



Spring Term NEWSLETTER February 2025



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ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER *Inspiring independent learners with Jesus by our side*

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are sure you are all looking forward to the half term ahead. It has been another wonderfully busy time in school, packed with lots of enrichment events and activities.

Thank you for joining in and coming along to the assemblies, 'Stay and Play', Masses and providing costumes to enhance the days. Year 1 shared their class assembly on the theme of Candlemas and Reception 'Stay and play' saw the creation of some fantastic transport models. The Year 3's Stone Age workshop involved bread making and building a fire, the Vikings invaded Year 5 for the day and Year 4 are headed off to Chester to experience the Roman history of the city. Our enrichment days bring learning to life for the pupils and this could not happen without the generosity of the funds raised by the FOSB. These expensive experiences are fully paid for or heavily subsidised, so that we can arrange no cost, or at a very reduced rate at all to our families. **THANK YOU FOSB!**



CATHOLIC LIFE AND MISSION

We all came together on 24 January to launch the Year of Jubilee – *Pilgrims of HOPE*. Hope for peace, hope for prisoners, hope for the sick, the young, the elderly, the poor. No one should go without, no one should live without hope. Our special 'Jar of Hope' will journey to each class and will be filled with messages from all the children, sharing their messages of hope for this special jubilee year.



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The Season of **LENT** begins on **Ash Wednesday, 5 March**. There will be a celebration of Mass in school, a time to prepare ourselves for this time of reflection, repentance and forgiveness. Adults are welcome to join us. During Lent, each class will be arranging various fundraising activities to complete their charitable deeds.



Did you know that our parish of St. John Vianny sponsors a school in Zambia through **Mary's Meals**? There are 267 children who attend the Ndundundu Primary School, where they receive an education and one daily nutritious meal. **How can we help?** Fr. Paul has asked for our help to support this project by doing one simple thing - **RECYCLING!** An **ALUMINIUM CAN** collection point will be set up in school after half term. Please bring along your empty cans and help us to work together to support this amazing project – making a difference for some of the world's poorest children. To find out more about the work of Mary's Meal visit their website: www.marysmeals.org.uk



How do you know if your can is made from aluminium? Aluminium is not magnetic.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Congratulations to the children who have recently enrolled on the Sacramental Programme. We pray for all the children and their families as they prepare to receive the sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion this year. The Service of Reconciliation will take place on **Thursday 20 March**.



Loving God, pour out your blessing upon our beloved children, that during this time of sacramental preparation they may grow closer to you, and come to know your special love for them. May this time of preparation be a time of blessing for our families and our community, and unite us all in your great love. Amen.



Sporting Achievements ...



We pride ourselves on the variety of sporting opportunities offered to our pupils. Many children are keen to participate in the out of school sporting events and competitions arranged by *Vale Royal Schools Sports Partnership*. This term our girls football team competed in the Cheshire Cup County Finals reaching the quarter finals. We are so proud of your achievements, well done! (Did you know there are 374 primary schools in Cheshire?) Twenty Y5 & Y6 pupils also progressed to the Northwich Indoor



Athletic final, finishing in fourth place and were awarded the 'Spirit of the Games' for their **respect, determination, passion, honesty, self-belief and teamwork**. Everytime the children participate, they are developing so much more than physical fitness.

SPRING 2: REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR
KS2 Afterschool Football on Tuesdays with Andy Ault
KS2 Afterschool Cricket Coaching on Wednesdays

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NATIONAL SAFER INTERNET DAY



[Tips for Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

How do you SAFEGUARD your children when they are using phones, iPads, computers to access the internet and using social media apps?

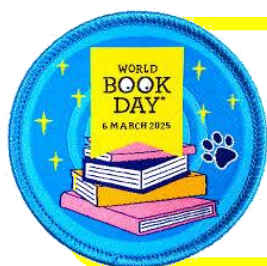
Click on the link above for some top tips to help you to help them.

SWIMMING GALA – **SAVE THE DATE**

The annual swimming gala has been booked for **Saturday 26 April 3.30 – 5.30pm**.

We welcome all pupils from Reception to Year 6 to take part.

Further details to follow next term.



WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATION – **Thursday 6 March**

We will have plenty of fun activities taking place throughout the day, including games, crafts, listening to stories, quests and quizzes.

Pupils are invited to come into school **dressed as their favourite book character.**



PARENT/CARER CONSULTATION EVENING

Tuesday 4 March and Thursday 6 March

Bookings will open on Tuesday 25 February 4.00pm.

New **EASTER** Holiday Club

The team at Woodland Pre-school are holding an Easter Holiday Club on the school site.

Places are limited – **Remember to BOOK EARLY to secure your place.**



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WOODLANDS PRE-SCHOOL

Join us for our Easter holiday club!

Taking place -

Monday 7th to Friday 11th April

£30 per day

Ages 4 years to 8 years welcome!

9am to 3pm
8am to 5:30pm incurs an extra charge of £5

Illustration of children with baskets and Easter eggs.



EARLY HELP NAVIGATOR SERVICE

We are delighted to host our allocated **Early Help Navigator** in school each month. Jo Mander is employed by Cheshire West and Chester and is an invaluable resource to offer help, support and advice to our families. Do you need help accessing local or national services; support to complete forms and applications; a listening ear? Jo is available for scheduled face-to-face meet-ups, phone calls or drop-ins. You can also find her at Victoria Road Children's Centre each Monday morning. If you want to find out more or would like to book an appointment, please contact Mrs Jones or Mrs Parker via the School Office.

Jo's next visit in school Thursday 6 March 8.30 – 9.30am:

REMINDER: School office hours 8.30am - 4.30pm

PUNCTUALITY TO SCHOOL

Just a reminder that our school day begins at **8.55am** and pupils should be onsite at this time. Pupils should be in class for **9.00am**

After 8.55am when the main gate is closed parents need to sign their child in at the School Office. Please support school by ensuring your child is ready to learn on time each school day.

Thank you for your support in this matter.



Dates for your Diary

Please check these dates carefully as we are always adding new information and these dates are subject to change.

February 2025		
Friday	14	HALF TERM
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Monday	24	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday	25	Pupils Return to School
Wednesday	26	CAFOD speaker and workshops
March 2025		
Monday	3/10/17	Sacramental Programme Workshops
Tuesday	4	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings – session 1
Wednesday	5	2.30pm ASH WEDNESDAY Mass – all welcome
Thursday	6	Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings – session 2
Thursday	6	World Book Day – dress as a book character
Thursday	20	6pm First Forgiveness Service – St. Bede's Church
Wed-Fri	26-28	Y5 and Y6 residential trip to London
Thursday	27	Year 4 Activity Day at SNCHS
APRIL 2025		
Thursday	3	Y6 Class Assembly – 3.00pm
Friday	4	End of term
EASTER BREAK		
Wednesday	23	Pupils Return – Summer Term commences
Friday	25	2.30pm EASTER Mass – all welcome
SATURDAY	26	Swimming Gala 3.30 – 5.30pm at Brio Leisure Centre