

Weekly Newsletter

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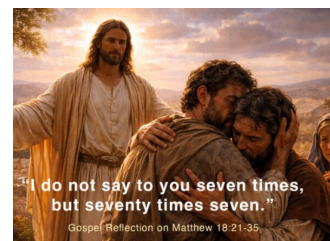
“Peter came up and said to Jesus, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me and I forgive him?”

Matthew 18:21

This week, Miss Small led our Celebration of the Word, where we spent time thinking about what forgiveness means in our daily lives. We reflected on the fact that no one is perfect all of the time and that we all make mistakes. Through forgiveness, we can repair relationships, learn from our actions and grow together as a loving and supportive school community. As we continue through the term, let us remember the importance of showing patience, understanding and forgiveness to one another. Working together in this way helps us to build a community rooted in faith, respect and love.

The children have worked incredibly hard once again this week and we are very proud of all they have achieved. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, resilience and commitment to their learning, as well as the kindness and care they continue to show one another.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We wish you all a lovely weekend with your families and hope you have the opportunity to enjoy some special time together.



Mass

On Wednesday morning, we gathered together as a school family to celebrate a beautiful Welcome Mass, led by Fr Francis. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer as we begin the new school year and place ourselves in God's loving care.

We were incredibly proud of the children who took part in the readings.

They spoke with confidence, reverence and clarity, helping everyone reflect on the message of the Mass.

A special mention must also go to all of our children, whose singing was



simply amazing. Their enthusiastic and joyful voices helped make the celebration both prayerful and uplifting. It was a wonderful example of our school community coming together in faith.

Thank you to Fr Francis, our readers, staff and all the children for making the Welcome Mass such a special and memorable occasion.

200 Year Church Anniversary

As part of the celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of our church, commemorative books are now available to purchase.

These beautifully produced books provide a wonderful record of the church's history and this special milestone year.

Copies can be purchased from the school office for £5.

Medications

Please ensure that your child has any medication they may need in school, such as an inhaler.

If your child has been prescribed medication by a Doctor or Pharmacist, we can administer doses whilst at school.

Please complete a form at the school office.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all our children safe and well throughout the school day.

PTA Meeting

We will be holding a PTA meeting on **Wednesday 30th September at 2:30pm in school** and everyone is welcome to attend.

It would be wonderful to see lots of you there.

If you are new to our school community, please do come along and join us. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and find out more about how you can get involved in school life. Miss Butterfield and Mr Merrick are excited to work with parents and begin planning for the year ahead, we look forward to sharing ideas and discussing future events together—we hope to see you there!

Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Grace G	For always helping and looking after others
	Crystal	For showing great creativity in the construction area
Reception	Arlo	For trying so hard in his phonics this week
	Bella	For being such a kind and helpful member of the class
Year 1	George	For working hard in English all week
	Lila	For always being kind to her friend
Year 2	Dolly-Mae	For her amazing character description and beautiful handwriting
	Matilda	For showing kindness and respect to everyone
Year 3	Maisie	For following our golden promises every day this week!
	Mary	For supporting her friends if they are struggling or upset
Year 4	Ella	For excellent effort in Maths lessons
	Kiera	For being respectful and polite
Year 5	Phatyma	For working incredibly hard on her handwriting and presentation
	Jaiden	For always showing respect and kindness to others
Year 6	Nila	For drawing an excellent self-portrait
	Erin	For excellent listening and answers in our Welcome Mass

Dojo

winners

Nursery



ClassDojo

Parent Governor Election

A reminder that our **Parent Governor elections** close on **Monday at 9:00am**. If you are interested in applying, please ensure your application is submitted to the school office before this deadline.

Being a **Parent Governor** is a fantastic way to support the school, contribute to its future development and help ensure the best possible outcomes for all our children. We encourage anyone who is interested to consider this rewarding opportunity.

Attendance

Thank you for ensuring that your child attends school **every day and arrives on time**. Your support makes a significant difference and has a positive impact on your child's learning, progress and overall wellbeing.

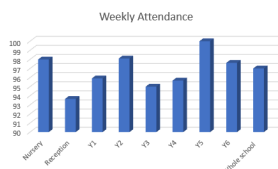


Regular attendance helps children build confidence, maintain friendships and make the most of every learning opportunity. We greatly appreciate your continued partnership in helping our children achieve their very best.

Attendance during one school year	Equivalent Days	Equivalent Sessions	Equivalent Weeks	Equivalent Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	18 Sessions	1.4 Weeks	45 Lessons
90%	19 Days	38 Sessions	3.4 Weeks	95 Lessons
85%	29 Days	58 Sessions	5.4 Weeks	145 Lessons
80%	36 Days	72 Sessions	7.1 Weeks	180 Lessons
75%	48 Days	96 Sessions	9.3 Weeks	240 Lessons

Attendance

Nursery	97.99%	Year 3	95%
Reception	93.65%	Year 4	95.67%
Year 1	95.91%	Year 5	100%
Year 2	98.1%	Year 6	97.62%



Whole school 97%

All Hallows

All Hallows Catholic College (AHLC) has been busy hosting open days and morning tours for prospective pupils and their families. If you were unable to attend one of these events, don't worry, AHLC encourages families to book an individual tour at a time that is more convenient for them.

This is a great opportunity to see the school in action, explore the facilities and learn more about life at All Hallows.

For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact the school directly.



**All Hallows
Catholic College
Macclesfield**

School Council

Congratulations to our newly elected **School Council!**

Children from Reception to Year 6 will be working alongside Mr Merrick this year to help make our school the very best it can be. The School Council will play an important role in sharing ideas, representing their classmates and helping to shape future developments across the school.

One of their key priorities this year will be to promote and celebrate the arts as we begin preparations for our Artsmark application. We are excited to see the children take a leading role in developing creativity and cultural opportunities throughout our school community.

Time for School

The black gate to the playground opens at 8.35am every morning and children are able to walk through to class on their own if they wish to. Teachers will be in the classroom ready to greet them.

The playground gate will close promptly at 8.45am and any children arriving after that will need to come in to school through the office entrance.



Please help your child get off to a great start in the morning by being in school on time, so they are ready for the day ahead.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 21st—Y5 swimming and Fire Service visiting EYFS
Tuesday 22nd—Trip to Clonter Opera for Y4/5/6
Wednesday 23rd—Y5/6 football league at CHS
Thursday 24th—Y2 Forest School
Monday 28th—Y5 swimming and Police visiting EYFS
Tuesday 29th—Y5/6 cross country at EBA
Wednesday 30th—Y5/6 Boys football at AHCC and PTA meeting
Thursday 1st October —Y3 Forest School
Monday 5th —Y5 swimming
Thursday 8th—Y4 Forest School
Monday 12th—Y5 swimming
Tuesday 13th - EYFS open morning and Y3/4 cross country at EBA
Wednesday 14th —Harvest Mass in school hall 9.15am and Y5/6 Girls football AHCC
Thursday 15th—Y6 Forest School
Friday 16th—EYFS Stay and Play session
Monday 19th—Y5 swimming
Tuesday 20th—Whole School Flu Vaccine
Wed 21st—Fri 23rd—Y6 Residential to Culmington Manor
Thursday 22nd—Y5 Forest School
Friday 23rd—EYFS Autumn Welly Walk at Congleton Park

Helping Your Child Become a Stronger Reader
Simple, research-based ways to support literacy at home
You don't need to be a reading teacher to help your child grow as a reader. Small, consistent moments at home can make a big difference!

WORD READING
Help your child connect sounds with letters.
• Practice the letter-sound and spelling patterns your child is learning at school.
• Encourage your child to look carefully at all the letters in a word.
• Practice blending sounds together to read unfamiliar words.
• Practice breaking spoken words into individual sounds to support spelling.

When your child gets stuck, try:
• "Look carefully at the word."
• "What sounds do these letters represent?"
• "Blend the sounds together."
• "Now read the sentence."

Try not to encourage guessing from the picture or the first letter. Pictures are wonderful for discussing a story, but developing readers need practice reading the words on the page.

FLUENCY
Accurate reading comes first. Smooth reading grows with practice.
• Have your child reread familiar books or short passages.
• Read a sentence aloud and have your child read it after you.
• Encourage appropriate phrasing and expression.
• Focus on accuracy and understanding—not speed alone.

COMPREHENSION
Reading is about understanding—not just saying the words.
• Before reading, talk about what your child already knows about the topic.
• While reading, pause occasionally to wonder, predict, or clarify.
• After reading, try questions such as:
 - "What happened?"
 - "Why do you think that happened?"
 - "What did you learn?"
 - "What was your favorite part? Why?"

VOCABULARY & KNOWLEDGE
The more children know about the world, the more they can understand when they read.
• Read aloud books that are more challenging than your child can read independently.
• Explain interesting new words during everyday conversations.
• Talk about science, nature, history, places, people, and experiences.
• Visit libraries, museums, parks, and other places that spark conversation and curiosity.

KEEP READING ALOUD!
Even when children begin reading on their own, keep reading to them. Reading aloud gives children access to richer vocabulary, more complex language, new knowledge, and wonderful stories that may be beyond what they can currently read independently.

HAVE 10 MINUTES?
1 3 minutes Practice sounds, words, or spelling patterns being taught at school.
2 4 minutes Have your child read something at an appropriate level.
3 3 minutes Read aloud to your child and talk about what you read.

Most importantly... Make reading a positive experience.
Notice effort. Celebrate progress. Talk about books. Be curious together.

Embracing Literacy
Research-informed literacy education for parents, teachers & students
Research bases: National Reading Panel • Institute of Education Sciences (IES) • Florida Center for Reading Research (FCRR) • Reading Rockets • The Reading League

Read. Learn. Grow. Belong.

Prayer

Loving God,

Thank You for the message of this week's Gospel, which reminds us of the importance of forgiveness. Help us to follow the example of Jesus by showing kindness, patience and understanding to those around us.

When we make mistakes, give us the courage to say sorry. When others hurt or upset us, help us to forgive with a loving heart, remembering that no one is perfect and that we all need Your mercy and guidance.

We pray for our school community, especially our School Council, that they may continue to lead with wisdom and help make our school a place where everyone feels safe, valued and loved.

Bless our families as we spend time together this weekend. Fill our hearts with peace, joy and gratitude and help us to share Your love with everyone we meet.

Amen.

