

Weekly Newsletter

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Friday 19th June 2026

Edition 35

"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this week's Celebration of the Word, children heard about how the disciples spread the Good News. They heard about the good work of Mini Vinnies teams around the country and how we are invited to follow in Jesus' footsteps to share God's love in all we see, think and do with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Parkour Experience Day

On Wednesday we have a Parkour Experience day.

The day started with a fabulous assembly and was followed with each class having a session with GB Extreme.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and loved learning some new skills. Thank you to Miss Owen for organising this.



Year 5 AHLC Experience Day

On Monday all children in Year 5 got to spend the day at All Hallow's and take part in some exciting learning opportunities.

Children took part in a Philosophy lesson, coding lesson and got to try Pickleball.

A big thanks to All Hallow's for making the children feel so welcome.



Important changes to Free School Meals

Are you receiving Universal Credit?

The previous annual earnings cap of £7,400 has now been removed and from September your child may be eligible for Income Related FSM.

Even if your child is in KS1 and has Universal Free School Meals, they may still be eligible for Income Related FSM which raises additional pupil premium funding for school which can help with extra staffing and resources and can help you with trips and uniform.

If you think you may be eligible, please complete the form via this link: [FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT – Fill in form](#) or contact the office if you have any questions.

Behaviour

If your child walks to and from school, please remind them to be polite and respectful to local residents and other members of the community.

It is important that members of the public can safely walk on the footpath outside school without it being obstructed by pupils, bikes and bags.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Cameron	For his enthusiasm and perseverance during our parkour session
	Bella	For her creativity in the construction area
Reception	Elena	For working hard to complete independent writing
	Lila	For leading our class prayers
Year 1	Edith	For great progress with her reading
	Ayaan	For showing respect to all in Forest School
Year 2	Siyan	For always being on task
	Abigail	For being kind towards others
Year 3	Ben	For being a superstar at our parkour session - Ben was amazing!
	Zara	For always showing respect and kindness to others
Year 4	Harriet	For excellent editing in her writing this week
	Rome	For consistently showing kindness, care and compassion towards others
Year 5	Erin	For sharing her encyclopedic knowledge and enthusiasm of Greek gods and goddesses with the class
	Kate	For always being kind, respectful and helpful in class
Year 6	Blake	For wonderful teamwork in rounders
	Leo L	For supporting others in PE

Dojo

winners

Year 2



ClassDojo

National Teacher Appreciation Day

National Teacher Appreciation Day was on Wednesday. We would like to thank all our teachers for the positive difference they make in the lives of our pupils and families. Your commitment and enthusiasm are truly appreciated.

Thank you to all our wonderful teachers!

Understanding Attendance

Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Academy Trust

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 McHale - Education Welfare Officer of DOL
E-Mail: N.McHale@oahm.org.uk Tel: 01782 497273

Attendance

We strive for excellent attendance at Saint Mary's. If your child is unwell and they are need to rest and recover at home we completely understand, but the table below shows the impact of a lower attendance.

Children will miss valuable learning time and typically will not as much progress as their peers who are in school every day.

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

SUMMER PLAY DAYS 2026

FREE!

10.30 AM – 2.30 PM

28 July: Nature

4 August: Sports

11 August: Animals

18 August: Music

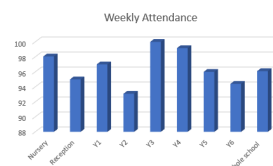
Congleton Town Centre

www.congleton-tc.gov.uk

Attendance

Nursery	98.05%	Year 3	100%
Reception	95%	Year 4	99.17%
Year 1	97%	Year 5	96%
Year 2	93.08%	Year 6	94.4%

Whole school
96.1%



Summer Fair—3rd July

The staff and PTA are looking forward to the Summer Fair on Friday 3rd July 4.30pm—6.30pm.

Are you able to help to run a stall? If so, please contact the school office.

We are also asking parents and carers to bring in to school coloured gift items for the raffle next Thursday 25th.

This can be any gift for the class hampers, please bring in the correct coloured gift for your child's class :



Nursery - Yellow/Gold

Reception – Yellow/Gold

Y1 – Blue

Y2 – White

Y3 –Pink

Y4 – Black

Y5 – Green

Y6 - Red



Dates for the Diary

Tues 23rd—New Reception starter taster session 1pm

Wed 24th—Early Years Mass at Church, Y5/6 Athletics at AHCC and Y5/6 Rounders at CHS

Thurs 25th—Nursery and Reception Forest School

Fri 26th—INSET DAY, school closed

Tues 30th—Nursery new starters stay and play 1pm

Wed 1st —Fri 3rd July—Y6 Liverpool Hope Residential

Wed 1st July—KS2 Stay & Pray 8.35am and Congleton Town Sports

Thurs 2nd—KS1 Stay & Pray 8.35am, Y5 Forest School & EYFS Forest School stay & play session 9.30am—11.30am

Fri 3rd—Summer Fair & New Reception taster session 1pm

Mon 6th—Parents book look after school

Tues 7th—New Reception parents tour after school

Thurs 9th—EYFS trip to Nixon Farm & Y6 Forest School

Fri 10th—Sports Day and picnic

Tues 14th—EYFS Teddy Bears picnic

Wed 15th—Y6 leavers Mass 1.30pm

Thurs 16th—Rocky Steady concert & Y5 Forest School

Fri 17th—Y6 Leavers Assembly & Summer Holidays start

The Laurels

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 children who visited The Laurels on Tuesday.

The children took part in some light physical activity with the residents as well as spending some time talking to residents. The visits were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Well done!

Prayer

Loving God,

We thank You for all our teachers who guide, encourage and inspire us each day. Bless them with patience, wisdom and joy as they help us to learn and grow.

May they always know how much they are valued and appreciated. Help us to show kindness, respect and gratitude for all that they do.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

