



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



Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Today you will receive a leaflet from the Diocese requesting a contribution towards the Building Fund. As a school we have been able to benefit from this greatly.. Our most recent project has been new hall lighting and the replacement of the hall ceiling.

In this week of Remembrance, we would like to extend our grateful appreciation to our Junior Leaders and our Ambassadors for Charity. They represented our school community on Remembrance Sunday and on Armistice day, laying a wreath on our behalf.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Eileen Murtagh



Attendance

Overall Attendance this week is **95.69%**

Across the school, **307 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 6

96-100% Attendance

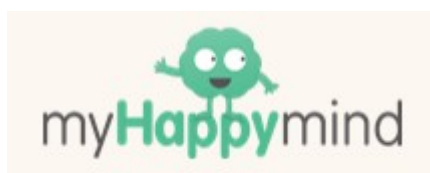
Reception Class 1, 3, 4, 5

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

For the latest newsletter [click here](#)

St Luke's Lion Cubs

We loved seeing our Lion Cubs this week. Make sure you come join us Wednesday!



Little Church

Come and join us for Children's Liturgy on Sunday 16th November 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

14th November: Children in Need

17th November: Maths Week

25th November: Year 3 and 4 Swimming

29th November: Frodsham Festival

2nd December: Weaver Hall Museum trip KS1

15th December: Christmas Carol Service

St Luke's Lion Club event

3rd December 9:30-11:30am

Christmas craft activities

St Mary's Class

English

This week we have been writing about our visit to Chester Zoo and the children have worked very well writing an independent piece of writing with lots of detail. We have also started our new class book Nibbles and have been predicting what mischief he might get up to.



Maths

Year 2 have been subtracting numbers by bridging to 10 and writing the number sentences to match. We have been talking about how making these links can increase our fluency and we can solve problems quicker. Year 1 have been solving subtraction word problems and have finding the important information. Reception have been exploring more and less and have been using different objects to identify more and less.

Vine and Branches

As well as being very excited to start thinking about our Nativity play, we have started to learn about the Christmas story through Vine and Branches. We have started with the Annunciation and have been acting out the moment the Angel appeared to Mary to tell her she was going to have a baby, and how Mary said yes to God.

History

We enjoyed exploring schools from 100 years ago this week using books and photographs. We recorded what we had learned in our own way and were surprised by some of the differences - especially having a real fire in the classroom!

Purple Mash

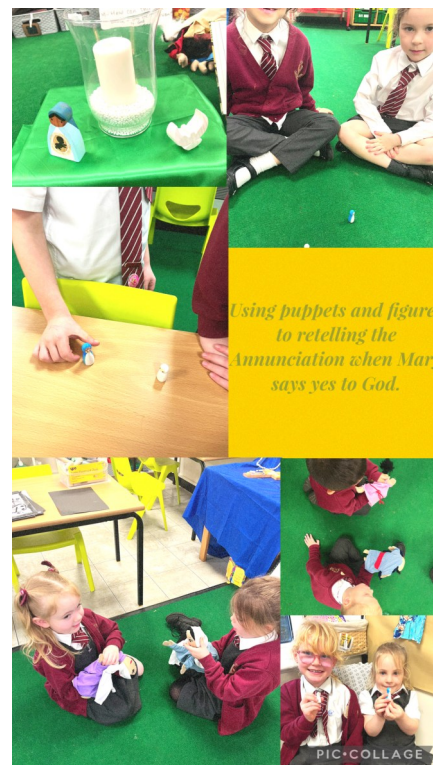
We marked Remembrance Day this week through a minute silence. We also completed some activities about Remembrance day on Purple Mash - creating poppy wreaths, colouring pictures and writing about some of the soldiers.

Art

We created our final pieces! These are now on display in our St. Mary Class gallery and we will be evaluating what went well and what we would like to improve in the next session.

Buddy Time

We had a super buddy time on Friday, whereby our Year 6 EYFS ambassador planned and set up an obstacle course for all of the children. They thoroughly enjoyed it.



St Elizabeth's Class



This week in Maths St Elizabeth class have been consolidating addition and subtraction, and both year groups are nearing the end of their topics! We have been using the column method to perform exchanges across multiple columns. Year 4 have started looking at strategies to check their methods by using the inverse operation.

In English, we have written our Cold Tasks about our new book: Leon and the place between. We made predictions on our new text about what we thought could be in the 'place between.' Then, we wrote a persuasive piece of writing encouraging people to visit the place between! We explored a model about Alton Towers to support our writing.

Earlier this week, we were lucky to work with Paul Delaney in a poetry session! We began by considering how people might feel if they are different, and then thought about ourselves and what makes us unique. We made poems called 'I am..' and used sentence starters to build our very own poem. We also performed them to the class.



St Catherine's Class



This week, our learning has centred around the theme of Remembrance, providing an opportunity to reflect thoughtfully on history, courage, and peace.

We began by exploring the symbolism of poppies, researching what each colour represents and discussing why they continue to be such an important emblem of remembrance today. In History, Year 5 focused on sequencing key events while Year 6 developed their skills in drawing timelines to scale—both deepening understanding of the historical context of the World Wars.

Later in the week, we were moved by the Sainsbury's 2014 Christmas Truce advert, which inspired letters home written from the perspective of a soldier. After exploring the features of letter writing, we considered audience and purpose carefully. The writing showed great empathy, using emotive language to express the thoughts and feelings of soldiers during wartime.

Alongside our remembrance learning, everyone took part in inspiring poetry workshops led by visiting poet Paul Delaney. Paul guided us through structuring our own poems and helped us to begin learning the art of performance poetry.

In Science, we have been investigating Charles Darwin's theory of natural selection, focusing on how different beak shapes suit different types of food. The classes planned and carried out fair tests with great care and curiosity, applying scientific thinking to real-world examples.

A special mention goes to our Junior Leaders, who represented our school so respectfully at the Remembrance Service at St. Lawrence's Church on Sunday, and to our Charity and Community Ambassadors, who laid a wreath on behalf of our school on Tuesday. They were excellent ambassadors and demonstrated the true spirit of remembrance through their maturity and respect.



Boccia

We were very proud of our Boccia team this week. They attended this event, not knowing much about the event itself but had a great time and represented the school brilliantly!



Children in Need - Thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Children in Need fundraiser. Thanks to the kindness and enthusiasm of our pupils, families, and staff, we raised a fantastic total of **£128**.

It was wonderful to see so many children dressed in yellow or Pudsey-themed clothing to show their support. Your generosity helps make a real difference—thank you for getting involved!



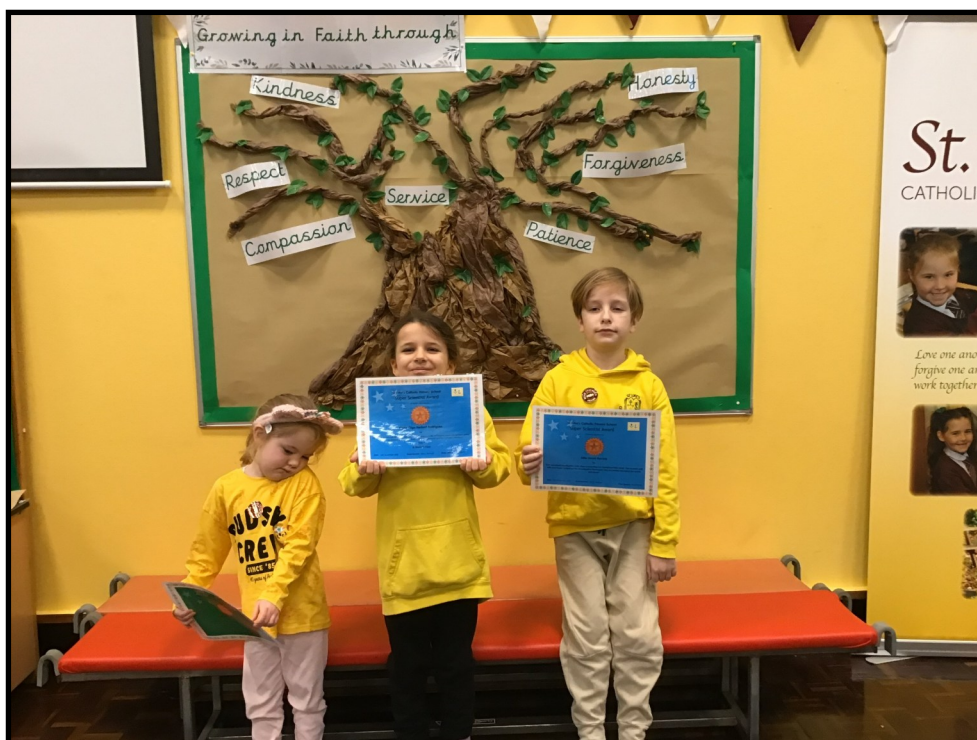
Award Winners

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

Headteachers Awards



Subject Awards



Award Winners

Raise the Praise Champions



Pride Award



Sports and Boccia Awards





Christmas Raffle Reminder

Raffle ticket books for our annual Christmas Raffle should have been bought home by your child, giving families the chance to enter and support our School. If you need additional ticket books, or if your child did not receive one, spare books are available from the School office.

Thank you for your support, and good luck in the draw!