

Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 25th September 2026

Edition 4

'Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first and the first last."

Matthew 20:15-16

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, our school community has been reflecting on what it means to be fair, generous and just. Through Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard, the children have explored how God's generosity often goes beyond our expectations and invites us to treat others with kindness, compassion and understanding. They have discussed the importance of recognising the unique gifts and talents that each person brings and have reflected on how fairness is not always about everyone receiving the same thing, but about ensuring that everyone is valued, respected and cared for.

These values continue to shine through in all aspects of school life and it has been wonderful to see our pupils putting them into practice each day. Whether supporting a friend with their learning, including others in play, celebrating one another's achievements or showing resilience when faced with challenges, the children have demonstrated a strong sense of community and care for one another.

We are incredibly proud of the mature and thoughtful attitudes they display and thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture these important Gospel values both in school and at home.

Clonter Opera



On Tuesday, our Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit to Clonter Opera and took part in an exciting singing workshop, where they learned new vocal skills and performed with great enthusiasm.

They also had the opportunity to create their own set designs, exploring the creativity that goes into staging a performance.

The highlight of the day was watching a live opera performance.

The children were captivated by the talented performers and a couple of our pupils were even invited on stage to join in the action! It was a wonderful experience that gave the children an insight into the world of opera and the performing arts, leaving them inspired and full of excitement.



PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is **Wednesday 30th September at 2:30pm in school** and everyone is welcome. 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.

Parking outside School

Please be considerate when parking outside school at school drop off and pick up times.

We have received a few complaints from local residents about their driveways being blocked and vehicles parked on the yellow lines.

Please help us to keep your children safe around our school and be considerate to our residents.

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.

Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Isabella	For being a kind member of the class and an excellent role model
	Florence	For always joining in with our RE lessons and prayer
Reception	Saanvi	For being brave in school this week and learning our rules and routines
	Lando	For perseverance with his map - he kept on trying even when it was really tricky
Year 1	Logen	For working hard to learn his numbers in Maths
	Joseph	For showing kindness and care to others
Year 2	William	For trying really hard with his handwriting and presentation
	Penny	For being a great friend to everyone
Year 3	Leo	For being an excellent role model in Year 3 and the whole school
	Bodi	For having faith in his own amazing abilities
Year 4	Ben	For fantastic independent reading in school
	Anvika	For always offering to help out
Year 5	Nikita	For fantastic effort in all of her work this week especially with her handwriting and presentation
	Anmiel	For following our Golden Rules so well
Year 6	Isabella	For excellent interaction in Music at Clonter Opera
	Blake	For showing kindness to a younger child when reading to them at lunch time

Dojo

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Nursery



ClassDojo

Harvest

This year, the Mini Vinnies have chosen to support 'Changing Lives' as part of our Harvest Celebrations. We would be very grateful for donations of:

Cereal, Coffee, Tea bags, Squash, Tomato sauce, Sweetcorn, Gravy granules, Soup, Chickpeas, Tinned tomatoes, Jam, Corned beef, Biscuits and Sugar.

Mini Vinnies thank you for your generosity and support—all donations will help make such a difference to those in need within our local community.



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

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Academy Trust

Understanding Attendance

The School Day Consists of 2 Sessions
AM - Morning PM - Afternoon

Arriving after the AM register means you will miss your morning mark!

Why Do Sessions Matter?

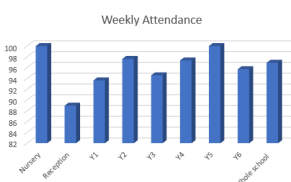
Attendance is not counted by hours, but by sessions

Attendance is based on sessions, just one day off school is 2 missed sessions!

For further information, contact Natalie McNeilly - Education Welfare Officer to DSL
E-Mail: N.McNeilly@olhcatholic.ac.uk Tel: 0161 275 1775

Attendance

Nursery	100%	Year 3	94.58%
Reception	88.95%	Year 4	97.33%
Year 1	93.64%	Year 5	100%
Year 2	97.62%	Year 6	95.71%



**Whole school
96.9%**

Congleton Fire Station Visit

EYFS thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Congleton Firefighters earlier this week. The children loved climbing aboard the fire engine and exploring all the equipment on board. They also learned about the important role firefighters play in keeping our community safe and had the opportunity to ask lots of interesting questions.



Times Tables

The tables below highlight the times tables facts that children are expected to know by the end of each academic year. Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) is an excellent way to practise these facts, as well as enjoying a range of other fun and engaging maths games.

Year 1	Count in multiple of 2, 5 and 10. Recall and use all doubles to 10 and corresponding halves.
Year 2	Recall and use all multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication tables, including recognising odd and even numbers.
Year 3	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables.
Year 4	Recall and use multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12 x 12.
Year 5	Revision of all time stables and division facts up to 12 x 12.
Year 6	Revision of all time stables and division facts up to 12 x 12.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our parent questionnaire.

We have received some wonderful feedback and many helpful suggestions. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire, please use the link : [Parent Survey September 2026 – Fill in form](#)

Year 5 and 6 Football

On Wednesday evening, our Year 5 and 6 football team represented the school brilliantly at the competition held at Congleton High School. The children showed great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the evening, competing against strong opposition. The team secured an excellent win in one of their three matches and gained valuable experience from all of the games they played.



We are incredibly proud of their effort and positive attitude and look forward to seeing them continue their football journey when they return for two more evenings of matches as part of the competition.

Good luck, team!

Mad Hair Day

We have listened to the children and are excited to be planning a 'Mad Hair Day' as requested!

Mad Hair Day will take place on **Friday 2nd October.**

We kindly ask for a £1 donation via Arbor, with all proceeds going towards school fundraising.

Please pay for this under Arbor system under 'Shop'

We look forward to seeing all your creative hairstyles!



Dates for the Diary

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 2.30pm

Thursday 1st October —Y3 Forest School

Friday 2nd—Mad Hair Day—please pay £1 on Arbor

Monday 5th —Y5 swimming

Thursday 8th—Y4 Forest School

Monday 12th—Y5 swimming

Tuesday 13th - EYFS open morning & Y3/4 cross country 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

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the many blessings You give us each day. Help us to be fair, generous and just in all that we do. As we reflect on Jesus' parable of the workers in the vineyard, teach us to be grateful for Your love and to show kindness and compassion to everyone we meet.

Guide us to support one another, celebrate each other's successes and help those who may be finding things difficult. Give us the courage to stand up for what is right, the wisdom to make good choices and the generosity to share our gifts with others.

May our school community continue to be a place where everyone feels safe, valued and loved.

Amen.