

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



Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers





Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes **Eileen Murtagh**

Last weekend was a very busy but enjoyable one. On Friday afternoon we had yet another, fun filled summer fair. Thank you to FoSL and to all the families, and to Father James for supporting this event. It was great to see many of our the boys and girls who will be starting school in September, joining in the fun.

This week, Mrs Jevons has been completing her home visits and our new starters have spent their first afternoon in school. This is just a snapshot of the activities planned to prepare for school readiness.

On Saturday, the school staff had the privilege of joining the First Holy Communion celebration. It was a beautiful celebration. Thank you to Father James.

This morning, I joined Tulip class on their visit to the library. While we were there we heard about all the wonderful things available to them, also about this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Please read the information being sent along with this newsletter. Thank you to the parents who supported us this morning.

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week 90.95

Across the school, 100 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

90-95% Attendance	96-100% Attendance
Reception	
Class 6	Class 2
Class 5	Class 4
	Reception 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 Nicholas Catholic High School Newsletter

For the latest newsletter <u>click here</u>

St Luke's Lion Cubs

We loved seeing our Lion Cubs this week! Come and join us again on Wednesday.





Little Church

We said goodbye to 2 of our Little Church leaders, Abby and Trevor, who have been part of the team for 10 years! The children presented flowers and wine to them during Saturday's mass.

Dates for your diary

30th June: AmaSing trip, Chester

30th June: Rescheduled Reception

and Y6 Photo's, AM

2nd July: Sports day

7th July: Y6 Helsby Transition day

8th July: St Nicolas transition day/ Helsby high

transition

11 July: St Nicholas transition day

14th July: KS2 Play

16 -18th July - Y5 & 6 Residential

22nd July: Leavers mass & leavers assembly

23rd July: School closes









Marigold Class

Marigold Class enjoyed supporting the year 6 Enterprise Project by visiting their stalls and talking part in the games and activities. We especially liked the bracelets and the slime!

In English we have been writing descriptions of the wolf in the book *The Last Wolf* and practicing using adjectives and contractions.

In maths year 2 have been continued to learn about presenting and interpreting statistics using different charts and learning how to use data to answer a question and find information. Year 1 have been exploring numbers to 100 and how we can count them carefully.

In The Vine and the Branches we have been learning about the story of St Francis of Assisi and how he used the gifts of the Holy Spirt to calm the wolf. We have enjoyed telling this story using puppets and figures.

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.

In art we have been studying our new artist, Yayoi Kusama and how her pieces make us feel. We have loved creating a 2 page spread all about her work and we have enjoyed choosing how to present this learning. We have explored patterns we can make in sculptures using playdough and how different tools can make different marks.

We had some special visitors this week, as our new reception children came for their first visit to school. They worked with their new classmates to explore our continuous provision activities and find our way around the school building. The settled very well and are excited to visit us again next week!

We have been practicing hard for Sports Day next week and we are looking forward to taking part in different sport activities as well as races.









Tulip Class

This week in Tulip Class, our Year 3 and Year 4 learners have been busy exploring a variety of exciting topics!

In Maths, Year 3 focused on Roman numerals, learning how to read and write numbers the Roman way. Year 4 have been practising telling the time using both digital and analogue clocks, building

confidence in reading and understanding time.

In English, we worked on describing scenes using pronouns, adjectives, and fronted adverbials. The children did a fantastic job using powerful vocabulary to paint vivid pictures with their words, and it was great to see their creativity shine through.

In History, we explored Frodsham in the past and present. The children created colourful and informative posters to show the changes over time and enjoyed learning more about the history of our local area.

Today, we also visited the local library! The children had a wonderful time exploring a wide range of books, listening to a story, and choosing some titles to borrow. It was a lovely opportunity to celebrate our love of reading and build excitement around books.

Well done to everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm this week. We're proud of all you've achieved!

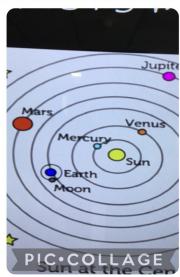
Bluebell Class











It's been another busy week in Bluebell Class! Year 6 continued their Enterprise Stall project this week, and we're delighted to share that they made an incredible 100% profit! A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event. The children gained valuable experience in budgeting, marketing, and teamwork, and their hard work certainly paid off.

In geography lessons, we have been diving deeper into the topic of deserts. We explored the reasons why deserts are so dry and examined both the advantages and disadvantages of living in these extreme environments. We also looked at the threats facing desert regions today, such as climate change and desertification. It's been a fascinating topic that sparked lots of great discussion and curiosity.

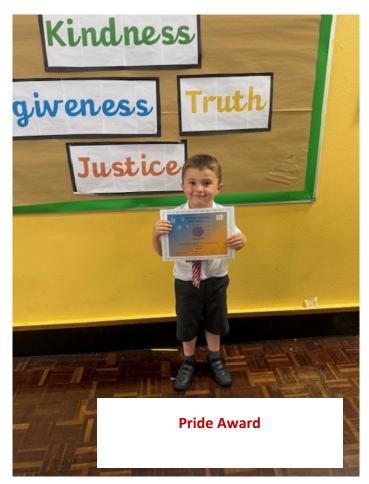
Science lessons were equally engaging this week. As part of their unit on space, the class thoroughly enjoyed learning about the planets in our solar system. A particular highlight for Year 5 was recreating the solar system in the school hall, where they could see for themselves how each planet orbits the sun. They were especially intrigued by how the length of a planet's year varies depending on its distance from the sun—a concept that really brought the learning to life.

Meanwhile, rehearsals for the Year 6 KS2 performance are well under way. The cast is working hard, and there's a real buzz of excitement building. We can't wait for you all to see it in a few weeks' time!

Award winners

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











Local Information

READING Summer Reading Challenge

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The Summer Reading Challenge, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

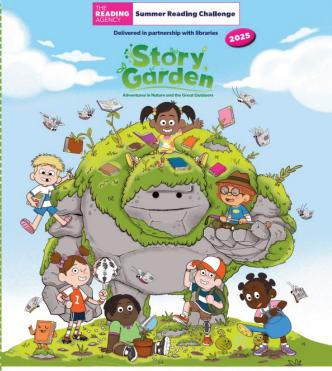
This year's theme is Story Garden, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- · It's FREE! Available at local libraries and online
- · Inspires a lifelong love of reading
- Boosts confidence, creativity, and imagination
- · Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- · Fun for the whole family. Visit your local library together
- 95% of children said they read more after joining!
- Children choose their own books to read over the summer, collect rewards for each milestone they reach, and receive a certificate or medal when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at r summerreading challenge.org.uk to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Join the Challenge from Saturday 5 July at your local library or via www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/read







SUMMER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

JUNIORS AGED 4 - 18 YEARS Open to members and non-members

Monday 4th August 2025 - Friday 8th August 2025

Monday 11th August 2025 - Thursday 14th August 2025 9am - 3pm

Non-members rate per day: £33

Non-members rate per week: £155

Members of KTC receive a 5% discount

Siblings receive a 10% discount

To book onto our summer holiday tennis camp go to v.clubspark.lta.org.uk/KingsleyTennisClub/Coaching/Camp: