



St Charles RC  
Primary School



Nursery Newsletter  
Autumn 2023

# Welcome

**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, we have a large forest school area located at the top end of our grass area. After the October half term, when our children are ready, we take the children to experience the larger area. Initially, please send a pair of named wellies into school so that they are always available.

**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.

**Nursery School Fund:** Nursery Fund for the Autumn term is £12. Please send this to school in a named envelope. This fund is used for daily toast, play-doh ingredients, birthday gifts, baking activities and extras that Nursery children enjoy. Thank you, if this has already been sent in.

**Class Dojo:** If you have not yet received an email from me inviting you to join Class Dojo, please come and see me so that I can add you. Class Dojo is a free app that enables you to communicate with me and share pictures and special moments of your child's journey.

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

## Nursery fund

We would greatly appreciate if all parents could contribute to our Nursery class fund. Parents are asked to contribute £30 for the full reception year (£5 per term) and return in cash. 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.



# Curriculum

**RE Focus:** Children will begin their religious journey by learning our school prayers and how to make the sign of the cross. They will then hear the creation story from the Bible and spend time exploring God's Beautiful World and the celebration of Harvest Festival. In November, the children will learn about Diwali and enjoy lots of crafts. Then as we enter December the children will hear the story of Christmas and enjoy learning about the Nativity.

**English:** Children will begin to recognise their name firstly with a picture that is unique to them and then without their picture icon. With support, they will be encouraged to form letters to write their name. The children will take part in phonics sessions learning to listening to familiar sounds, instrument sounds and begin to identify rhyme in stories.

**Maths:** Children will initially explore colour and colour mixing. They will then match shapes and compare the sizes. They will focus on mathematical language development as they explore. In number, the children will focus of fast recognition of objects to 3, finger representation of numbers to 5 and accurate counting skill.

**Topic:** Each term we will be exploring a big question.

**What is Special about me?** Children will be exploring themselves and their families whilst learning about other people and families. Children will learn about different emotions and how feelings can change. They will also learn about gifts and talents that make them individual and unique.

**Why are Autumn and Christmas such wonderful times of the year?** Children will learn about our seasons. This will include stories about what animals do in different seasons, especially Autumn. As we approach Christmas children will learn about the traditions of Christmas and how special giving a receiving gift can be.

*Many thanks for all your support and cooperation.*

*Mrs Williams, Mrs Copacova and Mrs Webster*

# Autumn diary dates

<u>SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF WELLBEING</u>	<u>OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH</u>	<u>NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS</u>	<u>DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ADVENT</u>
<p><u>Week 1</u> <b>Mon 4th</b> Children start school</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> <b>Weds 13<sup>th</sup></b> Whole School Welcome Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> <b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup></b> Y6 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) <b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></b> Y2 Class Assembly (All welcome) Y4 Go outside residential</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> <b>Weds 27<sup>th</sup></b> Y5 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) <b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup></b> Y3 Class Assembly (All welcome) <b>Fri 29<sup>th</sup></b> McMillan Coffee Morning and raffle after assembly</p>	<p><u>Week 5</u> <b>Weds 4<sup>th</sup></b> Y4 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) <b>Thurs 5<sup>th</sup></b> Y1 Class Assembly (All welcome) <b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup></b> Mass led by Bishop John 2pm</p> <p><u>Week 6</u> <b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup></b> Parent Drop in – after school in classrooms <b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup></b> Mrs Starkie Day <b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup></b> Charity Raffle – The Christie/McMillan</p> <p><u>Week 7</u> COMMUNITY WEEK <b>Weds 18<sup>th</sup></b> Mini Vinnie Harvest Assembly (9.05am in hall - All welcome)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>HALF TERM</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> OCT – 30<sup>th</sup> OCT</b></p>	<p><u>Week 1</u> <b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup></b> Children start school <b>Weds 1<sup>st</sup></b> Feast of All Souls Mass (9.15am in church - All welcome) <b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Y5 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> <b>Weds 8<sup>th</sup></b> Y2 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) <b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup></b> Y6 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> <b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup></b> Parents evening – in school <b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup></b> Harpers Army charity cake sale and raffle after assembly <b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup></b> Whole school Mass at St Charles 11.15am</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> <b>Weds 22<sup>nd</sup></b> Y3 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) <b>Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup></b> Y4 Class Assembly (All welcome) Flu Jab Whole school Jolabokafloð celebration</p> <p><u>Week 5</u> <b>Weds 29<sup>th</sup></b> Advent Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome) Christmas Markets 3.30pm <b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup></b> Whole school Panto – Treasure Island</p>	<p><u>Week 6</u> <b>Weds 6<sup>th</sup></b> Nursery Christmas Show 10am Reception Christmas Show 2pm <b>Thurs 7<sup>th</sup></b> Reception Christmas show 10am Nursery Dress show 2pm <b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup></b> KS1 Christmas show 2pm</p> <p><u>Week 7</u> <b>Mon 11<sup>th</sup></b> KS1 Christmas show 10am <b>Tues 12<sup>th</sup></b> KS2 Christmas show 10am <b>Weds 13<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner <b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup></b> KS2 Christmas show 2pm <b>Fri 15<sup>th</sup></b> EYFS Party day</p> <p><u>Week 7</u> CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WEEK <b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b> KS1 Christmas Party <b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b> KS2 Christmas Party <b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas carol service (2pm – in church) <b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></b> Non-uniform day/Toy Day <b>FINISH at 1.30pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> DEC – 8<sup>th</sup> JAN</b></p>

## Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/stories>

<https://www.busythings.co.uk/>

[https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0019/13933/talk with me sheet 3 to 4years.pdf](https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0019/13933/talk_with_me_sheet_3_to_4years.pdf)

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>