



*St Charles RC
Primary School*



*Nursery Newsletter
Spring 2024*

Welcome

Welcome back! We would like to say a massive thank you for the wonderful cards, presents and warm wishes at Christmas – you were very generous and kind.

School Day: School starts at 8.55am and finishes at 3.15pm. Please leave the Early Years playground at the end of the day as this area is an extension of our classroom and we prepare resources for the next day. Please ensure that your children are properly supervised on the whilst on the school playground, it can get very busy on the larger playground.

Outdoor learning: In the Early Years, outdoor learning is an important way for us to deliver our curriculum. We spend a large part of our day outdoors which our children love. In addition, from Friday 26th January we will be taking the children to experience some Forest school sessions. During these sessions, children will be able to explore our large field area which has many exciting opportunities for them to explore and learn new skills.

Everyone should now have a pair of wellies and spare socks, underpants and tracksuit bottoms or leggings in school. If this is not yet the case, could you please ensure that you send these in as soon as possible so that they can be transferred into the drawstring bag on children's pegs.

Children can now wear suitable Forest school clothes on a Friday, and not school uniform. Please don't wear designer clothing, the children will be getting wet and muddy.

Spare clothes: Please ensure that your child has a spare pair of clothes in their pump bags in case of accidents.

Nursery School Fund: We would greatly appreciate if all parents could contribute to our Nursery class fund. Parents are asked to contribute £12 per term or a full payment of £36 for the year. The money enables us to purchase craft materials and new resources to enhance your child's learning opportunities. Many thanks for your support with this, the money is very much appreciated. We will keep you updated with what we have purchased.

Parking

Please do not park in the space on the school driveway. It is very dangerous. There is limited room to reverse and turn around and it can be very busy, particularly with smaller children as they come in and leave school. You may use the church car park and the football car park at the bottom of the playing fields. Equally, please do not park on the single yellow lines on Moorside Road. They are there to protect your children.



Curriculum

RE Focus: Children will continue their religious journey by learning our school prayers and how to make the sign of the cross. This term the children will be hearing and learning some stories from the Bible including stories about Jesus as a boy, Jesus welcoming the children and feeding the 5000. The children will also be learning that Church's celebrations are community occasions and on Sundays, the parish family gathers together. It is a time to remember how much there is to celebrate; a time to say thank you; a time to know that God's love is offered and made visible here and now in Jesus and in people. It would be wonderful to see more children at one of family Mass events.

English: Children this term will be encouraged to form letters that appear in their name. This will gradually become a daily task for them to do at the beginning of the day. The phonics sessions will continue with a focus on rhyming words, the initial sound that words begin with and different activities to develop their blending skills. At home it would be beneficial for children to play games with words. [I have attached some ideas of games that you could play at home.](#)

Maths: In Maths this term, the children will spend time learning about numbers 1 to 5. There is now a focus on a deeper understanding of number. The children will learn that these numbers can be represented in many ways by investigation dice, dominoes, 5 frames and finger formations. They will also explore the composition of these numbers which begin to build their understanding of addition and subtraction. Toward the end of the term, they will learn about height and length and explore mass and capacity.

Topic: Each term we will be exploring a big question -

Can you sing a rainbow? The children will be exploring the seasons and how weather changes. Children will be observing weather and noticing change, whilst developing investigation skills. They will learn that weather can be different and varied in different countries around the world.

What is hiding under the shed? The children will learn about mini beasts and enhance their learning by exploring our forest school area and outdoor classroom. The children will observe the life cycle of a caterpillar with real caterpillars, then enjoy releasing the butterflies when it is time. The children will identify different habitats whilst building their own bug hotel to invite God's creatures into our learning environment.

Additional Diary Information: Nursery will be supporting our Reception Class in a Chinese New Year celebration assembly on Thursday 8th February. Everyone is invited to attend and support our children.

On Friday 1st March we will celebrate World Book Day. The theme of this day is **The Ocean**. Children are invited to come dress in a favourite book character around this theme. These costumes can be as simple or as elaborate as you choose, the more homemade, the better.

Many thanks for all your support and cooperation.

Mrs Williams, Mrs Copacova and Mrs Webster

Spring diary dates

January	February	March
<p><u>JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE EPIPHANY</u></p> <p><u>Week 1</u> Mon 8th Children return to school Weds 10th Whole School Epiphany Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome) Thurs 11th Y3 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Mon 15th – 17th Y5 Robinwood residential Weds 17th Y2 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 18st Y4 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Weds 24th Y5 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Y4 Library trip Thurs 25th Y6 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> <u>Story Telling Week</u> Mon 29th Parent Drop in – after school in classrooms Weds 31st Y6 Library trip Fri 2nd Loaves and Fishes charity Cake sale and raffle after assembly</p>	<p><u>FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE</u></p> <p><u>Week 5</u> Weds 7th Y3 Library trip EYFS Chinese New Year Dance workshop with Miss Jade Thurs 8th EYFS Chinese New Year Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 6</u> BOOK WEEK Tues 13th Y3 trip to Chester TBC Weds 14th Whole School Ash Wednesday Mass (9.15am in church - All welcome) Y2 Library trip Thurs 15th Y1 Class Assembly (All welcome) Fri 16th St Valentine's Day Disco pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HALF TERM 16th FEB – 26th FEB</p> <p><u>Week 1</u> Weds 28th Y4 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Y1 Library trip Thurs 29th Y5 Class Assembly (All welcome) Friday 1st World Book Day – Ocean themed</p>	<p><u>MARCH IS THE MONTH OF LENT</u></p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Weds 6th Y1 & Y2 Mother's Day Prayer Service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Y5 Library trip Thurs 7th EYFS Mother's Day Celebration followed by morning coffee and cakes (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Weds 13th Nursery Library trip Thurs 14th Parents evening – in school Fri 15th CAFOD charity cake sale and raffle after assembly</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> Book Fair Weds 20th Y3 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Reception Library trip Thurs 21st KS1 Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 5</u> HOLY WEEK Mon 25th Whole School Stations of the Cross Mass (9.15am in church - All welcome) Tues 26th EYFS & KS1 Easter Bonnet parade (9.05am in school – All welcome) EASTER RAFFLE Weds 27th LKS2 Easter show (9.15am in church – All welcome) FINISH at 1.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">EASTER HOLIDAYS 27th MAR – 8th APR</p>

Websites

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