



St Charles RC
Primary School



Year 1 Newsletter
Autumn 2023

Welcome Year 1!

We have had a fantastic first few weeks in Year 1, all children have settled really well and they are showing impressive manners – we even won the Lunch Time Trophy! So proud of everyone! We look forward a term packed with exciting events, lots of hard work and even more fun!

In Year 1 we have talked about our school's Golden Rules, and we try to follow them every day. If you would like to reinforce them with your child at home, that would be greatly appreciated.

St. Charles RC Golden Rules.

- We are respectful to one another.
- We walk and speak quietly around school.
- We share and play games that do not hurt each other.
- We use everybody's real name.
- We look after our school's and everybody's belongings.

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 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 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 blue joggers or leggings. And again, please label all items.

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, the children will be learning about the creation story and other stories from the Bible, such as Noah's Ark.

Topic: Each half term we have a different topic question which we explore and base our whole curriculum around. In the Autumn term, our Year 1 topics are Who were the greatest explorers? and Why are maps so important?

English: In English we use high quality texts to lead our learning. This term we will write stories, recite poetry and write non – fiction texts about space.

Maths: We use a scheme called White Rose for teaching Maths. There is a little turtle called Tiny who helps the children with their work. The focus this term will be place value to 10, addition and subtraction and 2D shapes.

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. Return the homework book by the following Wednesday.

Spellings and phonics practice: Each phonics group will have sound cards to practice, based on the sounds they have covered in the week.

We are waiting for a review of our spelling scheme – meanwhile, we will send home a list of words that have come up as tricky in our writing lessons – please practise at home and help your child write sentences using the words.

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

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

Websites

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