

Weekly Newsletter

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He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God".

Matthew 16:15-16

Dear Parents and Carers,

In this week's Celebration of the Word, the children learned about the lives and missions of St Peter and St Paul. We explored how both men played a vital role in building and spreading the early Church, despite facing many challenges and difficulties. The children heard how St Peter showed great faith and leadership as one of Jesus' closest disciples and how St Paul, through his courage and determination, travelled far and wide to share the message of Jesus with others. We reflected on how their lives were shaped by their love of God and their willingness to follow Him, even when it was not easy.

The children thought about how we can learn from their examples by showing kindness, standing up for what is right and sharing God's love in our everyday actions. We also considered how, like Peter and Paul, we are all called to play our part in helping our community to grow in faith and love.

Year 6 Transitions

Year 6 children have recently taken an exciting and important step as they begin preparing for the move to their new secondary schools. They have enjoyed visiting their future schools, giving them the opportunity to explore new environments, meet staff and to build confidence about the transition ahead.

We are particularly proud of the children who will be attending All Hallows, who took part in a special three-day residential visit to Liverpool Hope University.

During their time there, the children took part in a range of engaging and enriching activities. This experience not only helped them to form new friendships but also encouraged independence, resilience and teamwork.

We are very proud of how maturely they represented our school and the positive attitude they showed throughout the visit.

EYFS visits

We are incredibly proud of our new Reception children who will be joining us in September. They have continued to visit school this week, growing in confidence each time and becoming more familiar with their new environment, teachers and routines.

It has been wonderful to see how quickly they are settling in, forming friendships and approaching this new chapter with such enthusiasm.

We are equally proud of the children who will be starting Nursery in September, who have also taken part in visits. They have shown great courage and curiosity as they begin their journey with us and it has been a joy to welcome them into our school community.

We very much look forward to seeing all of these children continue to flourish as they begin this exciting next stage.

Saint Mary's 200th Anniversary celebration

Saint Mary's Church is celebrating 200 years with a special service on Sunday 5th July at 10.30am at Church.

Children from our GIFT team and Mini Vinnies will be doing bidding prayers and offertory procession and the amazing choir will also be singing.

It would be lovely to see you there to support the church and these children.

Saint Mary's Sports Kits

We are very short of our school sports kits—have you returned your kit?

Please can all parents and carers check at home to see if you still have a kit from a previous sporting event this year and return this to the office next week.

Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Arlo	For always making the right choices
	Vinnie	For always being kind to others
Reception	Rhea	For excellent effort with her writing
	Bella	For her calm attitude during prayer
Year 1	Polly	For great effort in assessments
	Penny	For always being a great friend
Year 2	Mason	For great artwork
	Ella	For creative sewing
Year 3	Brooke	For working hard in all of her end of year tests
	Tilly	For always showing kindness and respect to others
Year 4	Jaiden	For excellent effort in his assessments this week
	Bella	For living out the teachings of the Common Good
Year 5	Abhinav	For great focus and a very positive attitude towards the maths assessments
	Isabella	For treating everyone with kindness and consideration
Year 6	Sam	For his hardwork, positive friendly attitude and teamwork
	Matilda	For demonstrating a willingness to help

Stay and Pray

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for Stay and Pray this week.

It was truly wonderful to welcome you into school and to share this special time of reflection and prayer together.

The children were so proud to have you with them and your presence made the experience even more meaningful.

We are very grateful for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community.

Congleton Town Sports

A big thank you to Miss Owen, who gave up her time to plan and organise Saint Mary's involvement in the Congleton Town Sports.

This is a huge undertaking and requires a great deal of time, effort and dedication and we are very grateful for all that she has done.

Well done to all the children who took part, they represented our school brilliantly, showing determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship throughout.

We are very proud of you all!

A big thank you must also go to the staff who gave up their time to support Saint Mary's at this event :

Mrs Waters, Mr Merrick,
Mrs Milner, Miss Lankester,
Miss Small and Mrs Luby.



Dojo winners

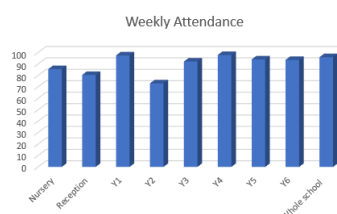
Reception Class



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Attendance

Nursery	85.53%	Year 3	92.14%
Reception	80.45%	Year 4	97.92%
Year 1	97.5%	Year 5	94%
Year 2	73.08%	Year 6	93.6%



Whole school
96%

Thank you

A huge thank you to our wonderful admin team—Miss Mason, Mrs Brazier and Mrs Davenport. Our school simply would not function without their hard work, dedication and organisation behind the scenes. From managing phone calls and emails, supporting parents and visitors, organising attendance and admissions, to ensuring trips, events and school communications run smoothly, their roles are invaluable.

They also work tirelessly to support staff, keep records up to date and ensure the day-to-day running of the school is as seamless as possible. We are incredibly grateful for everything they do each day to support our staff, children and families.

Well done Harry!

Harry in Year 6, who is a valued member of our Eco Team, has shown great passion and commitment towards promoting ways we can help to protect our environment. He has been working hard to raise awareness and inspire others to make positive changes.

We are incredibly proud of his efforts—just look at the wonderful posters he has created! They are a fantastic example of how our children are taking responsibility and using their voices to care for our world.



Sports Day

Sports Day is Friday 10th July and parents and carers are welcome to come, watch and join their children for a picnic lunch.

10.30am—11.30am Nursery & Reception

11.30am—12.30pm—Whole school picnic

12.30pm—3pm—Years 1-6

3.15pm—School finish time

So we have an idea of numbers for a school picnic lunch on that day, please complete the form which was emailed on 29th June. We need a form for each child, **whether or not** you want them to have a school lunch. Children can still bring their own packed lunch as usual. Please also bring a chair / blanket to sit on to make yourselves comfortable!

The children are to wear a T shirt of their house colour, school PE shorts, trainers, hat, sun cream and a water bottle.

House colours are :

Clitheroe – Red; Plessington – Green

Southworth – Yellow; Ward – Blue

We will have some students from All Hallows Catholic College helping on the day and Mr Beesley, the Principal, who is joining us— so please feel free to chat with him; he will be happy to answer any of your questions about AHCC.

Prayer

Loving God,

We thank You for our school family and for all the special moments we have shared this week.

We thank You for our children as they grow, learn and take new steps—those moving on to new schools, and those just beginning their journey with us.

Bless our families, our staff and all in our community.

Help us to follow the example of Jesus by showing kindness, courage and love in all that we do.

Guide us as we look forward to new beginnings, and remind us that You are always with us.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Dates for the Diary

Mon 6th—Parents book look after school

Tues 7th—New Reception starters parents school tour and Q&A

Wed 8th—Y4 visit to Congleton Town Hall.

Thurs 9th—EYFS trip to Nixon Farm, Y6 Forest School, Y3/4

Diamond Cricket and Y5/6 Rounders

Fri 10th—Sports Day and picnic—see details above

Tues 14th—EYFS Teddy Bears picnic 1.30pm

Wed 15th—Y6 leavers Mass 1.30pm

Thurs 16th—Rocky Steady concert & Y5 Forest School

Fri 17th—Y6 Leavers Assembly 9am