



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

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to all the children who have received a certificate at this mornings Celebration Assembly. One of the loveliest things about the children at our school is that they always take great pleasure in acknowledging the achievements of others. This week we took great pleasure in congratulating our Basketball team, they were presented with Bronze medals after coming third in the Frodsham and Villages Basketball Competition. Quote ..

I was also delighted to present the following children with a new pen, they have worked extremely hard to ensure their handwriting reaches the standard for a pen licence. Congratulations to Lilly, Thomas, Kate and Harper.

Bird watch 2026 begin this weekend. This is great opportunity to get out in the fresh air, by doing so contribute to national data.

The "[Birdwatch 26 free guide](#)" refers to the RSPB's **Big Garden Birdwatch for January 2026**, where you register on their website ([rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](https://rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)) to get a free digital (or sometimes printed) guide with identification tips and tally charts to count birds in your garden for one hour. Participants count the maximum number of each species seen at one time and submit results online to help monitor bird populations, with resources available digitally to help with identification.



Wishing you all a very enjoyable week

Eileen Murtagh

# Attendance

Overall Attendance this week is **95.31%**

Across the school, **134 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

Reception Class 3, 5, 6

96-100% Attendance

Class 1, and 4

**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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## 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

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## St Nicholas Catholic High School Newsletter

For the latest newsletter [click here](#)

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# St Luke's Lion Cubs

Great to see everybody at Lion Cubs this week. Look forward to welcoming everyone back next week for some more fun!



## Little Church

We look forward to seeing everybody at Little Church next week.

## Dates for your Diary

**27th January:** Bronze Ambassador Training

**29th January:** Big Maths

**3rd February:** Tempest Photographs

**5th February:** FOSL Valentines Movie Night

**12th February:** Disney KS1 Girls Football

**13th February:** Half Term

**3rd March:** St Mary's Class Residential

**St Luke's Lion Club event**

**11th February:** Valentines Tea Party

# St Mary's Class

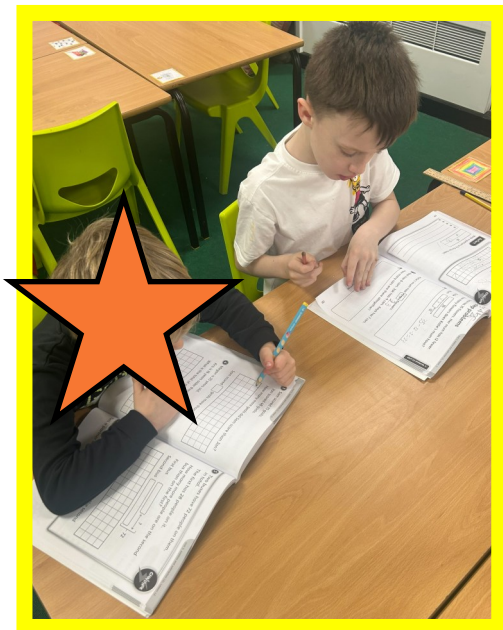


We have had a great week this week in St Mary's class! In English, we explored adjectives and spent time planning our descriptive writing, making sure we had the best sentences! Year 2 looked at expanded noun phrases and Year 1 made sure they were using conjunctions while Reception were using finger spaces! We also wrote a recount in role of the mouse for his journey up to the top of the rock.

In Maths, Reception continued their work understanding 5 and played some games to subitise. Year 1 worked extremely hard to solve hard missing number problems on an empty number line where all of the numbers were hiding! Year 2 put all of their knowledge to the test as they completed mixed addition and subtraction problems in a variety of different ways.

In Computing, we all learnt about Pointillism Art and had a go at creating our own pictures using a feature on PurpleMash. All of us were able to use the tools in the tool bar to set our colours to the desired one and we made some beautiful desert images.

We have also been busy in Science sessions this week as we continued to discover more about the human body. This week, we looked at body parts that are inside the body. We learnt about the heart's function and felt our own heartbeats before and after exercise. We also learnt about the lungs, stomach and brain!





# St Elizabeth's Class



This week St Elizabeth class have been looking at the formal written method for multiplication. Year 3 have been partitioning numbers and adding to get the answer, and year 4 have been exchanging using the column method. Towards the end of the week, both year groups have moved onto division.

In English, we have been working on using speech to enhance our stories and using inverted commas correctly. We carried on reading 'Escape from Pompeii' and wrote about the volcano starting to erupt. We wrote diary entries to talk about how Tranio and Livia might feel.

In Science, we finished our Animals and Humans topic by exploring food chains. We categorised animals into consumers, predators and producers. In small groups we created the food chains on our tables and drew arrows to show the transfer of energy.

In the Vine and Branches we retold the story of the Centurion's servant and spoke about how faith in God is important, and how the Kingdom of God is built.

In MyHappyMind we finished our appreciate module and thought about embedding our gratitude in everyday life. We considered our character strengths and how we should be grateful for these.



# St Catherine's Class



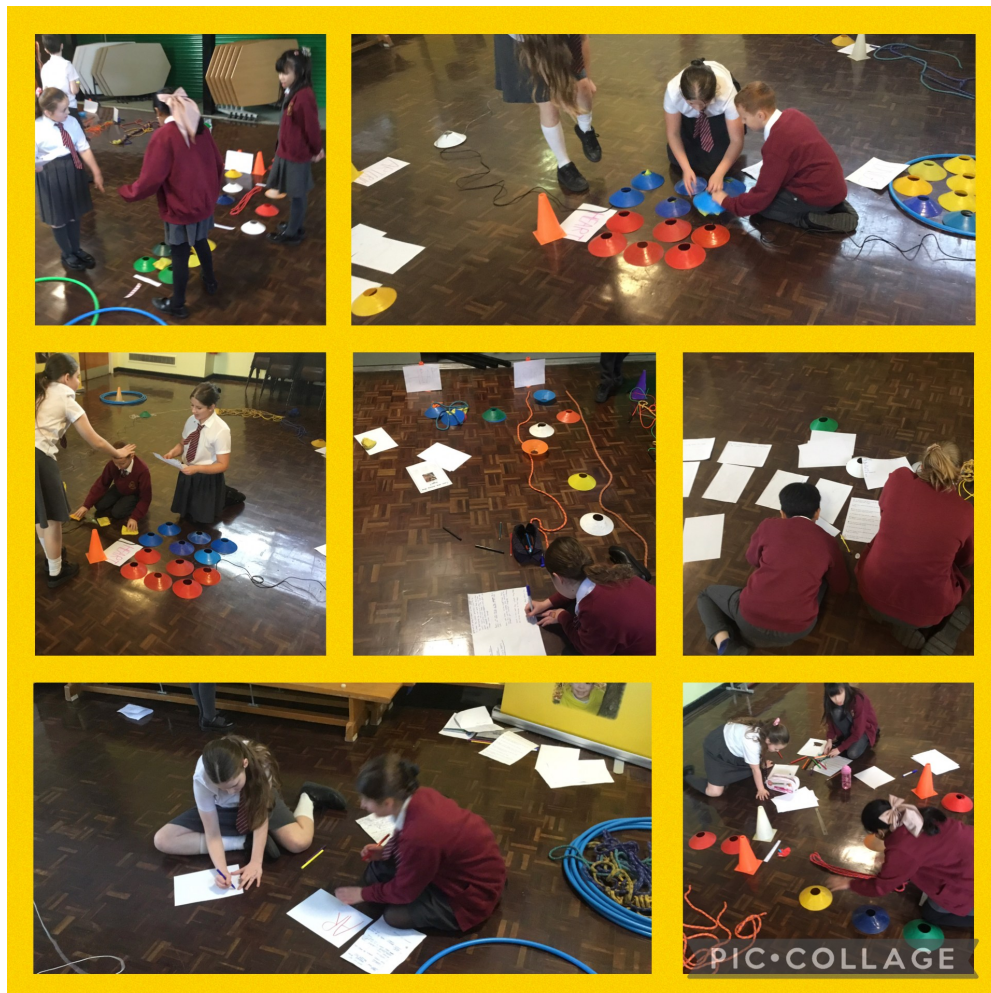
It has been another busy week for St. Catherine Class!

We started the week by reading the first few pages of our new text, *The Selfish Giant*. Everyone really enjoyed exploring the story and writing their own poems inspired by an image of the Giant's garden. There was some fantastic use of expanded noun phrases and relative clauses to add detail and depth to their writing – a great start to our new unit.

In maths, everyone has been working hard. Year 5 have been developing their understanding of fractions, while Year 6 have moved on to exploring ratio and scale factors. Both groups have shown resilience and determination as they practised strategies and applied them to a range of different challenges.

Tuesday was a highlight for two very different reasons. A team of basketballers represented the class at the Y5/6 FAVSP tournament at Helsby High, where they demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and skill, returning proudly with shiny bronze medals for coming third – well done, we are so proud of you! Meanwhile, the rest of the class took part in a very practical science lesson in the hall. Following on from Monday's learning about the circulatory system, the group used a range of props and equipment to create presentations explaining the system to others. They worked well in their groups and confidently used a wide range of scientific vocabulary.

Our busy week also included an exciting trip to Helsby High for Year 6, who were invited to watch their production of *Grease*. The children were inspired by the acting and singing and loved getting a glimpse of what life might be like at secondary school.





# Award Winners

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

## Headteachers Awards



## Subject Awards





# Award Winners

## Raise the Praise Champions



## Pride Award



## Sports Awards

