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## Easter Newsletter 2026

As we approach the joyful celebration of Easter, we would like to thank you for your continued support and partnership, throughout this term. The children have shown such enthusiasm in their learning and it has been a blessing to watch them grow. During Lent, we have talked about the importance of helping others and we are proud of the thoughtful ways they have lived out our school values.

We pray that your family finds time for rest, peace and togetherness. May the hope of the Risen Christ fill your homes with light and joy.

### SUMMER TERM DATES

13th April—school opens

22nd May—school closes

2nd June—school opens

17th July—school closes

Other dates for

[Summer Term—click here](#)



## HOLY WEEK REFLECTION

The children in Year 2 shared a special Holy Week reflection with children in Reception and Year 1. It was lovely to hear the Easter story retold by the children as they re-enacted the events. The reflection can be found on the school website, or by clicking [here](#).



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Families were invited to join us for a Stations of the Cross reflection on Friday 13th March. Thank you to those who were able to join us to share this special reflection. The reflection is available on the website so that you can take part at home. [Click here for the Stations of the Cross link](#).



*"I am the resurrection and the life." – John 11:25*

### TO KNOW YOU MORE CLEARLY

Each year group now follows the new Religious Education curriculum, 'To Know You More Clearly'. Click [here](#) to read the full Religious Education Directory document.

Click [here](#) to view the Religious Education section of our school website.

Thank you for your kind donations to the Widnes Foodbank, to support families in the local community. We know that there are times we all need extra help. The Foodbank can be found next to the Guild Hall.

Some of our Year 2 children delivered the donations to the nearby collection/distribution centre. Donations can be made Mon, Weds, Thurs, Fri 9:30am-11:30am.



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## OUR CATHOLIC LIFE

- ◇ We extend a big 'THANK YOU' to Fr. Mark for his ongoing support. We have enjoyed sharing special services with Fr. Mark this term, including our Year 2 Mass in church and our Lenten service on 4th March. The children really enjoy listening to Fr. Mark and thoroughly enjoy his visits to our singing sessions.
- ◇ St Wilfrid's Parish Newsletter—click [here](#)
- ◇ Mass times—click [here](#)
- ◇ [School Website - Catholic Life](#)
- ◇ There is also a link to the Wednesday Word. The Wednesday Word provides scripture and prayer, along with games for the children, linked to the weekly Gospel. <https://www.wednesdayword.org/>

## KEY DATES:

- ◇ 3rd April – Good Friday
- ◇ 5th April – Easter Sunday
- ◇ 14th May—Ascension of the Lord
- ◇ 24th May—Pentecost
- ◇ 25th May—St. Bede the Venerable

For more dates and further information, please visit the Liturgy Office Calendar—click [here](#).



## Widnes Catholic Children's Choir

The Archdiocese of Liverpool have arranged for Catholic Children in Widnes in Years 2-6, who enjoy singing to attend a choir. The choir rehearsals take place on Mondays from 4.00pm -5.00pm at St John Fisher Parish Centre.

The choir will have the opportunity to perform locally and further afield.

The choir will be led by DBS certified musicians from the Archdiocese of Liverpool.



Spirit of God,  
show us the  
places in need of  
your love, so we  
may share your  
compassion and  
healing with our  
global family.

## SUMMER TERM COLLECTIVE WORSHIP DATES

(ALL 9 AM START)

- 28th April—Purple Class
- 6th May—Red Class
- 12th May—Orange Class
- 19th May—Green Class
- 9th June—Aqua Class
- 16th June—Blue Class
- 23rd June—Yellow Class
- 30th June—Scarlet Class
- 7th July—Coral Class

## Extra-Curricular Clubs

The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have enjoyed a variety of extra-curricular clubs this term.

We ask that you discuss any club choices carefully with your child to ensure that they are committed to attending, should they receive a place. Please do not put your child's name down for a club if they do not want to attend.

## Special Educational Needs

Information about Special Educational Needs can be found on our school website by clicking [here](#). Information about Halton's Local Offer can be found via their website [here](#).

Parent workshops offered by ADDvanced Solutions are emailed termly. Information about these can also be accessed via their website [here](#).

# EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

## Health and Well-Being Week

◇ The children had a great week of learning and fun during Health and Well-Being Week in February. Topics covered during the week included:

- Healthy lifestyles (including diet and exercise)
- Internet Safety
- SCARF values (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship)



## MOUNTED POLICE VISIT

We were delighted to welcome Albie and Owen, two magnificent police horses, to our school this week! The children were interested to learn about the important role these horses play in supporting the community. Albie and Owen were incredibly calm and gentle and it was a wonderful opportunity for the children to see them up close. A big thank you to the officers for taking the time to visit us and share such an interesting and memorable experience with everyone.



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## WORLD BOOK DAY

The children enjoyed World Book Day, especially being able to come to school in their pyjamas!

Classrooms were filled with excitement as we shared our favourite books, discovered new characters and celebrated the joy of reading together.



## SCHOOL GARDEN

We are looking for ways to enhance the school garden (the Mary Mary Garden). Look out for some fundraising events in the coming weeks.

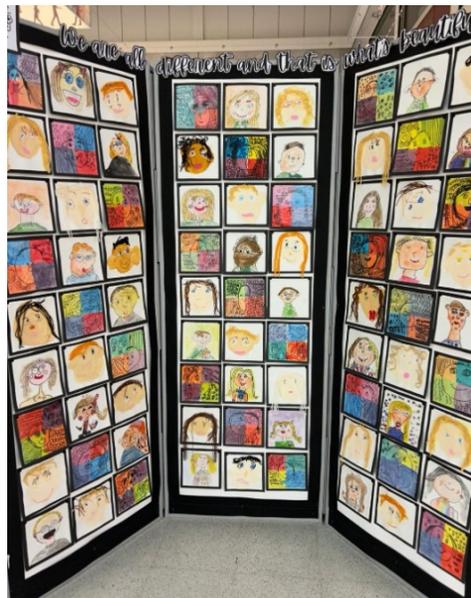


## Halton Primary Arts Network

HPAN Arts—We took part in the Halton Primary Arts Network art exhibition again this year.

The theme for this year was 'We are all different and that's what makes us beautiful.'

The children's work was displayed at Runcorn's Shopping City for 2 weeks. Thanks to Mrs Jackson and Mrs Kaye for displaying the children's work so beautifully!



## JUNIOR PARK RUN



Hayley from Junior Park run came to tell us all about this fantastic (and free) event. Junior Park Run takes place every Sunday at Victoria Park, at 9am. One of our Year 1s is a regular runner at the event and showed us some of the warm ups! Register for the event by scanning the QR code below.



# NEWS

## Purple Mash

All of our pupils have access to an online learning website called 'Purple Mash'. There are lots of activities linked to all areas of the school curriculum that can be accessed at home. To access Purple Mash, visit <https://www.purplemash.com/sch/stbedeswa8#/> and search the hundreds of games and activities on offer. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 use iPads in school to access Purple Mash so they will be familiar with some of the activities already. It's a fantastic resource that the children can use anytime and will also increase their confidence. Reception children will start to practice using the iPads to login in Summer Term.

You will find your child's username and password in the back of their reading diary. If you have any issues accessing Purple Mash, please let your child's teacher know or ring the school office.



## Thank You

Following the very successful Christmas fundraiser, we were delighted to have new blinds installed in the school hall. These blinds ensure that we can create a peaceful and prayerful atmosphere during our whole-school Collective Worship celebrations...they look great too! This would not have been possible without your generosity...thank you.





### SCHOOL SPIDER

We encourage our parents and carers to download the School Spider parent app. You will receive information and updates via app messages and email.

As well as receiving information, you can also report your child's absence, view galleries and respond to surveys.

Apple version [here](#)

Android version [here](#)

[Email](#) Miss Parle with any queries.

### SAFEGUARDING

If you have safeguarding concerns about any child you can contact Halton's integrated Contact and Referral Team by clicking [here](#). If you need to contact school and speak to Miss Scragg regarding any advice around safeguarding please email [safeguarding@stbedesinfants.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stbedesinfants.co.uk)

School Funds Information  
Bank Balance   £1787.30  
Cash Balance   £393.94

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

A letter will be sent at the beginning of each half term, detailing your child's percentage attendance. We understand that there can be extenuating circumstances as to why a child's attendance may be low. Attendance is also reported at the end of the school year, in your child's report. Please click [here](#) to view our Attendance Policy. If you are unsure whether to keep your child off school, please read the NHS link [here](#).

If your child is ill please contact the school office on the first day of absence. Absences can also be reported using the School Spider parent app. Medical evidence may be required if your child's absence falls below 90%. **Attendance up to Friday 20th March 2026 is 95.7%.**

As you will see from the policy ([here](#)) all requests for leave of absence in term time should be made using schools' 'Leave of absence in term time' request form and evidence of the exceptional circumstances must be provided for all requests and attached to the form. Information regarding penalty notices can be found in the policy (above).

We also appreciate that there are rare occasions when you might arrive late to collect your child and of course we understand that this sometimes happens! However, if late collection is frequent then this has a huge impact on our very busy teachers and support staff; 5 minutes late per day adds up to nearly half an hour per week. We thank you for your cooperation.

