



St Charles RC  
Primary School



Year 3 Newsletter  
Spring 2024

# Welcome

Welcome back to the Autumn term! 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.

**Forest School:** Our Forest school day is **Friday** 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 after use for cleaning/drying, if needed. Please ensure that it is sent back into school each Monday. Please label all items with your child's name.

**PE:** lessons take place on **Tuesday** afternoon. Your child needs to WEAR their PE outfit to school: a white T-shirt, navy blue shorts and pumps. Please note no other colours are acceptable. During the cold weather, a plain navy-blue tracksuit or leggings (no stripes or logos) may be worn, please label all items.

**Homework:** homework will be sent home on a Friday and this is due in the following Wednesday. Please only complete the pages **listed in the back** of the homework book. Sometimes we may only ask for certain questions to be completed, they will be circled in this circumstance. The pages and questions that we choose reflect what has been learnt in class so the children should be able to complete the work themselves.

**Reading books:** Please ensure you are signing your child's reading record when they read at home or finish a book. We make time in school for reading for pleasure, so if your child is reading their own book or a library book, they are welcome to bring it in with them.

**Uniform:** We are trying to promote a sense of pride in our school appearance. Please ensure that your child has their full uniform, including a suitable coat, hat and cold weather apparel when necessary. Traditional black school shoes should be worn in school, trainers are not acceptable. Jewellery should be kept to a minimum or a watch or simple pair of studs, no loops or hoops. Please label children's jumpers and coats.

**Snack:** In Year 3, the children may bring in their own snack for break time. Please encourage healthy snacks with the aim to encourage healthy lifestyle choices from a young age. No crisps or chocolate. Bread sticks, rice cakes, fruit or dried fruit are some choices that we encourage. Your child will also need their own water bottle that should be taken home with them each day for cleaning.

**Swimming:** Swimming will start on the 1<sup>st</sup> February. Each Thursday, the children need either a full swimming costume or swimming trunks (no shorts), a towel and a swimming hat. If your child does need to wear goggles they must bring a note from the Doctor/Optician for the swimming instructor. The children will be walking to and from the pool, so please ensure they have an appropriate coat.



# Curriculum

## RE Focus: Solidarity of the Common good and Rights and Responsibilities

	<i>Autumn 1</i>	<i>Autumn 2</i>
RE	<b>From Galilee and Jerusalem</b> – Epiphany and different parables.	<b>From Desert to Garden</b> Focus on Lent and The Last supper
<i>English</i> (Theme is linked with Topic)	Diary entry Character description Persuasive rallying speech Non-chronological report	Explanation writing Instructions Descriptive writing Dialogue and story Food poems
<i>Maths</i>	Multiplication and Division Length and Perimeter	Fractions Mass and Capacity
<i>Science</i>	<b>Light</b>	<b>Animals including Humans</b>
<i>Computing</i>	<b>Programming – Sequencing sounds</b> – creating sequences in Scratch	<b>Branching databases</b> – building and using branching databases to group objects using yes/no questions
<i>Geography</i>	<b>Roman Britain</b> – Which of the Roman achievements had the most significant impact on Britain	<b>Where does our food come from?</b> – study vegetation belts, biomes and triomes
<i>Art</i>	Mosaic art – Romans	
<i>Music</i>	<b>Singing practice</b> <b>Composing using your imagination</b> – how does music make the world a better place?	<b>Singing practice</b> <b>Sharing musical experiences</b> – how does music help us to get to know our community
PE	<b>Dance</b>	<b>Dance</b>
D&T	<b>Food – Sandwich snacks</b>	

Many thanks for all your support and cooperation.

Miss Symington and Miss Berry

# Spring diary dates

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

## Websites

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>  
<https://www.khanacademy.org/>  
<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>  
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