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A note from the Head...

January has been a very quiet month, in preparation for a frenzied fun packed February. Next week, swimming lessons start for all of Y3, on Friday there is a cake sale with a difference and raffle for Salford Loaves and it is National Storytelling Week (see upcoming events for more information). There are a few additions to the diary, which I have highlighted in red for ease.

We have recently had some new faces join our team, each week we will find out a little more about them in our 'Who am I?' post.

Don't forget, Monday is our Spring term drop in and your chance to celebrate your children's progress.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Drake

Who am I?



I am very pleased to have joined the Governing Board at St Charles Primary School where I hope to use my long experience as a school governor to support the Board in its development so we can give the staff and children the best opportunities for learning.

I am a committed member of our Parish of St Ambrose Barlow, serving as Vice Chair of the Parish Council, and a firm believer in the ethos and value of our catholic schools. My own four children all went through catholic schools in our parish, at St

Marks and St Ambrose Barlow, so I know what special places catholic schools are in giving the best education wrapped in the gospel values.

I look forward to meeting you at school, church or around the Parish in the coming year.

School news

Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance
Nursery	94%
Reception	91%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	81%

School places

We have a small number of places available in EYFS and KS1, KS2 is full. Please spread the word to friends and family.

Place to be - Parenting Smart online course

Place2Be online parenting course is running again. It is free - you can read more and sign up [here](#).



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Library visits



After a long hiatus, library visits are back, but this time, for EVERYONE. Each week (see the calendar), a different class will walk to Swinton Library and select a book to borrow. Please keep this safe and return it to school when reminded. Miss Jervis in Y4 is our Library co-ordinator, she has arranged for each class to visit the library before Easter and we are hoping to plan another visit for the Summer term Year 4 went this week and made some great choices that will keep them busy for a while. If your child is already registered at a Salford Library, please can you let the class teacher know.

Big Garden Birdwatch



The Mini Vinnie's launched the NSPB Big Garden Birdwatch in assembly on Monday. The NSPB ask for you to spend an hour watching the birds in your area, between 26 and 28 January, and record the birds that land. Tell them what you saw (even if that's nothing at all!) online or by post.

During forest school, Year 2 have made some simple bird catchers from Cheerios and pipe cleaners to hang on the trees and encourage birds into our school grounds. For more information about the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch, click [here](#).

Holocaust Memorial Assembly



Y2 – Y5 were taught about the Holocaust during Y6's memorial assembly on Thursday. Some of the information in the assembly was distressing and not for little ears, but the older children listened well and were thoughtful in their prayers. It's very sad to hear how some people can be so cruel. Please keep those families in your prayers who are suffering during the current conflicts across the world.

Year 1 trip to the toy shop



Year 1 have been learning about how modern day toys compare to those from the past and what better way to find out about toys than visit the toy shop. The children



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were very well behaved on their journey and managed to contain their excitement when surrounded by so many cool toys.

Stars of the week were recognised for their progress in learning and for being polite role models.

Saints of the Week

Achievements

Harp Concert



On Friday afternoon, Y5 were treated to an extra special concert from their exceptionally talented classmate, Isaac who plays the harp. Isaac played 'Charlotte in Spring' on his Celtic harp. What a wonderful way to end the week.

Star of the Week



The Saints were all delighted to receive their awards for showing strength and courage.

Sporting Stars





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Handball



Year 3 and 4 have been practising their handball skills and teamwork in their own time at lunchtime, in preparation for the interschools tournament this week. The hard work paid off and they placed 3rd. Well done team and don't they look smart in the new team tracksuits.

Upcoming events

Spring term Drop in

Monday 29th January Teachers will be available until 4.30pm, please pop in and celebrate your children's progress.

National Storytelling Week



National Storytelling Week is a celebration of the art of storytelling and the power of stories to connect, entertain, and inspire. During this week, people of all ages come together to share and enjoy stories in various forms, from traditional oral tales to modern narratives.

Ask your child to tell you a story.

Loaves and fishes cake sale and raffle



On Friday 4th February, we will be holding our half termly cake sale and raffle which will take place after assembly. The raffle includes a range of family games. Raffle tickets are on sale for £1 a ticket.



The cake sale next week will be cashless and instead of paying for a cake with money, children should bring a packet of food or a tin (similar to our harvest donations) that we can then send to Loaves and Fishes for their food bank.

Y3 Swimming

Swimming is part of the KS2 National Curriculum and at St Charles this is taught at Pendlebury Leisure Centre on a Thursday afternoon. The children will need a swim cap, towel and a one piece swimming costume or trunks. Have fun!

NSPCC dress like a Number day

The idea of NSPCC is to raise awareness of abuse of children whilst raising money to support sources to help them. The theme of the day uses maths as a focus. This means that the children can dress up using a number theme, called 'Dress up for Digits.'

Raid their wardrobes and look for items of clothing with a number on, football shirts etc. If all else fails, it may



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be time to get creative and decorate a t shirt with a maths related design.

Suggested donation £1.

End of the school day

Nursery	3:15pm
Reception	3:20pm
Year 1	3:25pm
Year 2 – Year 6	3:30pm

Whole School Ash Wednesday Mass (9.15am in church - All welcome)

Y2 Library trip

Thurs 15th

Y1 Class Assembly (All welcome)

Fri 16th

Wear red for St Valentine's Day Disco pm (in school time)



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Communication

Letters

Copies of letters sent from school can be found [here](#) on the school website.

Dates for your diary

JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE EPIPHANY

Week 4

Story Telling Week

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

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE

Week 5

Children's Mental Health Week February 7th – 11th

Weds 7th

Y3 Library trip

EYFS Chinese New Year Dance workshop with Miss Jade

Thurs 8th

EYFS Chinese New Year Assembly (All welcome)

Week 6

BOOK WEEK

Tues 13th

Y3 trip to Chester TBC

Weds 14th

As a family of God, we love to learn and learn to love