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A note from the Head...

This week marked the middle of the academic year, your children have grown so much since the September. We have so much to look forward to before we break for the summer holidays.



Nursery and Reception joined together to retell the story of the Lunar celebrations for Chinese New Year. Over the weekend, there are a number of events and activities taking place to celebrate, culminating in the annual Dragon parade from 12 noon, more information can be found [here](#). Thank you to the parents in EYFS who talked to the children about their Chinese heritage and delivered snacks and good luck charms.

Enjoy your celebrations – Happy New Year!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Drake

Who am I?



My name is Sania and I am the Place 2 Be counsellor in school, on a Thursday and Friday. I work with children to support their mental health and develop lifelong strategies to promote resilience in young people. At Place 2 Be, we offer a range of different interventions, please ask me if you see me on the playground if you would like more information.

I have been working at St Charles for 18 months and also support another school in Salford. I love my time at St Charles and have made lots of connections with the children and families in the community.

I live in Whitefield with my new husband and daughter who is in Year 7 at high school. I have a not so secret love of sweet treats like chocolate and biscuits.

Attendance

Class	Weekly attendance
Nursery	91%
Reception	97%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	88%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	98%
Year 6	99%



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Celebration Assembly

Each Friday, we join together and celebrate the children's accomplishments. This assembly is open to any parents and grandparents who wish to attend, not just those who are being recognised. Please join us from 9.10am, Miss Berry has offered to make sure that the kettle is on, please help yourself from the alcove as you walk into the hall.

School Games Mark



We have been awarded another Gold award for the School Games Mark. Mrs Coussons is our PE lead and has dedicated a lot of time to improving the PE curriculum and our involvement in competitions. Next half term, Mrs Coussons will be working with PE leaders from Y4 to improve the playground experiences at lunchtime. Well done.

Valentines Celebrations

Next Friday, we will celebrate the end of term and St Valentine's Day, with a non-uniform day and disco afternoon. The children are encouraged to wear red.

Improvements to school

During the February break, an electrical company will start work on replacing the lighting throughout school with LED, energy efficient lighting. This has been mainly funded by the Diocese and a small portion of school funds. The works are expected to run into the next term, but we are hoping that disruption will be kept to a minimum. There may be the odd day that the children have to relocate to a different area within school, but school will remain open to all pupils throughout.

Achievements

Star of the Week



This week, we had artists, writers, poets and two whole classes. What a week!



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Saints of the Week



Strength and resilience were recognised for our Saints of the week. A special shout out to Natalia for having a great week.

Sporting Stars



Our PE staff have been working our children very hard, some of them were so busy having fun, they didn't even know they were exercising.

End of the school day

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

Communication

Letters

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

Dates for your diary

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF LOVE

Week 6

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

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

MARCH IS THE MONTH OF LENT

Week 1

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 dress up

Week 2

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)



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Week 3

Weds 13th

Nursery Library trip

Thurs 14th

Parents evening – in school

Fri 15th

CAFOD charity cake sale and raffle after assembly

Week 4

Book Fair

Weds 20th

Y3 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome)

Reception Library trip

Thurs 21st

KS1 Assembly (All welcome)

Week 5

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

EASTER HOLIDAYS

27th MAR – 8th APR



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