

St John's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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The children made such a great start to the year. They have settled extremely well and are working very hard. The children have been enjoying a lot of curriculum enrichment and many positive and fun activities, as well as quality learning. As always, I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued co operation and support. May I also say a huge thank you to all of our parents who donated food for the Harvest Festival and the many donations received for Alder Hey Pyjama Day. Your generosity is incredible and is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you and the children after half term for the run up to Christmas which promises to be very busy.

Miss Maudsley



A group of our Year 6 pupils organised a Pyjama Day to raise money for Alder Hey. They asked the children to come to school in their pyjamas or own clothes for a donation. They bought prizes for a raffle which they sold tickets for. This was drew today at a whole school assembly. **They managed to raise an incredible £710 for Alder Hey.**

Congratulations, we are so proud of you!
Thank you to all of our generous parents and carers who donated to this cause.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Year 1 learned about Rosa Parks

The children celebrated Black History month in October, with different year groups taking part in separate workshops. It gave all of our children the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of black heritage and culture.



Year 3 looked at a variety of influential people, such as scientists and artists, who have impacted the world.



Year 4 looked at a range of people from before the Stone Age to present Day that have contributed to society.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH



The children had a fantastic time at their workshop, looking at influential people and creating freeze frames to represent stories.



The children learned about some of history's most inspiring figures – such as Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela. They explored the civil rights movement in the United States and the achievements of black history heroes both in the past and more modern times.



Key Stage 1 Competition

Congratulations to some of our KS1 children who competed in a LSSP Sports Festival.



The event was focusing on fun and enjoyment to encourage participation, recognising the children's efforts and engagement.

The Bikeability Trust

Our Year 5 children will begin their **Bikeability** small group sessions in November. The session firstly takes place on the playground, checking children can ride correctly, get on/off and can manoeuvre between cones etc. If they achieve this, they will be taken out onto the local side streets, under close supervision, and shown how to ride safely on the public highway.

Welcome to Reception



We are so proud of our Reception Children, who have settled in extremely well!



In Reception the Children have been learning all about Autumn. They had fun going on an autumn walk searching for Conkers, Colourful leaves and more! The Children enjoyed getting messy when using their hands to scoop out the insides of a pumpkin, they said it felt 'slimy, slippery and Cold!' The Children have also enjoyed learning numbers 1,2 and 3 and showing them in different ways.



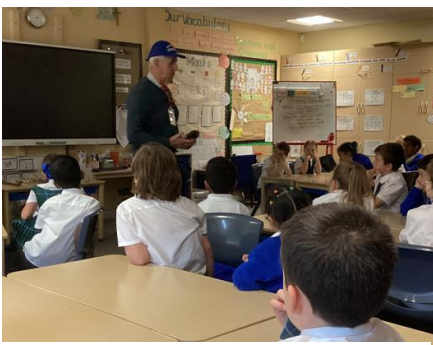
Visit from Father Peter



Year 2 had a lovely visit from Father Peter in October. He spoke to the children about what a baptism is and why it is important to Catholic life.

Year 3 Archeology Visitor

Year 3 had a visit from an archaeologist Dr John Hill, He introduced us to the chronology of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We had a fantastic time exploring all the different artefacts such as jewellery and a woolly mammoth's tooth.



It's always fun in ...

Nursery



We have been learning all about autumn when visiting our woodland area to collect fallen leaves and conkers to add to our autumn investigation table.

We have enjoyed scooping our and exploring pumpkins when talking about Halloween.

We have also been learning all about ourselves and our families through stories including Owl Babies as well as rhymes and creative activities.

Our latest story focus has been Room on the Broom, which children performed for their parents during stay and play.





Year 5 led a beautiful Harvest Festival in church which some of our families and members of the local community attended. The food that was donated has been shared amongst local foodbanks and will be used to support families in need at this time.



Our children looked very smart on School Photography Day and there were a lot of smiles and cheeky grins!

Following our School Photography Day on the 16th of October your child should have brought home photograph proof card with instructions of how to order your photograph online. If you need a replacement card please contact the schools office.

Year 3S After School Book Club



Year 3S are currently reading 'The Wild Robot' in Book Club. At the end of the school year the children are able to take their book home so they can continue to enjoy their adventures with Roz the Robot.



Foundation

THE CLUB'S OFFICIAL CHARITY

This term, we welcomed Kieran from the LFC Foundation who worked with our Year 3 and 4 children on their sports skills.

The children worked hard to learn the rules of all different games whilst improving their team-work. Kieran also worked with our Year 6 girls in a very popular, afterschool football club to promote female participation in sport.



LEST WE FORGET



Children can buy Poppies in school.

Please also be reminded that Year 2 Remembrance Assembly will be held in the school hall on Friday the 7th of November. Year 2 Parents and Carers are warmly invited.



Year 1 Collective
Worship focused on
caring for creation.
We looked for ways
we could look after
**God's Wonderful
World.**



Year 4 children who registered for
the First Reconciliation and First
Holy Communion programme for
2025-2026 have been given the date
they will make their
First Holy Communion in Church.
Please contact the *school office* if
you have not received your letter.

Cookery Classes



Year 4 made Chicken Pasta, Year 5 made Pizza and
Year 6 made Scouse !

Cookery Classes

Food for Thought came to school to Cookery Sessions for years 4, 5 and 6 as part of their DT Topic. The children learned how to chop and prepare veg including techniques for cutting. They put all of the ingredients together to make a delicious meal.





A wonderful picture of our Year 4 Gymnastics **Afterschool Club** lead by Miss Wilson



**Year 2
Afterschool Sports Club**

Year 2 children developed different skills from learning and playing a range of different sports, focusing on fun and enjoyment.



Our Year 6 Afterschool Girls Football Club was lead by the LFC Foundation.

Our Sports Afterschool Clubs this term - Y2 Sports club, Y3 Dodgeball, Y4 Gymnastics, Y6 Boys football and Y6 girls football

Stay and Play



We invited our parents and carers into Nursery to 'Stay and Play' with their children. This gave our parents and carers the opportunity to talk about their child's progress with their teacher and also spend time with their children in their nursery environment.





Key Stage 2 Competition



Some of our KS2 Children went to an LSSP Sports Festival where they participated in playing a variety of sports in a non-competitive environment. The aim was to focus on enjoyment and participation.



Play Leader Training



LSSP came to school to deliver Play Leader Training. They helped the children develop their games and leadership skills, so they can put it into practice when they lead games with the KS1 Children.

School finishes on

Friday the 24th of October at normal time

Children return to school on

Monday the 3rd of November

Beautiful New Beginnings

Events near you...



SEND Parent Workshops

Has your child been diagnosed with an additional need or disability or are you currently on a waiting list? Maybe you're not even that far along yet but you'd just like some information and guidance about behaviours and how best to manage them? Come along to our coffee evening, meet other parents and carers, share your experiences and listen to our guest speakers who are there to support and guide you on the journey.



Teen Meditation and Mindfulness

A great way to support children and young people led by our counsellor and mindfulness coach. A great way to learn how to unwind, relax and let go of the stresses of the day!



Stay and Play Sessions

Our stay and play sessions are a great way to support your child's development and social skills whilst enjoying a cuppa and a catch up with friends at the same time!



Baby Massage

Fully funded 5 week baby massage courses run every Wednesday 12:30-1:30 for 5 weeks, please sign up for the start date of the 5 week course you'd like to begin! A great chance to connect with other mums and find out whats going on in your local area!



Water Wellbeing Sessions

Water is an incredible therapeutic tool, being in the water improves confidence, resilience and so much more! Come along to one of our sessions for teen girls!



Wellbeing Walks

Come and join us on one of our counsellor led wellbeing walks! We have buggy walks for new mums too! Check out our website to find out where our next walk is taking place!

All welcome - no restrictions, just a chance to walk and talk and get some steps in too!



& SO MUCH MORE

