



St Charles RC
Primary School



Year 1 Newsletter
Spring 2024

Welcome Year 1!

Happy New Year! 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.

We are all back on board, ready for an exciting new Spring Term!

In Year 1 we have a new member of the class – ***Matt the Everywhere Bear!***

He likes sitting in class watching the children work and play, but most of all he loves going everywhere with them. Therefore, he is going home with a different child every Friday! If you have Matt for the weekend, share all you do with him, take photos, draw pictures and write sentences in the book. Remember to bring him back to school on Monday... and watch him because he seems to get lost a lot! Read ***The Everywhere Bear by Julia Donaldson*** and you will find out.



Family design project: As we are learning about toys this half term, we ask you to design a moving toy at home. It could be any size or shape, with a moving mechanism or just a simple moving part. Use any materials, decorate it as you wish. Bring your moving toy to school by 31st January, Wednesday, to share with the class.

Class trip to the local toy store: On Tuesday, 16th January, Year 1 are going to visit the toy area in the B&M Home store in Swinton town centre. We are going to explore different toys and compare them by size, materials, purpose and price. Please note we are not buying anything in the store.

A few reminders

Please remember to LABEL all items that come to school with your child's name. We have a large number of left jumpers, hats, gloves and many more items which we are unable to locate to their owners.

Outdoor learning: Our Forest school day is **Thursday** but we DO NOT WEAR Forest School clothes to school; they come in a bag and we get changed in school. Forest school/outdoor learning clothing and a pair of wellies should be kept in school and will be sent home for cleaning/drying, if needed.

PE: lessons take place on **Wednesday** afternoon. Your child needs to WEAR PE outfit to school: a white T-shirt, navy blue shorts and pumps. Please note no other colours are acceptable. In cold weather, a school jumper can be worn and plain blue joggers or leggings.

Library: On **Monday** we will visit our school library and your child will bring a book home – read it together and return by the following Monday so your child can borrow a new book.

Reading folders need to come to school EVERY DAY.



Curriculum

RE Focus: In RE, we will be talking about events in Jesus' early life, like Candlemas and the story of Zacchaeus. In week 6, we will be presenting an assembly about St. Valentine's Day. The children will be learning about the creation story and other stories from the Bible, such as Noah's Ark. After half term we will be focusing on Lent.

Phonics: We all enjoy our new Super Sonic Phonics Friends scheme which is delivered daily. In Year 1 we are building up to the Phonics Screening Test which will take place in May 2024. You will have received a practice test which we did last week. Practise reading the words at home – can you beat your own score?

Reading: We have started reading a chapter a day from our class reader - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl. We also enjoy a number of texts in our Library time, guided reading and individual reading time. Please listen to your child read at home as often as possible, and record the pages read in the reading diary.

Writing: Our main focus is writing a good sentence which makes sense, starts with a capital letter and ends with a full stop. We will continue to use high quality texts, like The Everywhere Bear, as models for writing our own stories, non-fiction texts and poems. We are practising forming all letters correctly in our cursive handwriting sessions. The children are putting great effort into their written work, well done!

Maths: This term we will be focusing on Place Value within 20 (then 50), addition and subtraction and measurement.

Topic: In the Spring term, our Year 1 topics are **Toys Past and Present** (we will learn how toys have changed since parents and grandparents were children) and **Where I Live** (we will be exploring our local area).

Science: In the Spring term, we will be learning about plants.

HOMEWORK: We send reading books home every night – please read with your child as often as possible and write comments in the diary.

On Friday we will be sending a homework book – only complete the pages which are stamped at the top, we will NOT be doing them in order, we choose pages which link to what we have been doing in class. Sometimes, you may see that some of the questions have a circle around the number, this means that your child only has to answer these questions on the page. Return the homework book by the following Wednesday.

Volunteers: If you are available to help in school – listen to readers, or help with arts and crafts activities, please contact the office, or myself. Any help is highly appreciated!

Many thanks for all your support and cooperation.

Mrs Leckey and Ms Kennedy

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

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies>