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Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Dear Parents and Carers** 



Today our year five pupils buddied up with the pupils who will be joining the school in September. They all visited Frodsham Library, where they were able to explore what is on offer, find out more about this year's reading challenge, as well as listen to a favourite story. We have really

enjoyed meeting the new starters either at their home, in school and at the library.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the St. Luke's Sports Day, a fun filled day that encouraged participation from all. The morning, organised by our year six pupils, offered activity stations. My Favourite was the dancing station. I was

really impressed with all the dance moves! During the afternoon, we enjoyed a more traditional sports day event, with traditional flat races. It was pleasing to see team work in action, I was particularly impressed by the

resilience of the younger pupils. Thank you to all who supported this day in any way.



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Next Friday morning we will be celebrating with our First Holy Communicants at the 9.30 am mass at St. Luke's

parish church. You are warmly invited to join us.

On Monday evening, in the cool of Chester Cathedral, our amazing AmaSing Choir joined together with many other schools, to perform songs and dances from around the world. Mrs Fairman added that she was incredibly proud of all the children.

I would once again like to extend my grateful appreciation to all parents and staff who have supported these events in anyway.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

#### **Attendance**

Overall Attendance this week 95.12

Across the school, 322 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
Class 6	Class 1 Class 3 Class 5	Reception Class 2 Class 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).

# **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 you head into the holidays, we're excited to inform you of the brandnew Holiday Checklist on the myHappymind Parent App. It's a brilliant way to help children keep practising their myHappymind habits during the holidays. 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 missed seeing our Lion Cubs this week! Come and join us again on Wednesday





### **Little Church**

Come and join us for the last Little Church before summer on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July during 11am mass.

# **Dates for your diary**

7th July: Y6 Helsby Transition day

8th July: St Nicolas transition day/ Helsby high

transition

9th July: Y6 Costumes due in/ 3:30pm Y6 Parent

meeting for Petty Pool

11 July: St Nicholas transition day

**14th July:** KS2 Play—Performances at 2pm and 7pm

**16 -18th July** - Y5 & 6 Residential

**22nd July:** Leavers mass 10am & leavers assembly 2pm

23rd July: End of year Mass

23rd July: School closes





# **Marigold Class**

Marigold class had a fantastic time at sports day this

week! We were very tired after a whole day of activities including a carousel of 12 events in the morning and a variety of races in the afternoon. We were so impressed with the effort, sportsmanship and teamwork that all children demonstrated.

Our new reception starters came to visit us again this week in school and enjoyed some activities with their new classmates, all about the book *Rumble in the Jungle*. We coloured pictures and cut out puppets.

#### Library

Reception and year 1 found out who our year 6 buddies will be in September! We all walked to the library together and met our new reception friends there to share a story and get to know each other. Year 2 are looking forward to their library visit next week.

In The Vine and the Branches we have been learning about the weekly mass, how we say sorry to God and ask for forgiveness and that we listen to stories from the Bible. We learnt the new word "genuflect" and what this means.

In English we have been writing about what the last bear, the last lynx and the last wolf are like to live with. We have been using suffixes -er and -est to make comparisons and year 2 have been learning about apostrophes for possession and contractions.

In Maths we have been learning about position and direction and practicing half and quarter turns. We have been designing our sculptures, planning what we will make and what we will use to make the patterns. We are looking forward to finally using the clay to start creating...

In History we have been creating time lines. Year 1 and 2 have drawn and labelled a time line about Christopher Columbus' life and Reception have created a timeline of their own lives. They loved sharing photos of themselves as babies and toddlers.

We are enjoying My Happy Mind and use our happy breathing techniques regularly. We have been learning about how the different parts of the brain work together and how we can regulate our feelings.



## **Tulip Class**

This week, Year 3 have been learning how to tell the time to 5 minutes and 1 minute. They have

applied their skills from last week using a mixture of roman numerals and numbers on the clock face. Next week they will be converting the time digitally too. Year 4 have been estimating and calculating with money and next week will begin a new topic progressing their learning about time.

In English, we have been planning our final hot tasks of writing our own adventure stories. We bullet pointed ideas for each paragraph and came up with adverbs of time to help us to progress each

section. Year three have been focusing on using the present perfect tense and year four have been using the past progressive tense.

In the Vine and Branches, we have been looking at the Last Supper and making links to the Passover and also what happens at Mass. We discussed the significance of the bread and the wine, and it was lovely to hear from the children who have made their first Holy Communion. We made links between Jesus as the Lamb of God and the lambs blood on the door frames of the Israelites.

On Wednesday, we had a fantastic day at sports day! Everyone showed brilliant sportsmanship and tried their best with each activity on the day, competing in houses to score the most points! In the afternoon, we enjoyed cheering our classmates on during the races.

On Friday, year 3 and year 2 enjoyed their transition morning! They wrote acrostic poems based on their names to tell everyone about the things they enjoy. In groups, they created monster characters and wrote expanded noun phrases on the back. Next week, they will use these to start writing a setting and character description.

### **Bluebell Class**











It's been another busy and exciting week in Bluebell Class, filled with learning, creativity, and some great displays of teamwork and leadership.

Rehearsals are now well underway for this year's summer performance of *The Pirates of the Curry Bean*. Year 6 have been working incredibly hard to learn their lines and remember their cues. There's a increasing excitement as the performance begins to take shape, and we're all looking forward to seeing the final show come together.

On Wednesday, we were treated to beautiful sunshine just in time for Sports Day. The children gave it their all and demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship, teamwork, and leadership skills throughout the day. It was lovely to see everyone cheering each other on and participating with such enthusiasm. A huge well done to all who took part—you made us very proud!

In our science lessons this week, we've been continuing our topic on space. The class explored how day and night occur by investigating the rotation of the Earth, and we also investigated the phases of the moon. The class asked great questions and enjoyed using models and diagrams to support their understanding.

# **Award winners**

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

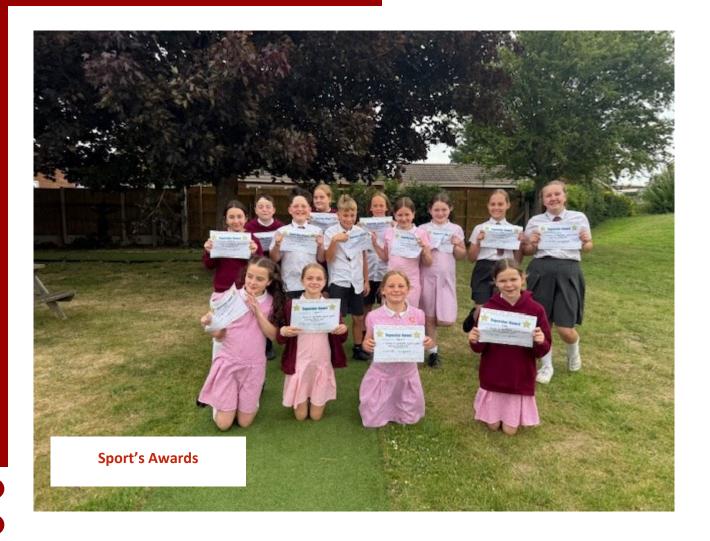














#### AmaSing

This week, our AmaSing school choir had the incredible opportunity to join hundreds of other primary schools in a special performance at Chester Cathedral on Monday evening. After an afternoon of rehearsals, the choir took to the stage in front of a sold-out audience, where they sang, danced, and filled the cathedral with joy. Their energy and enthusiasm brought smiles to everyone's faces, and they were excellent representatives for our school. We are incredibly proud of them all!

### **Local Information**



# A Message from Friends of St Luke's

Please could you return any raffle money, stubs and unused tickets to the school office by next Friday (11th July)? Additional tickets can be obtained from the school office. The draw will take place in the evening of 14th July.



### **Local Information**



Cheshire West & Chester Council

# School Holiday Activities

Take a look at all the fun things happening across Cheshire West and Chester over the holiday period.



Please use your smartphone to scan the QR code to access the School Holiday Activities page

Would you like to know what is on young people over the holiday period?

Find out more at https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/news-and-views/campaigns/school-holiday-activities

Or search - 'Cheshire West and Chester, School Holiday Activities' to access all the information in one place.

Information for activities and events have been provided by our partners. We may therefore not be aware of any last minute changes to their programme due to circumstances beyond their control. For further information please contact the event organisers.

