



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



Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Today we celebrated the feast of our Patron Saint, St. Luke. We began the day by walking down to church to attend a special mass of celebration. The children led in the Liturgy of the Word. The pupils chose the hymns; Ave Maria as we are paying special devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary and Shine Jesus Shine. It was a beautiful mass of celebration.

This afternoon we enjoyed movie afternoon and some cake. Each child will take home their own St. Luke's Feast Day bookmark.

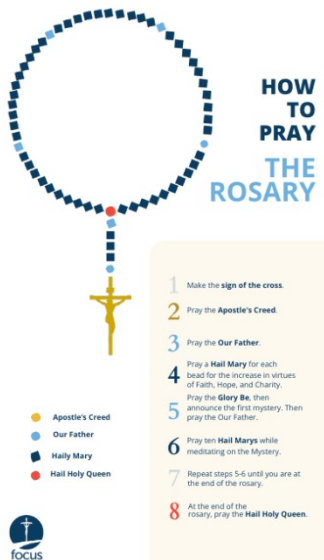
Happy St. Luke's Feast Day Everyone.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh



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Attendance

Overall Attendance this week is **96.85%**

Across the school, **133 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

Class 2

90-95% Attendance

Class 1

96-100% Attendance

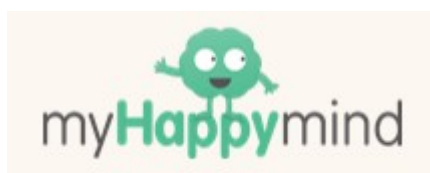
Reception, Class 3, 4, 5 & 6

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).

Reminder - Dental or medical appointments

If you will be taking your child for an appointment please send us an email with the booking/screen shot for our files. Thank you



As we start the new School year, we're excited to inform you of the myHappyMind Parent App. It's a brilliant way to help children keep practising their myHappyMind habits during the School year at home.

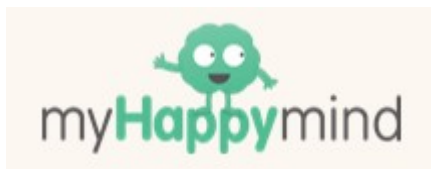
You will need the activation code 111379

To find the checklist on the Parent App, they simply:

1. Open the app
2. Click on Kids' Zone
3. Select myHappyMind Checklists
4. Choose the Holiday Checklist

St Nicholas Catholic High School Newsletter

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Myhappymind

We would like to introduce our new *myhappymind* heroes.

St Mary's Class: Gabrielle and Isla

St Elizabeth's Class: Amber and Thomas

St Catherine's Class: Layla and Vinh.

Their job is to promote myhappymind by reminding classmates to use happy breathing if they are having a difficult time or to gather together and use teamwork to come up with new ideas. We look forward to hearing what they come up with.



We loved seeing our Lion Cubs on Wednesday! Come and join us again next week for Halloween Crafts & Activities



Little Church

Come and join us for Children's Liturgy on Sunday 19th October during 11am mass where we will do some fun activities to explore the Gospel. This is aimed at children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion.

Dates for your Diary

20th October: Frodsham Walk St Mary's

23rd October: FOSL Halloween Disco

24th October: Half Term

5th November: Chester Zoo Visit Whole School

4th & 6th November: Parent's Evening

St Luke's Lion Club event

22nd October 9.30—11.30am

Halloween craft activities

3rd December 9:30-11:30am

Christmas craft activities

Appointments for the upcoming parents evenings will be released next week

St Mary's Class



English

This week we have been planning and writing our Hot Task. We have chosen our own character and we have written the story of Lost and Found. Everyone has tried very hard with this - showing off their mastery keys and their super handwriting!

Maths

Year 1 and 2 have been working hard with fluency and recalling number facts, in particular with times tables and number bonds to 10. Please keep practicing these at home with their new fluency cards.

In The Vine and the Branches we have been talking about how to take care of God's World. We talked about all of the sad things that are happening to God's beautiful creation, such as litter and plastic in the ocean hurting animals, and we have discussed some ways we can help.

History

In history we have enjoyed looking at photos of our school and talking about how things have changed over time. We created a timeline of our school and what has been built and when. We were surprised by how recently some of the things were, for example, the KS2 play area.

Purple Mash

We are loving our new Purple Mash computing program. This week we have created our own avatar and explored different paint projects. We learned how to save our work and find it again. Please explore this program at home as there are so many fun and educational things to do. We also enjoyed teaching our year 6 buddies how to use Purple Mash and we created an autumn story on the program, based on the book The Leaf Thief.

Art

Year 1 and 2 have produced some lovely sketching work using light and dark tones and different ways of marking marks e.g. zig zags and spirals. We are looking forward to creating our final pieces next week. Reception have been exploring marking making using different materials and this week they created using chalk on black sugar paper.



St Elizabeth's Class



This week in St Elizabeth class we have been working hard on our addition and subtraction in Maths. Year three have been starting to add 1s and 10s across the next place value digit. Year 4 have been adding thousands using the column method. We started to do an exchange too.

In English both year groups have started writing their hot task based on the book Gorilla! They have been changing the setting, character and the animal to make their stories more unique. Year three have been including prepositions, expanded noun phrases, and speech. Year 4 have been including fronted adverbials (with a comma), speech, and expanded noun phrases.

In Science, we investigated how a gas turned into a liquid. We observed how steam (water vapour) condenses after it cools and turns back into a liquid. This week, we all independently drew and labelled our own observations.

In guided reading, our theme this week was rivers. We read a poem which was written in an unusual style, and also explored 'Just around the Riverbend' from Pocahontas which we enjoyed listening to and reading.

In My Happy Mind, we continued with our celebrate module and selected Happiness Heroes for our class. Our Ambassadors are Thomas and Amber, who are responsible for spotting character traits in others.

We have also been focusing on our three times table this week, using TTRS, a times table song, and we put this into practice on Friday in our fluency maths lesson.

St Catherine's Class

What a wonderful week it has been in our class, filled with enthusiasm and curiosity.

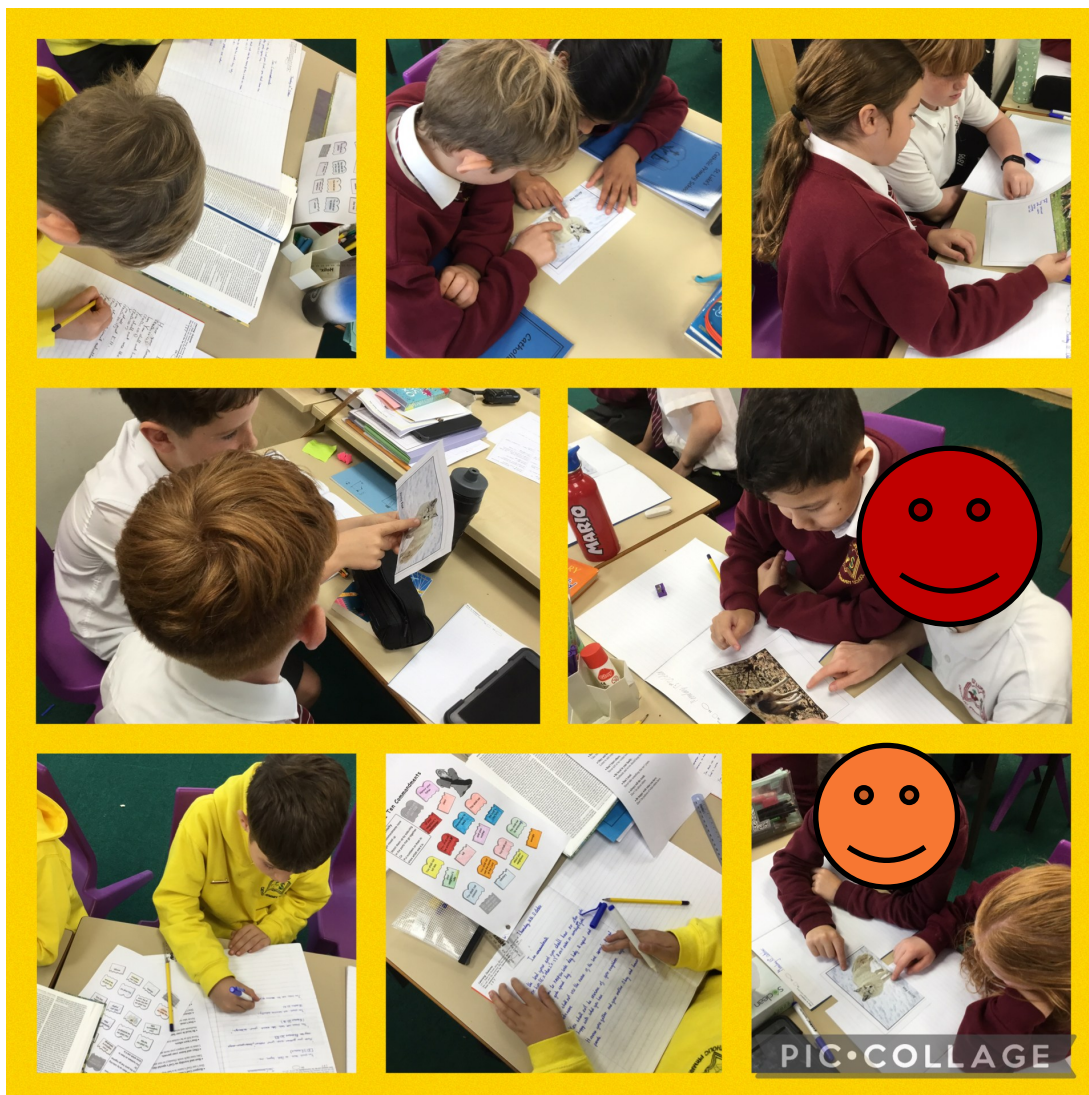
We began the week by continuing with our English learning, where our key text, *Star of Fear, Star of Hope*, inspired us to write with empathy and imagination. Using our grammatical knowledge, we created setting descriptions, recounts, and thank you letters that captured the emotions and themes of the story.



The sense of curiosity continued into our science lessons, where we investigated how animals adapt to survive in their environments. We were fascinated by the clever ways different creatures have evolved to suit their surroundings—from the thick fur of polar bears to the water-storing humps of camels. We noticed that, just like animals use their strengths to thrive, we too can use our own strengths to tackle challenges and grow as learners.

Later in the week, during our Vine and Branches lesson, we explored the Ten Commandments and thought about how these important teachings can guide the choices we make each day. We made links between the commandments and the values we had been demonstrating in other lessons—such as respect, honesty, and kindness—and reflected on how these help us to build a caring and supportive classroom community.

In our My Happy Mind sessions, we brought all these ideas together by thinking about our personal character strengths and how we have used them throughout the week. Whether it was perseverance during a tricky piece of writing, curiosity in science, or kindness in our group discussions, we recognised how each of us contributes something special to our class.



Award Winners

Well done to Theo for his excellent performance at The Morris Dancing competition last weekend.

Theo won:

Escarda Dancer of the Year

Anco

Champion troupe of the Year

Judges award Winner

