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Tuesday 15th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As we are approaching the end of the school year, the calendar has certainly become very busy.

Last week, many of our year six pupils were on their transition days, similarly in school we had our meet the teacher morning. Please see below the classes for next year.



On Thursday morning, those children who attend piano lessons, performed in a piano concert. It was a very enjoyable occasion, all our young pianists should be very proud of their achievements.

On Friday we had a mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate with our First Holy Communicants. Following which, they had a party to celebrate with their friends.

On Friday afternoon, thanks to FoSL, we all enjoyed a refreshing ice lolly, a perfect way to cool down, given it was one of the hottest days of the year so far! A special thank you from all of us.

Despite all the transition days and the many other events that have happened over

recent weeks, our year six pupils have managed to learn lines and rehearse at every opportunity. If you were lucky enough to come to watch the performances yesterday, I'm sure you will agree they were all spectacular!



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We are so very proud of each and every one of them. I would like to congratulate them on their performance and their support for one another.

This afternoon we had a special assembly to say thank you and goodbye to Mandy Dorrell. On your behalf, our sports leaders presented her with a beautiful flowers, a card and token . We wish her all the very best for the future.

Classes 2025-2026 EYFS/Yr1/Yr2 - Mrs Jevons Y3/4 -Miss Williams Y5/6 - Mrs Fairman

Please keep a note of the dates for the week ahead. We will be breaking up for the summer holidays on Wednesday 23rd July 2025.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Overall Attendance last week 91.86

Across the school, **15 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 1 Class 2 Class 5	Reception Class 3 Class 4	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



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

Come and join us again on Wednesday for our last Lion Cubs before the summer holidays.



Little Church

We had a lovely time celebrating Sea Sunday at church on Sunday. We learned about the seafarers and fishermen who work in such dangerous conditions and we prayed for them to be safe. Come and join us again for the Little Church after the summer holidays.

Dates for your diary

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

Our new reception starters came to visit us again this week in school and even stayed for lunch and playtime! They are so ready to start school that we almost forgot to send them home at 1.15pm!

We have also been visiting nurseries this week to see our new starters in a different environment and find out what they have been doing well. We are looking for even more ideas about how we can liaise with local nurseries so if you have any suggestions, please let us know.

Library

It was year 2's turn to visit the library this week and Reception and Year 1 were desperate to come with us again! They all talked me into checking out books for them (who can resist a child asking for a book?) and we are very excited about the summer competition and activities that are going on at the library over the next few weeks.

In The Vine and the Branches we have been learning about the story of the Good Samaritan and how we can do things that Jesus wants us to do, even if it isn't what we feel like doing at the time.

In English we have been planning our hot task about The Last Wolf. We are going to write to Chester Zoo and ask for their help in protecting the woods and forests near us and the impact this has on the animals.

In Maths we have been learning about data handling and how to gain information from different types of tables. Reception have been learning about counting to 20, doubling and sharing in different contexts.

We have finally used clay to create out sculptures and we thoroughly enjoyed it. We have been waiting for them to dry so that we can paint them!

In History we have been learning about David Attenborough's life and what he has achieved as a modern explorer. We are fascinated by all of the new creatures and plants he has discovered and had named after him.



Tulip Class

Last week, Tulip class were busy writing our English hot task. We invented our own stories based on Journey, but with some changes! We created our own imaginary worlds for our characters to explore, and came up with problems and resolutions for them along the way. We can't wait to share our finished pieces with one another this week.

In Maths, year three were looking at the difference between 'am' and 'pm,' and identifying the differences between days, weeks, months and years. We learnt how to read a calendar and all of the different types of information it can tell us. We also discussed what a leap year was and were shocked to find out that each year is actually 365 ¼ days long! Year 4 have been looking at shapes, and progressing our learning from angles. We looked at the three types of triangle; scalene, isosceles, and equilateral. We also looked at polygons and quadrilaterals, and identified the properties of different shapes such as perpendicular lines, parallel lines and right angles.

In D&T, we finished our pencil cases completely! We were really excited to share our designs with one another and add the finishing touches to our pencil cases. With help, we added buttons to ensure they closed, and then evaluated our end product against our original plan.

We also enjoyed our transition morning on Tuesday! Year 2 and Year 3 wrote some descriptive writing pieces about the book Quest, describing our characters and the setting. We also made our own autobiographies which will live in our class library and help us to find out more about our classmates next year. Year 4 enjoyed their transition session, making birthday cards for each other ahead of next year. On Friday, we enjoyed attending a celebratory Mass to recognise the children who made their first Holy Communion this year. Afterwards, we had a party and some cake to continue the celebrations! We enjoyed our party food and games.

Yesterday, we were delighted to form part of the choir for the Year 6 play, Pirates of the Curry Bean! We have been working really hard to practice the songs and learn the actions, and were proud to perform to parents last night.

Bluebell Class



As we approach the end of term, it's a super busy time for everyone.

Last week, Year 6 students were hard at work preparing for their end-of-year performance. From learning lines and cues to perfecting stage directions, their commitment and determination was fantastic. Their efforts certainly paid off, as Monday's performance was nothing short of incredible. A huge well done to everyone in Year 6 — you were an amazing cast and put on a show that will be remembered for a long time!

A special thank you also goes to Year 5, who supported the performance as an incredible accompanying choir. Their singing added to the production, and we're so proud of the way you stepped into your role.

Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed their transition morning last week, spending time getting to know their new classmates and preparing for life as the new Year 6 cohort. One of the highlights was meeting their new buddies and spent a lovely morning together at the library, sharing stories and building friendships that will carry through into the next school year.

Local Information





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THE 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 summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!