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## *A note from the Head...*

What a wonderful couple of weeks the children across school have had to finish off the year. The Year 6 shows last week were a real highlight for us all and all of the children worked so hard to learn their songs, lines and stage directions. We hope that you enjoyed it too, it was great to see so much talent on one stage.



We finally managed to get our whole school picture, the children, staff and even the photographer thought I was mad, but the outcome looks amazing. You can download the photograph [here](#).

This is our last newsletter of the year and therefore I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support this year. Whether it has been attending class workshops, Masses, assemblies, listening to reading, helping with homework or simply making sure that the right equipment is brought to School on the right day, it has all been much appreciated and it does make a difference.

Our curriculum has strengthened and I am delighted to say that our SATs results have improved over 20% since last year and are all above the national average. A special well done to all of the children in Year 6 for their commitment to their learning, particularly since Christmas.

Our SEND support continues to strengthen under the guidance of Miss Mottram who continues to develop our offer and under the direction of a new Chair, our Governance has grown from strength to strength.

On a personal level, my main aim was to build a strong team and improve home – school communication links this year, which I hope that you agree has definitely improved. As a group of parents, you have been very supportive and at times some parts of the job have

been extremely challenging, but I am so proud to say that I am the Headteacher of such a special school and I know that all of the staff feel the same too. You and your children make St Charles a special place and one big family. A very BIG thank you to all of our staff and volunteers who work together, day in and day out to support each child in their own way, their love and guidance makes our school super special and they are all superstars!

Finally, I would like to wish all of our Year 6 children the very best of luck as they move on to the next stage of their educational journey. Hopefully we have given them a firm foundation upon which to build a successful future.

If you have any safeguarding concerns over the holidays, please contact me on [stcharlessafeguarding@salford.gov.uk](mailto:stcharlessafeguarding@salford.gov.uk) or contact the Salford Bridge partnership on 0161 603 4500.

I wish you all a relaxing summer break, we will see you on our return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Mrs Drake x

## *Presentation Assembly*





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On Monday in assembly, 24 children were rewarded for their progress and achievement across the curriculum and their attainment in RE throughout the year. The children were chosen by their class teacher for standing out and were awarded a book and special pin badge to wear on their uniforms. Well done everyone!

### *Charlies*

Our new before school club starts on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall. Please complete the form sent home and send a photograph before September to [charliesm279pd@gmail.com](mailto:charliesm279pd@gmail.com) The pack has also been sent by email.

### *Attendance*

Our whole school annual attendance this year is 94.7%. This has improved by over 1% and we have been recognised by the authority for our achievements in raising this. Whilst we haven't met our target of 96%, it means we have something to work towards next year.

As previously mentioned, the laws around school attendance are changing and the code for authorised holidays has been removed from the register. I understand that holiday companies raise prices in the school holidays, but the new laws may mean that you are at risk of being fined or taken to court. All holidays from September, will be classed as unauthorised on the register, please do continue to be honest with us, it causes lots of unnecessary embarrassment when you ask children to lie. I will update the attendance policy in September and share this with you to clarify our attendance strategy from 2024.

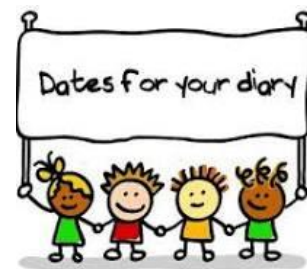
I have had to speak to a number of parents this year who have asked for support with SEND needs. When attendance is poor, it is difficult to determine what is a special educational need and what is a gap in learning due to missed days in school.

We have designed our medical policy to allow for us to administer calpol.

10 children in school gained their 100% pin, not having a day off for holidays, medicals or illness. Well done to our attendance superstars!

Class	Weekly attendance
Nursery	90.6%
Reception	95.6%
Year 1	94.1%
Year 2	94.5%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	96.6%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	95.8%

### *Diary Dates 2024/2025*



Diary dates for next academic year will follow in September. At the end of this newsletter, you will see the diary dates for Autumn 1.

### *Cashless school*

From September, lunches must be paid via schoolcomms.

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### *Behaviour and end of term rewards*

With the help of the children, we have made lots of changes to our rewards and sanctions. Over the past couple of weeks, most classes have celebrated their hardwork having gained a jar full of stars. Year 5 have had a picnic and movie afternoon, Y4 and Y2 had a pyjama party, Y6 have had a trip to the park. Y3 and Y4 attended a rugby festival hosted by Swinton Lions. Y1 have enjoyed hot seating Mr Williams and Mrs Lewers.



### *Bugsy Malone*



Our Year 6 children performed in their end of school show, Bugsy Malone. The enthusiasm to learn lines, dances and songs was unbelievable and they performed to two sell out shows. We definitely have some budding actors leaving us this year.

### *Sewing in Year 5*



A very special thank you to Elizabeth's Mum who has been into Year 5 and taught the children how to hand sew, use a sewing machine and set the children a 10 minute outfit creation challenge. Elizabeth is moving to a new school and her Mum wanted to share her skills before she left to say thank you.

### *Goodbyes*



Mrs Purlan in the kitchen and Mr Williams leave our school today.

Mrs Purlan has agreed to leave her secret stash of contraband jelly and rainbow sprinkles for Abbie, who is replacing Mrs Purlan as our new head cook. We hope that you enjoy your retirement.

Mr Williams has also decided to 'retire' and has lots of dates with the fish at the local pond.





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Thank you both for all of your hard work and dedication. We will miss you!

Tyler, Phoebe, Ted, Abdulrahmen, Pola and Elizabeth are all moving to new schools as they have moved house over the past few months. We will miss you greatly, but know that you will be loved and nurtured in your new schools. Come and visit us anytime!

### *Stars of the week*



Well done to all of our certificate winners this week for their hard work and perseverance.

### *Saints of the Week*



### *End of the school day*

The arrangements for the school day will remain unchanged in September.

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*

SEPTEMBER IS THE MONTH OF WELLBEING

#### Week 1

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Staff inset

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Children start school

#### Week 2

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup>**

Whole School Welcome Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome)

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>**

Whole school picnic at Wardley Hall

#### Week 3

**Weds 18<sup>th</sup>**

Y5 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome)

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>**

Y2 Class Assembly (All welcome)

#### Week 4

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup>**

Y4 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome)

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> (European Languages Day)**

Y3 Class Assembly (All welcome)

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup>**

McMillan Coffee Morning



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OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY  
AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Week 5

**Weds 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Rosary Whole school Prayer service led by Y6 (9.05am in school - All welcome)

**Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> (National Poetry Day)**

Y1 Grandparents assembly (All welcome)

Week 6

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Drop in – after school in classrooms

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> (Children’s Mental Health Day)**

Mrs Starkie Day – All wear yellow

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>**

Charity Raffle – The Christie/McMillan

Week 7

**Weds 16<sup>th</sup>**

Mini Vinnie Harvest Assembly (9.05am in hall - All welcome)

**Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>**

Author visit – Matt Oldfield

**HALF TERM**  
**18<sup>th</sup> OCT – 28<sup>th</sup> OCT**



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