

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







Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

On Monday afternoon the whole school took part in out Cafod sponsored walk. Everyone enjoyed the spring



sunshine as they walked around the community fields. We would like to extend our grateful appreciation to all the children who took part. Thank you also to everyone who has brought in their sponsor form and money. Please can we kindly request that all outstanding money is brought into school by **Tuesday 3rd June**. We thank everyone who has supported this event in any way.

Attendance - It has become noticeable that there is an increase in absence around the school holidays. Please can we remind everybody that the absence cannot be authorised.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable Half Term break. We return to school on Tuesday 3rd June.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week 91.70

Across the school, 82 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	90-95% Attendance	96-100% Attendance
Reception Class 1 Class 2	Class 3 Class 5 Class 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

Free school meals

Have your financial circumstances recently changed?

If your child does not have Free School Meals, they may be eligible because of your family's income level. Even if you do not wish them to have the meals, this would mean the school could still claim Pupil Premium Funding that may be used to help your child.

For applications and more information visit: Cheshire West and Chester website.

St Luke's Lion Cubs

We have enjoyed seeing our Lion Cubs this week! Come and join us again on 4th June.



Preschool

Interest Survey

We are undertaking updated some market research as to what the interest and demand for a preschool at St. Luke's would be. Please complete the survey below and forward to anyone who may be interested.

REGISTER INTEREST

Little Church

Come and join the children at Little Church on Saturday 14th June during 6pm mass.

Dates for your diary

3rd June: School opens

2nd June: Year 4 Multiplication Check

9th June: Year 1 Phonics Screening

13th June: Photographs Reception/Year 6

17th June: Eureka Museum whole school trip

18th June: Safety central Trip

20th June: Summer Fair

Marigold Class





Marigold class have been writing rules and instructions to help Little Red go the woods to hunt for wolves. Year 2 have been learning about contracting words and year 1 have been working very hard with their phonics practice.

In maths we have been learning about capacity and measuring in litres and millilitres. Reception have loved exploring water and creating full and empty containers.

In Design Technology we have been sewing our own jungle animal teddies. We have been using the skills of threading, stitching, stuffing and cutting to each create a different animal. Reception will be making puppets next week.

In Science we have been finishing our unit around Animals including Humans and completing our end of unit quiz. We are looking forward to our new topic of Animal Habitats.

We enjoyed our Sponsored Walk with our buddies this week and have enjoyed raising money for a good cause.

Tulip Class



Last Friday, some of our Year 3 and 4's competed against other schools at Manor House Primary School in a game of Diamond Cricket. They played excellently, showing great sportsmanship and were great representatives of our school.

This week Tulip class have been working hard in English carrying on with our story of Journey. We have been putting lots of focus on expanded noun phrases, prepositional phrases, and using speech marks correctly. We thought about what the little girl could draw to stop herself from falling from the waterfall, and predicting a conversation between the girl and the guards.

In Maths, we have been exploring some different topics such as statistics and angles. Year 3 have looked at pictograms and bar charts, whilst year fours have progressed to looking at line graphs. Year 3's then looked at right angles and clockwise turns, whereas Year 4's learnt about acute and obtuse angles. Year 3 have also been learning about money, adding up pounds and pence and thinking about how we could find change. Year 4 have been applying their knowledge of decimals and have been writing monetary amounts in pounds and pence using a decimal point!

In Science, we finished our topic of Plants and talked about what the life cycle of a plant is all the way from planting, to germination, to photosynthesis and pollination. In The Vine and Branches we have been exploring the journey of Jesus to Emmaus and why this was so significant. We have also been praying the Rosary each day to mark the month of May.

Bluebell Class



As we approach the half term break, it's been a very busy and productive final week for everyone.

We began the week with a thoughtful Prayer and Liturgy assembly focused on the Rosary. This reflective start set the tone for the days ahead as the children explored the significance of the Rosary in greater depth. Following the assembly, they created informative pages featuring step-by-step guides on how to pray the Rosary and reflections on its importance. Throughout the week, our prayer leaders have guided us in saying a decade of the Rosary each day, creating a calm and meaningful moment for reflection.

Writing has been a key focus this week, and Tuesday's lesson really captured everyone's imaginations. Inspired by an image of a derelict house, they created the opening to spooky stories, exploring techniques to build suspense. Their work included vivid descriptions, engaging dialogue and well-developed characters, particularly two brave individuals daring each other to go inside—an exercise that brought out some fantastic creativity.

In their Maths lessons, Year 5 have been working hard to complete their unit on angles. They've become confident using protractors to measure angles accurately and can now identify different types of angles with ease.

Meanwhile, Year 6 took some time to reflect on their recent SATs experience by writing letters to Year 5. These were full of helpful advice and kind, reassuring words about what to expect and how to stay calm. It was a great way to explore writing using an informal tone and with a different audience in mind.

Overall, it's been a week filled with lots of great learning and fantastic creativity — a perfect note to end on before everyone enjoys a well-earned rest over half term.

Award winners

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



Headteacher Awards



Subject Awards



Sports Awards



Wellbeing afternoon

Marigold Class and their year 6 buddies enjoyed a wellbeing afternoon together today, continuing Mental Health Awareness Week. We enjoyed some activities to help us Keep Active, Take Notice, Give and Connect.

Please talk to your child about the activities we have explored and encourage them to continue these strategies at home.









Local Area Information





Libraries



Take a look at St Nicholas Catholic High School 's newsletter <u>here</u>