



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



Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

On Thursday morning, we walked to church for our first mass of the academic year. The theme of the mass was friendship. It was a pleasure to be part of this special celebration. Our Junior Leaders welcomed the new Reception children to our school by giving them a prayer card.

This morning we were delighted to welcome Bishop Mark to our School. The children welcomed Bishop Mark with one of their favourite hymns, 'Shine Jesus Shine'. They all sang beautifully. Bishop Mark then asked the children some questions about the role of the Bishop. The children were clearly very knowledgeable and were able to tell Bishop Mark that they knew that the Apostles were the first to take on the role of Bishop and that Peter was the one chosen to be first Pope. Bishop Mark will be celebrating mass on Sunday at 11 am, at St. Luke's Parish Church. You are warmly invited to attend.

This year, we are introducing a new musical instrument for Year Five. This year they will be learning to play guitars. They will also receive a flyer as there is also an opportunity for individual lessons too.

We would like to thank all who put themselves forward for the role of Junior Leader. Congratulations to Astrid and Louis who the children voted to the role of Junior Leader. They will now take up the role, and in doing so undertake a range of responsibilities as they represent our school. All Year Six pupils have been made Ambassadors, these roles have been allocated in terms of the talents they have displayed over the years. This afternoon the Sports Ambassadors represented our school at the Dodge Ball Leader event.

Wishing you all an enjoyable weekend.

Eileen Murtagh



Attendance

Overall Attendance this week is **95%**

Across the school, **141 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

Class 1 Class 2 Class 6

96-100% Attendance

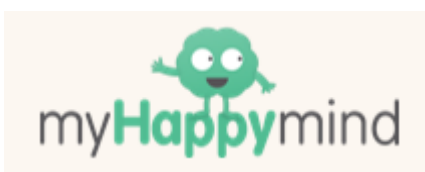
Reception, Class 3 Class 4 Class 5

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](#)

School Games

We were delighted to receive the School Games GOLD award in the summer! Thank you to all those children who were so involved in sport events last year, and to the staff and parents who help with transport and supervision of these events. (Gold award poster)



Our newly appointed Sport Ambassadors have already been to an event this afternoon, learning how to coach others in Dodgeball. We are very proud of how well they have represented our school. (Photos?)

Football boots

Helsby Sports Club, who host many of our sport events, have changed their event policy - anyone attending ANY event MUST have football boots or AstroTurf boots - NO flat trainers allowed. This also applies to staff and volunteers supervising the children. We do not want people to have to buy these shoes just for one off events, nor do we want this to be a barrier to children being involved in events so we are asking for donations of any old boots (including adults) and shin pads so we can have a "bank" of boots to allow children to attend. We would be very grateful if you have any old boots, please donate them to the school office. Thank you very much for your support with this



WORRY MONSTERS

Here at St Luke's we are introducing worry monsters into each class.

Our worry monsters were donated by a group of knitters from all over England

Called Knit-for-Nout.

Worry monsters are important to the wellbeing of children and help them

Reduce Anxiety - Externalising worries can help children feel more in control.

Promotes Emotional Literacy – Using a worry monster encourages children to identify

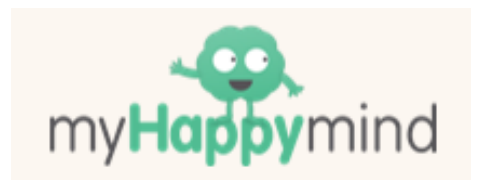
And express emotions.



Provides a Safe Place – It gives children a safe place to share their emotions.

Encourages Communication – It opens up lines of communication between children and

Adults especially those who may be hesitant to talk about their worries.



Little Church

Come and join us for Children's Liturgy on Sunday 28th September during 11am mass where we will do some fun activities to explore the Gospel. This is aimed at children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion.

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 & 6th November: Parent's Evening

Please share our open days for 2026

25th September 9.30—11.30am

30th September 17:30—19:00

1st October 1.30—3.00pm

15th October 9.30—11.00am

St Luke's Lion Club event

22nd October 9.30—11.30am

St Mary's Class

We have been delighted to welcome our new reception children to St. Luke's and they have settled in brilliantly! We already have a routine and they have been enthusiastic about learning new things.

We enjoyed voting for our new class name and, almost unanimously, we voted for St. Mary Class!

We were very excited to meet Bishop Mark today and hear all about him. We have spend time learning about the role of the Bishop and that the Pop is the head Bishop and lives in Rome. Reception also enjoyed their first visit to mass this week, walking with their buddies - who were excellent at looking after the children.

English

We have started our new text Lost and Found and we have enjoyed acting out the story and pretending to be the characters to come up with ideas about what they might say. Reception have been storming ahead learning their letters in phonics and have even started blending some words!

Maths

We have been focusing on place value and learning what the digits really mean. We have revamped our journaling technique and the children are enjoying having discussions about their maths challenges.

In The Vine and the Branches we have been learning about Creation story according to the book of genesis and we have enjoyed exploring our own world for signs of things that God has made.

We loved having a visit from Life Education and meeting Gerald Giraffe. The children learned about their bodies and how to stay healthy.



Art

We have enjoyed studying our new artists - Paul Klee (EYFS) and Romero Britto (Year 1/2) and we have been working hard on our 2 page spreads, exploring the artist's techniques, shapes and colours. We are looking forward to exploring sketching skills and creating our own designs.



St Elizabeth's Class



This week in English St Elizabeth class have been reading further into our book 'Gorilla' and discussing how imagery and language is used to convey the feelings of characters. We have also enjoyed researching some facts and information about gorillas and using these to create a leaflet.

In Maths, Year 3 have been flexibly partitioning hundreds, as well as familiarising ourselves with a number line to 1000. Year 4 have been flexibly partitioning numbers to 10,000 and finding 1, 10, 100 or 1000 more or less than given numbers.

In spelling, we have looked at words that sound like /u/ but are spelt with 'ou.' We used words such as 'young,' 'trouble,' and 'country' in sentences and practiced clapping out the syllables.

In the Vine and Branches this week we read the Creation Story from Genesis. We explored some of the poetic and repetitive language used, and discussed its meaning. We then took a sensory walk around school, noticing what we could see, hear, smell, touch and taste. We reminded ourselves that these things were God's gift to us. We ended our walk in the hut and had a reflective prayer session to thank God for his gifts and remind ourselves to appreciate and care for them.

We also spent some time this week learning about the role of a Bishop, ahead of the Bishop's visit this morning! We were fascinated by some of the facts that we learnt, and took part in a class quiz to see how much we had remembered.

St Catherine's Class

It has been another busy week in our class. One of the highlights has been the Year 6 Junior Leader elections. We are proud of all the candidates who put themselves forward for this important role and presented to our school community. After the presentations, the whole school had the chance to vote, and the results were carefully counted and verified. We are delighted to announce that Astrid and Louis have been elected as our new Junior Leaders—congratulations to them both!

The rest of Year 6 also have special leadership opportunities. Each member of the year group has been given an ambassador role, which they are excited to begin. These positions will give them the chance to take on more responsibility around the school and to be positive role models for younger pupils. We look forward to seeing them grow in confidence as they take on these important duties.

We have also enjoyed our learning within the classroom this week. In English, we have been focusing on using expanded noun phrases to describe a scene, and we are looking forward to reading more of our focus text as the story unfolds. Handwriting has been a big focus and it is great to see everyone working hard to ensure their handwriting is cursive, clear, legible and of a consistent size.

We also completed our first Vine and Branches lesson, where we recapped the story of Abraham and explored how this marked the beginning of The Period of Patriarchs. It was a thoughtful start to our new topic, and we are eager to build on this learning in the weeks ahead.

Today, we really enjoyed welcoming Bishop Mark to our school. He shared all about his duties and how he carries out his ministries, and it was really interesting to hear about the different parts of his role. It was a very special experience and made us feel proud to be part of our school community.



Local Information

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

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HELSEBY
High School

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

OPEN EVENING

We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Evening!

As of 2025: 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

As of 2025: Altonley & 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

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