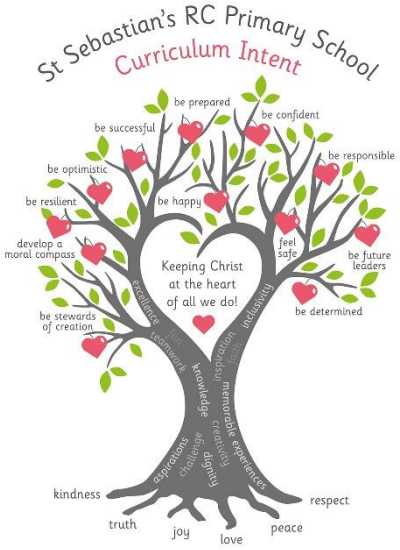


Autumn Newsletter

Dear parents/carers

As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding first half term, I would like to thank all of our pupils, families and staff for the warm and positive start to the academic year. It has been wonderful to see the children settle so well into their new classes and routines. They have approached learning with enthusiasm, confidence and a positive attitude, helping to create a calm and purposeful atmosphere across the school.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for attending our recent Parents' Evenings. These meetings provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate the children's successes and discuss their next steps in learning. We greatly appreciate the positive feedback we received and value the strong partnerships we continue to build between home and school.

In Religious Education, all classes have been learning about Creation and Covenant in age-appropriate ways. Children have thoroughly enjoyed their RE lessons this term and were eager to share their learning with parents and carers when they visited school this week. It was wonderful to see the pride that pupils took in discussing their work and reflecting on their understanding of God's creation and His relationship with humanity.

This half term has also been enriched through a range of curriculum experiences. Year 5 took part in an engaging Kingdom of Benin workshop, Year 3 explored life in the Stone Age, and Year 2 enjoyed learning about the Great Fire of London. These workshops provide valuable insights into each topic, helping to bring learning to life whilst fostering curiosity, interest and enjoyment.

Throughout October, children have been praying the Rosary each day as part of our Catholic tradition. We were delighted by the response to our Rosary Beads homework challenge. The creativity shown by pupils was outstanding, with many making use of natural and recycled materials. Their efforts demonstrated not only artistic flair but also a commitment to our shared responsibility to care for God's creation.

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all members of staff for their dedication and hard work this half term. Their commitment to welcoming pupils and families, nurturing well-being and providing rich, engaging learning experiences has ensured a successful start to the year.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term of learning.



Creation by Lucas, Year 3

'God saw all that he had made, and behold, it was very good.' Genesis 1:31

Parent Engagement

As a catholic school, we believe that parents are the first educators of their children and we value the partnership of working alongside our parents.
We would like to thank all parents who attended the following events this half-term:

- Meet the teacher
- Class masses
- McMillan Coffee morning
- EYFS stay and plays
- Five Ways to Wellbeing Workshop
- RE/RHE showcase
- Parents' Evening

LPPA

As part of our commitment to strengthening relationships between home and school, we are working towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA). We believe that parents and carers are the first and most important educators in their children's lives, and that children achieve their best when families and school work together. We warmly welcome opportunities for parents to share their views, ideas and feedback, helping us to continually improve our provision and ensure that every child is supported to thrive and succeed.

RE/RHE Showcase Parent Feedback

Parents of 86 pupils attended the RE/RHE showcase on Wednesday.
Twenty-six parents provided feedback using the online form:

- 100% of parents found it informative.
- 100% of parents stated their child enjoys RE.
- 100% of parents think learning about relationships with God and each other is important.
- 100% of parents think that RE contributes to their child's moral and spiritual development.

Comments: *Reviewing my daughter's RE book today makes it clear she is learning lifelong values that will guide her future beautifully. Thank you for helping these children discover the way of the Lord through this subject*.

I really love everything I saw today. It's good to see the Christian faith being taught also in school. That's creating a firm foundation for the children. Thank you for all you do.

Parenting Smart Online course

As part of our mental health support for the whole school, Place2Be would like to invite our families to **sign up for free** to Parenting Smart - Online Course. This 4 week self-paced programme offers tools to support children's wellbeing and help them deal with childhood challenges. https://www.place2be.org.uk/family/book. The deadline to register is 2nd November:

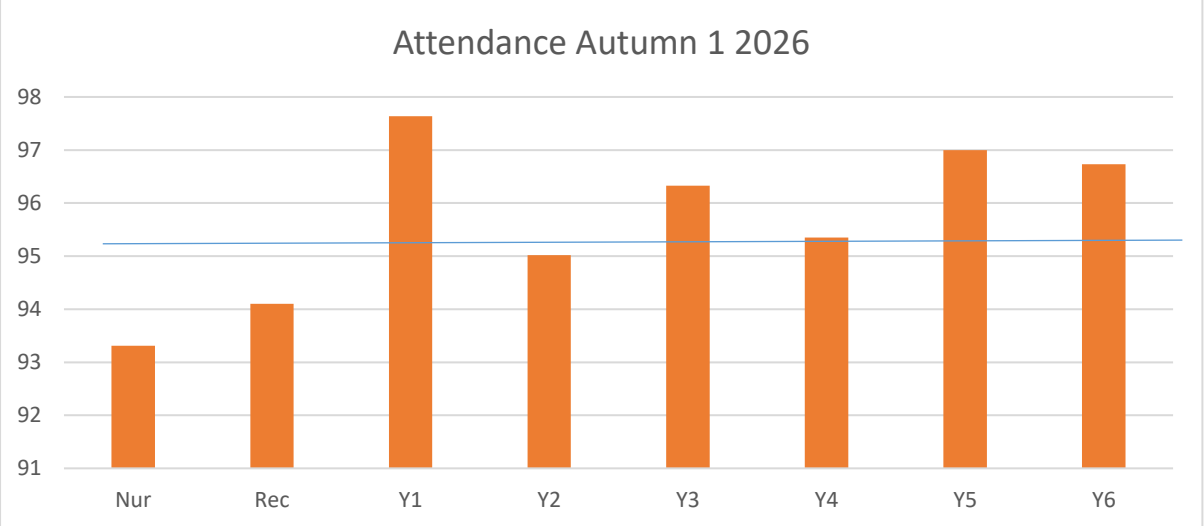
Catholic Social Teaching

Our school community have put Catholic Social teaching into action this term in a variety of ways.

- Year 6 hosted a MacMillan Coffee morning in September raising £125.80 to support families going through difficulties as a result of cancer;
- Year 2 organised our Harvest collection for the common good to support Loaves and Fishes;
- A staff team of 17 showed solidarity by walking 10km in the shine Night Walk and raised £2667.50 for Cancer Research
- The whole school participated in celebrating World Mental Health Day

Attendance Bulletin for Autumn 1

Whole School Attendance Autumn 1 term (Sep – Oct) **95.73%**			
Nursery 93.31%	Year 1 97.64%	Year 3 96.33%	Year 5 97%
Reception 94.10%	Year 2 95.04%	Year 4 95.33%	Year 6 96.73%



PE Days in Autumn 2 term

Year 1	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday & Friday
Year 3	Thursday & Friday
Year 4	Thursday (swimming on Wednesday)
Year 5	Monday & Wednesday
Year 6	Monday & Wednesday

Dates for Autumn 2 term:

Mon 2/11/26 - Y6 Into University focus week
Thur 5/11/26 - EYFS stay & play - Maths is everywhere 8.45am
Tue 10/11/26 - Class mass – Y4 & Y3 10.45am
Wed 11/11/26 - Remembrance Service in church 10.50am
Sun 15/11/26 - Y4 families invited to mass at 9.30am
Fri 20/11/26 - Donations for Christmas Fair - bottles
Fri 20/11/26 - EYFS stay and play - Christ the King crown making
Mon 23/11/26 - Assessment week Y1, Y3, Y5
Mon 23/11/26 - i-Reach parent workshop on managing anxiety
Tue 24/11/26 - Class mass – Y6 & Y2 10.45am
Weds 25/11/26 - Just Youth in school
Thur 26/11/26 - Parent Coffee Morning 8.40am
Fri 27/11/26 - Donations for Christmas Fair - chocolates and sweets
Mon 30/11/26 - Assessment week Y2, Y4, Y6
Mon 30/11/26 - Wear purple – start of advent
Mon 30/11/26 - Advent reflection – Y1/5 + parents 3pm
Tues 1/12/26 - Author visit: Simon Hunt
Tues 1/12/26 - Advent reflection – Nursery and Reception 2.45pm
Weds 2/12/26 - Y1 stay & play – Christmas learning together 8.45am
Thurs 3/12/26 - Christmas Fair 3.30-5pm
Fri 4/12/26 - School closed – Staff training Day
Sun 6/12/26 - Presentation mass (Sacramental Programme) 9.30am, Y3 families invited
Mon 7/12/26 - Advent reflection – Y2/6 + parents 3pm
Tue 8/12/26 - Class mass – Y5 & Y1 10.45am
Weds 9/12/26 - Pantomime in school - Cinderella
Thur 10/12/26 - DT showcase Y1 - 6 2:30pm
Fri 11/12/26 - EYFS stay & play – Christmas learning together 8.45am
Fri 11/12/26 - Christmas dinner
Mon 14/12/26 - Advent reflection – Y3/4 + parents 3pm
Tue 15/12/26 - EYFS/Year 1 Nativity 9.30am
Weds 16/12/26 - Carol service for Y2-6 in church 2pm
Fri 18/12/26 - Christmas jumper day
Fri 18/12/26 - Advent mass in church 9.15am

Please note that we have moved the KS1/2 disco to Spring 1 as we have many events taking place next half-term.

With love and prayers,

Mrs Doyle

'Do everything in love.' 1 Corinthians 16:14