



## 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### *A note from the Head...*

Yellow Day to celebrate the life of Mrs Starkie

This week we remembered Mrs Starkie. The Pupil Chaplains led a moment of reflection with the whole school and then the children visited her memorial garden with the class.



The children wore Mrs Starkie's favourite colour and completed harvest activities and crafts throughout the day. The children had such a lovely day.

Thank you to all of those families who could attend our celebration Mass with Bishop John on Sunday.

Father Ernest is keen to build relationships between the church and our school community and has invited us to lead Mass on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 11.15am. The children will lead the whole service, just like they do at a class Mass. Please put this date in your diary as it would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible to represent the school.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Drake

### *Community news*

#### *Warm Hearts*



We are continuing to collect new hot water bottles to distribute to local charities including food bank, residential children's home, asylum seekers and the homeless. Warm hearts is the brainchild of a local family who wish to make the winter season a little warmer and more comforting to those in need. Please send your donations into the office by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. There is a box in the entrance hall.

#### *Harvest*

Please send Harvest donations into school next week. Our celebration will take place in school at 9.10am on Wednesday. All donations will be taken to Loaves and Fishes.



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### Shoe box appeal

The Beavers and Cubs are collecting donations for their shoe box appeal. They welcome packed shoeboxes and also individual donations that they will use to pack their own shoe boxes. Please send donations into school by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

The fire service visited our children on Monday as part of their People who help us topic. The children got to find out how the fire engine works and how to stay safe.

### School news Year 5 trip to IWM

Year 5 had a trip to the Imperial War Museum on Thursday. This was the first time that some of the children had visited a museum. They enjoyed exploring the exhibits and one of the volunteers showed them his Grandad's historical artefacts on display in the museum. Other visitors commented on the impeccable behaviour, well done Year 5, we are very proud of you for representing St Charles.



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1. We want everyone to receive a fun and useful box of **new and unused** gifts so **every shoebox should contain all items in this blue box.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or knitted)       | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes & Toothpaste                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweets or Chocolates (BB June 2024 EU Origin) | <input type="checkbox"/> Candles or Tealights & Holders*                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap & Flannel                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Games (Travel Size Draughts/Dominoes/Playing Cards) |

\*Holder is for safety and stability

2. Then please **ADD 5 or more items** (at least one of each item) from the **Red Box** for a **Family Shoebox** OR from the **Purple Box** to make a **Unisex Elderly Shoebox.**

#### FAMILY

- Colouring Pads (A5)
- Crayons/Pencils (with rubber and sharpener)
- Small Toys (yo-yo, skipping rope, toy cars)
- Soft toy/teddy (with CE label)
- Tape Measure/DIY Tool
- Sewing Kit
- Shampoo (max 300ml)
- Solar-Powered Calculator
- Safety Razors
- Hairbrush/Comb
- Other Gifts .....

OR

#### ELDERLY (UNISEX)

- Reading Glasses/Magnifier (max +2 strength)
- Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
- Sensory Item (eg Bean Bag, Lavender Bag, Stress Ball etc)
- Hot Water Bottle
- Work Gloves
- Pen and Paper
- Socks/Tights (NEW)
- Wind-Up Radio/Torch
- Shampoo (max 300ml)
- Scissors/Nail Clippers
- Safety Razors
- Other Gifts .....

For other gift ideas go to [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk)

PLEASE TRY TO REDUCE THE PACKAGING YOU PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX

### Fire service visit

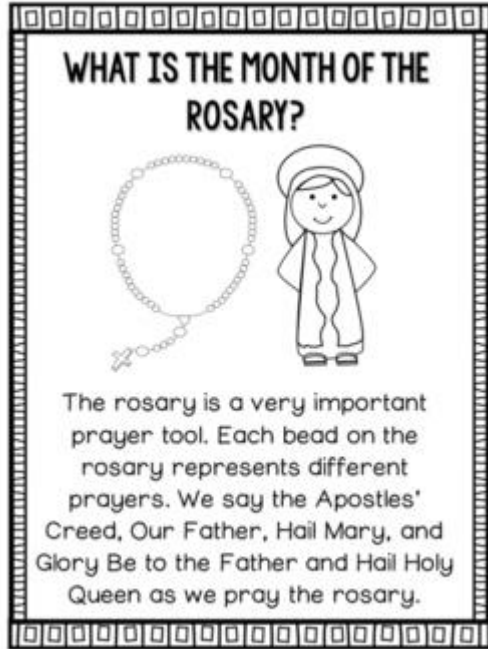


### October is the month of the Rosary

This month we have been reflecting on the mysteries of the Rosary. This is a prayer that Catholics use to reflect on key parts of the life of Jesus and make sense of how they can help us act in our own lives. The Pupil Chaplains have been reciting the Hail Mary with classes as part of our celebrations.



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Author Ian Curran retold his story to the whole school in assembly on Monday. He captivated the children's attention and they had so many questions for him about his story and his life as an author. Ian told us that his inspiration was when he found out that female owls say TOO-WIT and male owls say TOO-WOO. The children were very excited to receive their signed copy of his book.

### Sporting news

### Sporting superstars

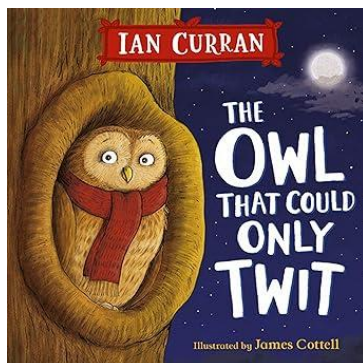


It was lovely to see so many children sharing their achievements from outside of school. We really are very lucky to have so many talented sporting stars.

### Achievements

The smiles on the children's faces fully reflect the joy that these children have from being rewarded with one of our achievement certificates this week. We have so many children in school who have tried their hardest this week.

### Author visit





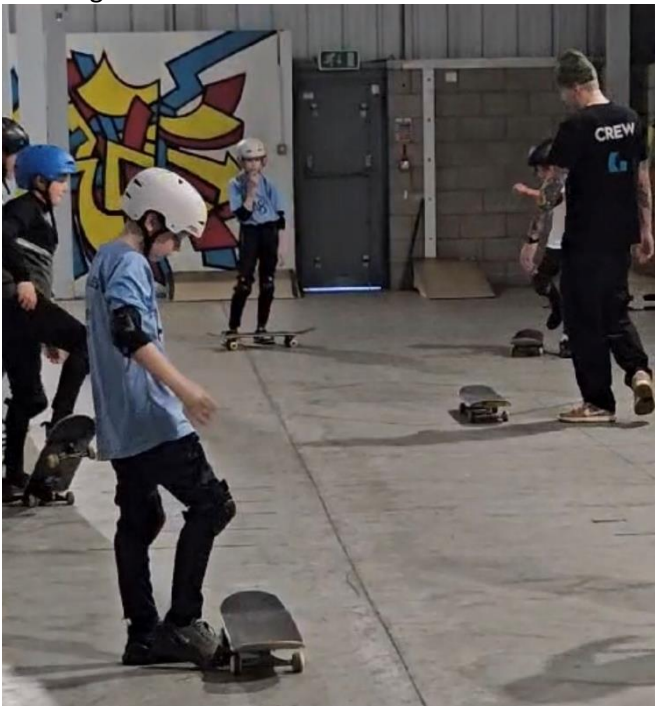
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Please ask your children what has made them proud this week and celebrate their achievements with them.

## *Graystones*

Robson, Poppy, Thomas and Connie represented school at the annual Graystones event on Thursday. This year, the children took part in 5 different activities including skating, scootering, trampolining and climbing.



## *Coming up...*

### *Cross country*

After a successful first year of cross country last year, the new season is fast approaching and this year we would like to submit another team to compete against other schools from across Salford. The races are due to run at Buile Hill Park and is open to KS2 as follows:

- 25<sup>th</sup> November
- 9<sup>th</sup> December
- 6<sup>th</sup> January
- 20<sup>th</sup> January

There are 4 races:

- Y3/Y4 Boys 9.30am
- Y3/Y4 Girls 9.40am
- Y5/Y6 Boys 9.50am
- Y5/Y6 Girls 10.10am

**ALL** children are invited to represent school, regardless of ability. It is a very muddy event but great fun. Letters will be sent out next week.

## *Individual Photographs*

Our photographer, Mike Carroll, has been in school to throughout the week taking photographs of the children in KS2. He will work with the children from KS1 and EY next week and a personalised link will be sent to you to view and purchase the photographs. Any children who have been missed this week, will be included next week. Sibling photographs will take place on the morning of the 20<sup>th</sup> November, times will be confirmed next week.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Y2

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Y1

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Nursery

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> – Reception

**\*\*Sibling photos 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023\*\***



### Attendance

Our attendance has taken a massive dive this week. I know that there are a lot of sniffles and bugs lurking, but it is very important that the children attend school. Having time off impacts the children’s learning and creates gaps in knowledge. Also, it can be very difficult to identify any special educational needs when attendance is low.

If you do have any concerns about attendance or special educational needs, please contact the office. Our attendance target is 96%.

Class	Weekly attendance
Nursery	74%
Reception	98%
Year 1	86%
Year 2	85%
Year 3	80%
Year 4	83%
Year 5	82%
Year 6	82%

### Letters

Copies of letters sent from school can be found [here](#) on the school website.

### Dates for your diary

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>**

Y2 photos

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup>**

Y1 photos

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup>**

Mini Vinnie Harvest Assembly (9.05am in hall - All welcome)

Nursery photos

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>**

Reception photos

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup>**

NSPCC workshop in Y2, Y5 and Y6

**HALF TERM**  
**20<sup>th</sup> OCT – 30<sup>th</sup> OCT**

**Mon 30<sup>th</sup>**

School opens 8.55am

**Weds 1<sup>st</sup> Nov**

All Saints and St Charles Mass in Church - 9.15am

*Please follow us on X to  
find out what is  
happening in school.*

X (Formerly known as Twitter)

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@stcharlespri1



### Communication

#### Socials

After reviewing our safeguarding policies and how information is shared with you, we have streamlined our social media presence. We no longer use Facebook or Instagram. We will continue to use X (formerly Twitter) to celebrate everything that we do in school.