



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

Friday 12th September 2025



Dear Parents and Carers

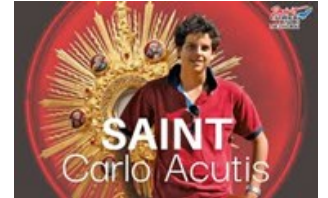
At the end of the first full week in school it has been lovely to see how settled all the children are. Everyone is ready to embrace the challenges of the new academic year.

At the beginning of this week we celebrated the Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Accutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. We have all been inspired by their faith and their courage in the face of adversity.

Saint Carlo Acutis

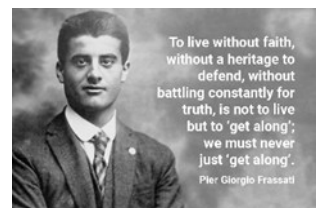
The canonization of Blessed Acutis, a teenager known for his devotion to the Eucharist and creating an online exhibition of Eucharistic miracles, had originally been scheduled for April 27 during the Jubilee of Teenagers but was postponed following the death of Pope Francis. During the past academic year the children have been praying to Blessed Carlo Acutis, they will now pray to Saint Carlo Acutis.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gfyJACylbgg>



Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati

Blessed Frassati, born in 1901 into a prominent family in Turin, Italy, was admired for his deep spirituality, love for the poor and enthusiasm for life. A member of the Dominican Third Order, he served the sick through the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He died at age 24 after contracting polio, possibly from one of the people he assisted.



On Friday 19th September, we are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Mark to our school. This will be an opportunity for him to meet with children and staff. On Sunday 21st September Bishop Mark will be celebrating mass in St. Luke's parish church at 11 am. All families are invited to attend, a special invitation is extended to those children who celebrated their First Holy Communion last academic year.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week is **95%**

Across the school, **65 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

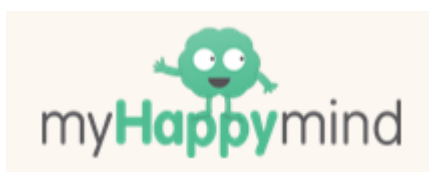
Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance	96-100% Attendance
	Class 1 Class 2 Class 5	Reception Class 3 Class 4 Class 6

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 we start the new School year, we're excited to inform you of the myHappyMind Parent App. It's a brilliant way to help children keep practising their myHappyMind habits during the School year at home.
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 loved seeing out Lion Cubs on Wednesday after our Summer break and look forward to seeing everyone again next week.



Come and Play St Luke's Lion Cubs

Everyone Welcome!
Babies and Tot's Group



Every Wednesday 9.15am—11.15am during Term Time
(see school website for dates)

St Luke's Catholic Primary School,
The Willows, Frodsham, WA6 7QP

For more information contact St Luke's main office
admin@stlukes.cheshire.sch.uk 01244 259999



All Lions and Cubs welcome
£2 voluntary contribution



Dates for your diary

18th September: Mass at Church

19th September: Bishop's School Visit

25th September: St Nicholas Catholic and Helsby High
School open days

27th September: Kings Chester Open days

30th September: Curriculum Evening

23rd October: FOSL Halloween Disco

4th & 8th November: Parent's Evening

Please share our open days for 2026

25th September 9.30—11.30am

1st October 1.30—3.00pm

15th October 9.30—11.00am

St Luke's Lion Club event

22nd October 9.30—11.30am

Halloween craft activities

St Mary's Class



This week we have welcomed Rachel from Life Education to St. Luke's Catholic Primary School. The children in St. Mary's Class, along with all the other classes in school went along to meet Harold and to find out what great advice he had to share.

The Children in Reception class sat and listened attentively as they found out about their body and how it works. Harold talked to year one about the importance of Health Eating! Everyone was keen to talk about their healthy choices. With year two, Harold explored feelings. Harold was really impressed with the answers they shared.

St Elizabeth's Class



St Elizabeth class have had a fantastic and settled start to the new school year! During our first week, we did lots of exciting activities to get to know one another a little bit better and ease ourselves into the new term. We read 'Oh the Places You'll Go' by Dr Suess and created some hot air balloons that talked about what we wanted to be in the future! We read some different stories to teach us about kindness and volume. We enjoyed our prayer and liturgy sessions reflecting back on the summer holiday and looking ahead to the new school year. On Friday, we had a special Pilgrims of Hope day and we created some artwork, wrote prayers and pledges of hope, and created some leaflets to teach people about foodbanks.

This week, we have settled well into our new lessons and brand new topics. In Maths, Year 3 have been exploring place value to 1000 using place value counters, base ten and place value grids to represent numbers. Year 4 have been looking at place value to 10,000 using similar equipment.

In English, we have started to read our new class text: Gorilla. We wrote some expanded noun phrases to describe character and setting, and have been creating our own 5 part stories using an image to help us. We have also enjoyed our spelling lessons this week, looking at words that have 'ou' in the middle that sounds like 'ow.' We started our guided reading lessons, and enjoyed the extract from the BFG. We have also started our class novel (Planet Omar, Accidental Trouble) and are enjoying hearing about Omar starting his new school!

In History, we have started our new topic of the Shang Dynasty and so far have learnt that they made their home by the Yellow River, and that the Shang Dynasty was led by kings. We found China in atlases and looked at some of its key features.

We have also started our new art topic of drawing, and have completed an artist study of Paul Cezanne. We enjoyed being creative with our double page spreads, and learning more about his artwork and his life.

St Catherine's Class

St. Catherine Class have had a fantastic start to the new academic year, settling into new routines and showing great enthusiasm for their learning. It has been a very busy week that has got everyone thinking, sharing, and working hard.

In maths, we have started our Place Value topic. Year 5 have been challenged to work with numbers up to 1,000,000, while Year 6 have stretched themselves even further, exploring numbers beyond 1,000,000. The class have shown great determination in tackling these big numbers and applying their knowledge in different contexts.

We have enjoyed our Life Education workshops this week, with one of the sessions focused on keeping safe online. These important sessions gave everyone practical strategies and useful reminders for how to look after themselves and others in the digital world. We also had our first MyHappyMind lesson of the year, which explored the different parts of our brain and how 'Team H-A-P' work together to help us feel calm. We enjoyed participating in happy breathing and reflected on how this can help us feel calmer and support the different parts of our brain to work together.

One of the favourite times of the day for many is when we share our class novel, *Wonder*. This text has already become a firm favourite, as the class listen, reflect, and discuss the powerful themes of kindness, empathy, and acceptance.

We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, full of challenges, learning, and opportunities to shine.



Local Information



Catholic High School Chester

Open Evening

Thursday 18th September 6pm-8pm

Our Open Evening is a great opportunity for prospective students and their parents to come and see our school, ask lots of questions, enjoy activities and meet our teachers and students. No booking is required.

- ✓ Interactive activities
- ✓ School tour
- ✓ Meet the teachers

If you would like to arrange a daytime tour of the school, please email: welcometo@christofidelis.org.uk

www.christofidelis.org.uk

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THE KING'S SCHOOL CHESTER

Open Day

Saturday, 27 September

Register now: www.kingschester.co.uk/visit-us

Families with children in Years 5 and 6 are invited to join us for this year's Senior School Open Day

SHORTLIST 2025 INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- Tour our fantastic facilities
- Meet our pupils and teachers
- Enjoy hands-on classroom activities
- Get involved in some of our fabulous co-curricular clubs - there's something for everyone!
- Find out more about our award-winning commitment to pupil wellbeing

Telephone: 01244 689553 Email: admissions@kingschester.co.uk

AT YOUR SIDE. ON YOUR SIDE.



HELSEBY High School

Thursday 25th September 2025 5:30-7:30pm

OPEN EVENING

We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Evening!

Local Schools: Ashton Hayes Primary School, Aston by Sutton Primary School, Frodsham CE Primary School, Horn's Mill Primary School, Kingsley CP School & St Luke's Catholic Primary School

Other Schools: Attonley & Monley Village School, Elton Primary School, Frodsham Primary Academy, Frodsham Manor House Primary School, Helsby Hillside Primary School, Kingsley St John's Primary School & Out of catchment schools

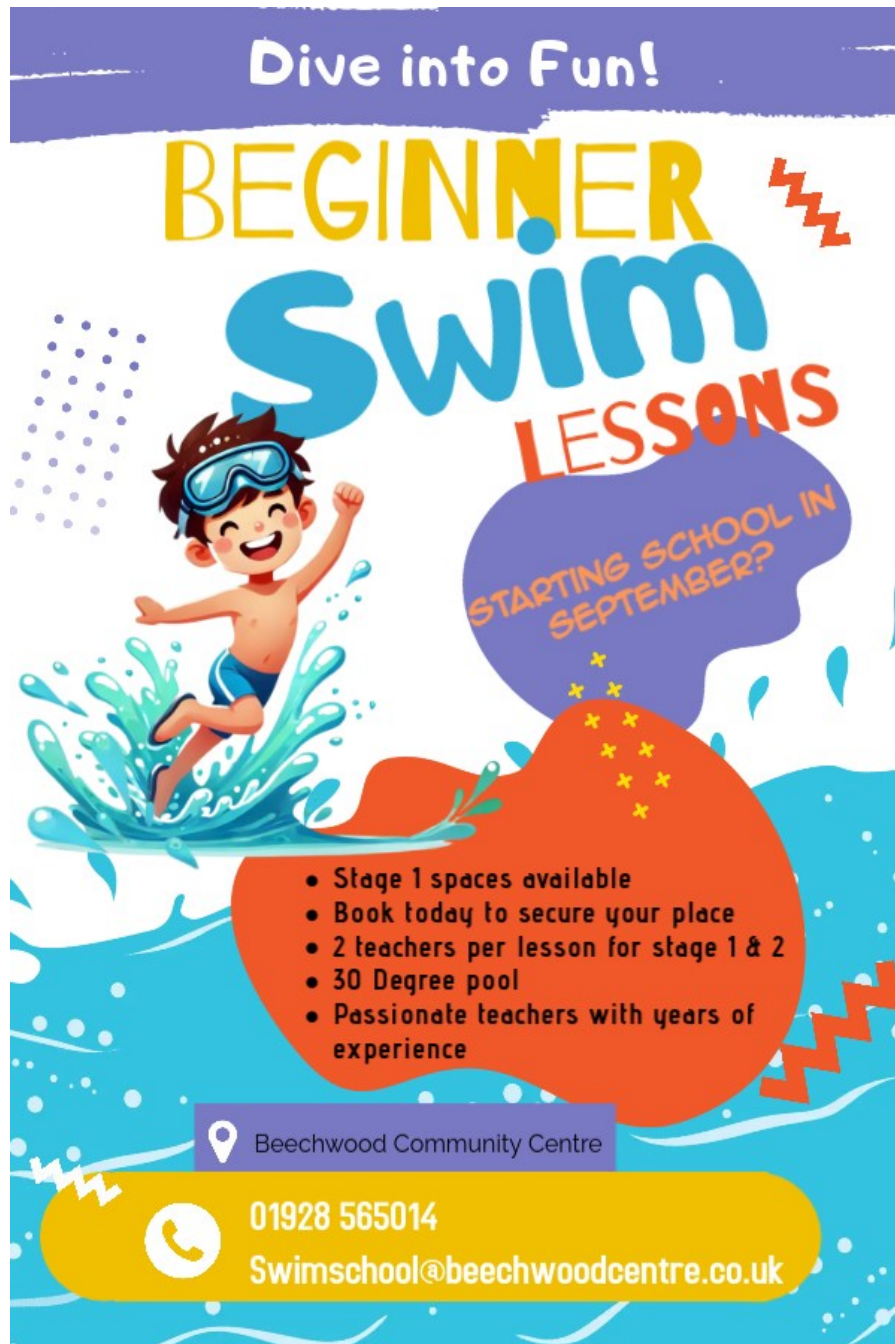
Your Future Starts Here!

Please contact transition@helsbyhigh.org.uk with any questions ahead of the evening

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Local Information


A colorful poster for swim lessons. At the top, a purple banner says 'Dive into Fun!'. Below it, the word 'BEGINNER' is in yellow, 'Swim' is in large blue letters, and 'LESSONS' is in red. A cartoon boy with goggles and a swim cap is jumping into the water, creating a splash. A purple speech bubble says 'STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?'. A red speech bubble contains a list of bullet points. At the bottom, a purple box shows a location pin and 'Beechwood Community Centre'. A yellow box contains a phone icon, the number '01928 565014', and the email 'Swimschool@beechwoodcentre.co.uk'. The background is blue with white waves and bubbles.


Dive into Fun!

BEGINNER Swim LESSONS

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

- Stage 1 spaces available
- Book today to secure your place
- 2 teachers per lesson for stage 1 & 2
- 30 Degree pool
- Passionate teachers with years of experience

 Beechwood Community Centre

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