



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



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This weekend we are all looking forward to the Frodsham Festival. I know there has been lots of hard work taking place in the lead up to this annual event. I would like to extend my grateful appreciation to all parents, pupils and staff who have contributed time and resources. We hope that this will be an enjoyable event for all.

This weekend also marks the first Sunday of Advent. Advent is a special time when we get ready for the coming of Jesus. Advent also marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. At mass this weekend the first purple candle will be lit. Each week we are invited to think about how best we can prepare for the coming of the Baby Jesus.

Wishing you all a very enjoyable weekend.



Eileen Murtagh

# Attendance

Overall Attendance this week is **94.2%**

Across the school, **122 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 3

96-100% Attendance

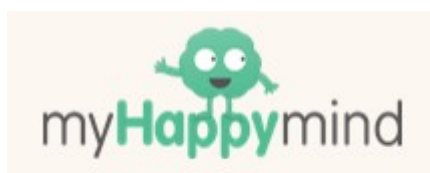
Reception Class 1, 4, 5 and 6

**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

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 for the Christmas Party!



## Little Church

Come and join us for Children's Liturgy on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December during 4pm mass (Due to Ho Ho Helsby) 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

**29th November:** Frodsham Festival

**2nd December:** Weaver Hall Museum trip KS1

**5th December:** Year 2 Christmas Journey

**11th December:** KS1 Nativity 2pm

**15th December:** Christmas Carol Service

**17th December:** Christmas Dinner and Jumper day

**18th December:** Christmas Party

**St Luke's Lion Club event**

**3rd December 9:30-11:30am**

Christmas craft activities

# St Mary's Class

This week the children have been working hard showing off what they have learned this term in English and maths by completing some assessments. They have worked so hard and have made good progress since September!



Reception have been enjoying some Christmas activities and love their new Santa's Workshop roleplay area. They have written letters to Santa and they seem to all want cats! Good luck with that

## History

We are looking forward to our upcoming Weaverhall Museum visit and we have been enjoying learning about schools from the past. The children would quite like a coal fire in our classroom but were Not impressed by the idea of using a cane or a dunce hat!

## RE

We have been talking about Mary our Mother in Heaven this week and how special she is. We learned the Hail Mary prayer and discussed what each line means, then we drew pictures to help us remember.

## Computing

We have been giving a program instructions this week by choosing text and Images in the correct order. We then created our own by creating a recipe for Chocolate Rice Crispy cakes.



## NSPCC

We were lucky enough to take part in an NSPCC workshop this week and watching a special online assembly where we learned about how to keep ourselves safe and to speak out if someone is not safe.

## Nativity

Rehearsals are well under way and the children have been very excited to try on their costumes. Letters have gone out to some children who need a few extra items that you hopefully already have at home. If you have any problems with these items please let me know. Next week we will be practicing without scripts so please can children keep practicing their lines.

## Reading

We have seen a sharp decline in the number of children who are reading regularly at home. This is having an impact on learning progress. Please ensure that your child is reading at least 3 times a week and discussing the book, answering questions that include who, what, when, why.





# St Elizabeth's Class



This week, St Elizabeth class have been working hard during assessment week! We have been putting out maths, reading and spelling knowledge to the test and have worked extremely hard, persevering even when things were tough.

In Maths, Year 3 have started a new topic of multiplication and division. We also enjoyed launching our times table flashcards game with partners and have been competing for different coloured cards! Year 4 have completed their topic of area and will move on to multiplication and division next week.

In English, we have carried on reading our book, 'Leon and the Place Between,' and have been considering the literary devices used to build suspense including short sentences and the use of ellipsis.

In Science, we have been learning about our three types of teeth and their uses. We enjoyed building a labelled model of our mouths to consolidate our learning.

In the Vine and Branches, we compared the accounts of the prophet Isaiah and Luke when they spoke about the angel Gabriel's message about Jesus. We compared language and meaning, and then created some artwork to depict our own interpretation of what it could have looked like.



# St Catherine's Class



It's been another busy week in St. Catherine's Class; Tuesday stood out as an especially busy day. Year 5 took part in a very important workshop delivered by Cheshire Fire Service, all about keeping safe in our homes. It certainly made us think—have you checked your smoke detector this week? Meanwhile, Year 6 represented the school brilliantly at a “Big Maths” workshop delivered by the University of Liverpool at Helsby High School. They demonstrated excellent teamwork and resilience as they tackled a range of problems and puzzles, supporting one another and celebrating each success.

Later in the week, our geography lesson continued this theme of curiosity and discovery. We explored how energy use has changed over time and compared our findings with data from the USA. The children were fascinated by the differences and quickly engaged in thoughtful discussions about what these comparisons might mean for the future.

In English, we have been enjoying our work linked to our key text 'Can We Save the Tiger?'. This week, we focused on using parenthesis to enhance our writing, it was great to see how the class confidently used this skill to add detail, clarity, and interest to their sentences.

To round off our week, a team of Year 5 and 6 children attended a Tag Rugby event on Thursday alongside other local primary schools. They demonstrated determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the competition - well done to all involved.





# Award Winners

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

## Headteachers Awards



## Subject Awards



# Award Winners

Raise the Praise Champions



Pride Award



Sports Awards





# Award Winners

## Tag Rugby



# Sports Events

Another busy sport week!

2 teams of children attended the Tag Rugby events this week in year 3/4 and year 5/6. The children were excellent and we were so proud of their effort, resilience and teamwork. Thank you again to our staff and volunteer parent helpers who make these events possible.





## 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!



We were so excited to receive some presents from FoSL recently. They brought some things for each class including resources to use during Vines and Branches and a Bose speaker to use in classrooms. EYFS were especially excited to see the resources purchased with grant money to enhance the outdoor area, which included a new water tray, tuff tray stand and a puppet theatre. We have some more new resources to go into the outdoor area after the completion of a few repairs that are needed. We are so grateful to the Friend of St Luke's and the families who contribute to raising money for us.

## School Building Fund



Your support makes a difference.

We kindly ask families to support our School Building Fund. A minimum contribution of £15 can go a long way in helping us maintain and improve our school environment for all pupils.

For your convenience, contributions can be made easily online. Please use the hyperlink above.

Thank you for your continued support.