

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



Friday 25th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This week I had the pleasure of joining our year five and six pupils at the Cheshire Ploughing match. As ever the children were wonderfully behaved. We were fortunate enough to see ploughing taking place in its traditional form, with the plough being pulled by two shire horses. This created a huge amount of interest. The children were fascinated to watch it all in process. They certainly took great pleasure in meeting the two horses, Laddie and Thatcher.

We were also lucky enough to watch a sheep sheering demonstration. Once finished, everyone had a chance to feel the wool and were told that different grades of wool are used in different ways. Some, for example, to make wool garments, some to make carpets.

Yesterday, the pupils from year two helped to create our two scarecrows for the Scarecrow Festival, held at Frodsham Methodist Church this weekend. They were supported by two of our Grandparents, who gave so generously of their time and skills. We would also like to extend our grateful appreciation to the Worral's from Such Farm who donated a bale of straw for us to use. Thank you to all the members of the community who helped us with this community event. If you get a chance, please drop in to see all the Scarecrows, it is quite a display.

Just a reminder that we will be hosting a curriculum evening on Tuesday 30th September

EYFS and KS1 5:30-6:00

Lower KS2 6:00-6:30

Upper KS2.6:30-7:00

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

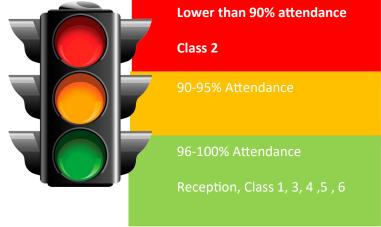
Attendance

Overall Attendance this week is 97.7%

Across the school, **43 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



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:

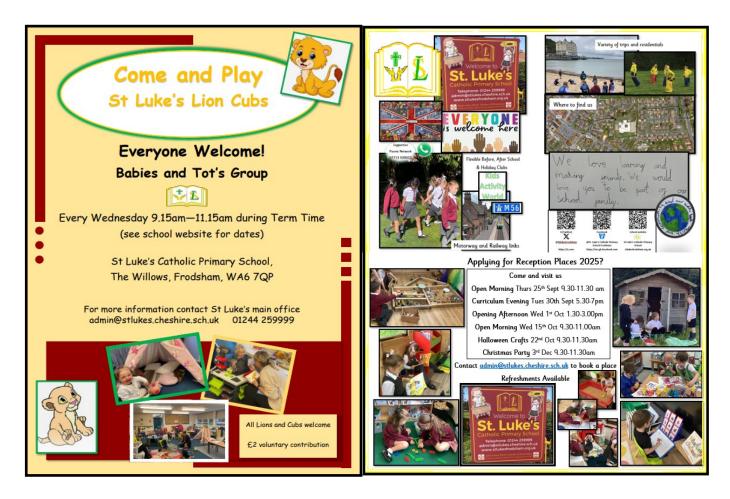
- 1. Open the app
- 2. Click on Kids' Zone
- 3. Select myHappymind Checklists
- 4. Choose the Holiday Checklist

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. We will be back now Wednesday 8th October.



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.

30th September: Curriculum Evening

2nd October: Music Festival St Nics

16th October: Flu Immunisations

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

This week some of our students from St Mary's had a fantastic time creating scarecrows for the local festival, and they did a brilliant job! After reading the book, the children decided to call the scarecrows Betty and Harry.

We would like to give a special thank you to the Worrall's from Such Farm on Kinglsey road for generously donating the hay that helped bring our scarecrows to life. If you are looking for a fun autumn activity, don't forget that Worrall's also run a wonderful 'Pick a Pumpkin' experience at their farm—perfect for families to enjoy this season!

A special thanks must also go to Christine and her husband for the Scarecrow expertise!









Our budding poets from St Mary's have been busy creating wonderful acrostic poems! Using the letters of a word to begin each line the children let their imaginations run free filling their poems with thoughtful ideas.

Well done to all the children for their hard work and inspiring words!



St Elizabeth's Class





This week in English St. Elizabeth class have been working hard on our mastery keys. Year 3 have been practicing using prepositions, identifying them in images and writing sentences to describe the location and position of objects. Year 4 have been using fronted adverbials in our writing, to start a new paragraph. We made fronted adverbial fortune tellers to give ourselves some ideas and sentence starters.

In Maths, we have continued our work on place value and have been using number lines to estimate numbers between multiples. We have also been finding more or less of numbers and comparing their size.

In Science, we have started our new topic of 'States of Matter.' This week we explored some different solids, liquids and gases by making links between different objects. We categorised them according to their properties.

In the Vine and Branches we have been considering how we are made in God's image. We read from Genesis and created a tree of friendship, sharing some positive messages about others in our class to consider how we are all created equal. We then made some mirrors and decorated them with words that describe the qualities we possess that show we are made in God's image.

In History, we carried on learning about the Shang Dynasty and learnt about life along the Yellow River, comparing the experiences of rich and poor people.

In Art this week, we built on our skills using shading in Year 3, and stippling, hatching, and cross-hatching in year 4 to create effect. We also worked on clearly defining outlines and objects on a page.

St Catherine's Class

It has been a great week in St. Catherine's Class, filled with learning, creativity, and exciting new experiences.

We began the week by continuing to read our focus text, Star of Fear, Star of Hope. This time, we were introduced to the mysterious character Madame 11 O'clock. Her strange and suspicious behaviour left us all

intrigued and eager to read on. Inspired by her unusual manner, we wrote diary entries in role, capturing our thoughts and predictions. The children produced some fantastic pieces of writing, using imaginative sentence openers and adopting an informal tone that brought their ideas to life.

In science, we thoroughly enjoyed investigating inheritance. After learning what inheritance means, we explored pictures of the Prince and Princess of Wales, and their family, to identify inherited characteristics. This led to a thoughtful discussion about the difference between inherited traits and acquired characteristics.

On Wednesday, we had the wonderful opportunity to be out in the community when we attended the Cheshire Ploughing Match. Watching the powerful shire horses plough the fields was a real highlight, and the machinery demonstrations gave us a fascinating insight into farming practices. It was a memorable experience to take part in such a celebrated local event and to learn more about the important role agriculture plays in our lives.

To round off the week, we had our first art lesson, where we focused on developing our sketching and shading skills. Using a range of fruits and vegetables as inspiration, we practised drawing carefully in proportion and adding depth through shading. The results were impressive, and it was a joy to see everyone experimenting and improving their artistic techniques.



Award Winners

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





Headteacher Awards



Subject Awards



Local News

Special Lunch

Thursday 2nd October the children will be able to enjoy a special lunch themed menu to celebrate Census

Day





A Message from Friends of St Luke's

Halloween Disco Thursday 23rd October 5:00pm-6:15pm please don't forget to get your tickets via ParetnPay