



29th September 2023

A note from the Head...

On Tuesday, it was the European Day of Languages. Year 3 taught the children all about how languages open up opportunities to find out about different cultures and travel the world. Did you know that we speak more than 13 different languages at St Charles? It's fascinating to know that our community is so diverse and vibrant.



Bishop John will be celebrating Mass at St Charles on Sunday 8th October at 2pm. There will be refreshments in the polytunnel in the Garden afterwards. Father Ernest would like all of the children to attend and show our community support. Mrs Parsons has been teaching the children a new song during hymn practice, to sing for the parishioners. Please join us at 2pm.

October is the month of the Rosary

Rosary prayer bags will be sent home from next week. Please return them to school the day after they are sent home so that as many people as possible can enjoy them.

At the end of week 4, the children are settled and comfortable in their new classroom routines. If you have any concerns about your children's learning or behaviour, please do speak to the class teacher, who will be able to offer reassurance, support and appropriate guidance.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Drake

Coffee Morning



We raised £210 for our chosen charities this term. Thank you very much for your donations. We still have a number of cakes left, they will be on sale at Monday break.

Thank you

Massive thank you to our parent volunteers this week, new reading recruits include Patrick's Mum in Y1 and Fern's Mum in Y3 – thank you to all of our reading volunteers – your help is invaluable. A special thank you to Park's Dad in Y5, who has cleared the debris from the car park and the school field. We are working hard to tidy up our grounds and are looking for help with the gardening. If you could spare some time, please speak to Mrs Drake. Alternatively, if you have any skills or offer any services, we welcome any help.

Events

Year 6 Trip



Year 6 visited the Peoples History Museum at the bottom of Bridge Street in Manchester to learn all about the people who have influenced the history of Manchester. Poppy and Charlotte were practicing their political march and gathering support for women's rights.



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Year 5 Prayer service



Year 5 had their first prayer service of the year celebrating St Vincent de Paul and his good work helping others.

Amazing homework



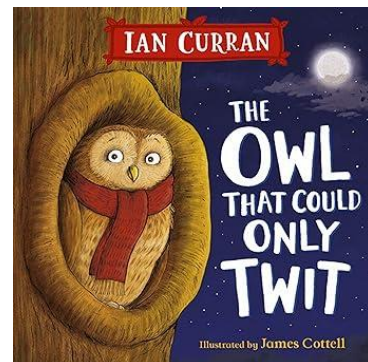
We love to celebrate the great work that the children do in school and at home. Finn blew our socks off this morning. Not only did he build this lego model of the Battle of the Somme, but he pulled out a report and told everyone in assembly the key details of the historical event. A great example to the rest of the school, well done Finn.

Celebration certificates



There was lots to celebrate in assembly this morning, from super sensible role models to maths superstars. Well done for an amazing week.

Author visit



We are excited to announce that author, Ian Curran, will be coming to our school on Monday 9th October. Ian will be working with the children, reading them his brand new book in assembly and holding workshops in school. Pre order forms were sent home with the children on Tuesday. Please send orders in by Friday 6th October.

Sporting superstars



Each week our sports coaches choose the PE superstars. A special mention to Max and Thomas for great dancing with Laura on Tuesday.



End of the school day

Nursery 3:15pm
 Reception 3:20pm
 Year 1 3:25pm
 Year 2 – Year 6 3:30pm

Attendance

It just gets better and better. Thank you and congratulations for your commitment this week. Attendance has never been so good. Two classes won the treat this week. Can we make it three next week? Our attendance target is 96%.

Class	Weekly attendance
Nursery	98%
Reception	100%
Year 1	89%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	98%

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.

Letters

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

Mrs Starkie Day

On Tuesday 10th October, Mrs Starkie's birthday, we will be celebrating her life in school. Sadly, Mrs Starkie passed away in the Summer term. She was our beloved Nursery teacher and is known fondly throughout our community. Mrs Starkie's favourite colour was yellow, so in her memory the children may come to school wearing non uniform and the colour yellow. There will be moments of reflection for the children to remember her and a day filled with gardening and arts and crafts, Mrs Starkie's favourite tasks.

Dates for your diary

Mon 2nd
 NSPCC assembly
Weds 4th
 Y4 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome)
Thurs 5th
 Y1 Class Assembly (All welcome)
Sun 8th
 St Charles RC Church Mass led by Bishop John
Mon 9th
 Parent Drop in – after school in classrooms
Tues 10th
 Mrs Starkie Day
Fri 13th
 COMMUNITY WEEK
Weds 18th
 Mini Vinnie Harvest Assembly (9.05am in hall - All welcome)

HALF TERM
20th OCT – 30th OCT

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