimentary rocks.

In History this week, we compared life in the Stone Age to today and considered how things have changed over time. We recognised that life was vastly different, and looked at a secondary source to learn more about how humans would have defended themselves and the kinds of dangers they may face. This also helped us to question images we see, and know not to accept things at face value. Next lesson, we are excited to progress into the Bronze Age.



## Bluebell Class

Everyone has worked really hard this week and we have lots of great lessons and memorable moments to share. Place value continues to be a big focus in our maths lessons and we have all been working with very big numbers (up to 1,000,000 for Year 5 and beyond 1,000,000 for Year 6). We have also been exploring powers of 10, negative numbers and adding/ subtracting integers using different strategies. It has been great to see so many people keen to reach the additional challenge questions and this has helped them to master the skills taught.

Alongside mastering maths skills, we have also been developing our geography skills and enjoyed starting our new topic all about mountains. After finding out what the different parts of the mountain is called, we then looked at different mountain ranges around the world and used maps, atlases and iPads to locate the different mountain ranges and then researched the highest mountain of each one. We really enjoyed this activity and can't wait for our next lesson.

This week, we have also continued with our learning about Creation and, after reading the creation story from the Bible, in the book of Genesis, we enjoyed creating our own creation wheels to help us to retell the story. We also had an interesting discussion about God's world and whether people were really taking care of it like they should.

Thursday is a very busy day for our class. As well as our carousel of lessons in the afternoon (Music, Computing and PE), we also have our swimming session and, after three weeks, it is amazing to see the progress that has been made by everyone. We have a lot of talented swimmers in our class.





## Award winners

Well done to this week's award winners...

### Headteacher Awards



### Subject Awards



### Pride Award

