



Catholic Life and Mission

2025-2026 Newsletter 3 (15th – 19th September 2025)

IMPORTANT DATES



Virtues To Live By

"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." John 10:10

As part of our character education programme, we focus on twelve virtues throughout the year. The virtues chosen are common across cultures and faiths but are sourced from the Christian tradition.

In our Friday whole school collective worship, we remind ourselves that Christ and the values He taught are central to everything we do. The children are then given a mission to live out in their daily lives both at home and at school which is shared in the newsletter.

This year we will continue developing the concept of growing in God's love and developing our virtue literacy by focusing on the Christian virtues of



Autumn	Spring	Summer
Respect/ Courtesy	Faith	Resilience/ Perseverance
Thankfulness	Simplicity	Kindness
Hope	Love/Charity	Honesty
Patience	Forgiveness	Service

We have begun the school year by focusing on our school code of conduct whilst looking at the virtues of 'Respect and Courtesy'.

Every Week

Wednesdays

-Swimming Year 4 and Year 5 classes

Music enhancement

- Choral singing- Year 3/4 and Year 4 classes -
- Melodica instrument lessons Year 5/6 and Year 6 classes

Thursdays

-Djembe instrument lessons for Year 3 and Year 4 classes

Fridays

Class music lessons across school led by specialist music teacher
Mrs Cossavella

Monday 22nd-26th
September Recycle Week

Tuesday 23rd September
Photographer in school for portraits

Thursday 25th September

Mount St Mary's High School Open Evening
6.30pm-8.30pm

Thursday 2nd October

Corpus Christi College Open Evening 5.00pm -8.00pm

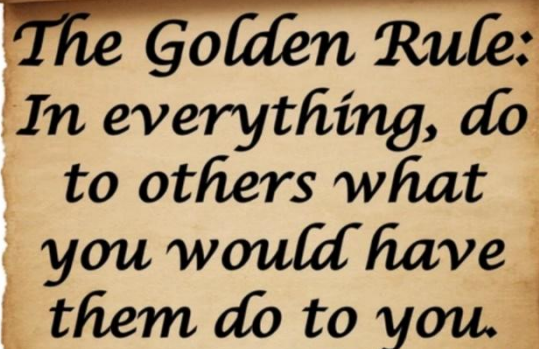


Mission- our faith in action

Each week we send the children out with a 'mission' to actively live out their faith in their everyday lives.

In the week ahead, let us speak and act respectfully and courteously to everyone as each person is special because we are all made in God's image and likeness.

In our Collective Worship this week we spoke about 'The Golden Rule' which means we "treat people the way we would like to be treated ourselves".



*The Golden Rule:
In everything, do
to others what
you would have
them do to you.*

Matthew 7:12 (niv)

It is golden because it's so valuable, and a way of living our life that is so simple, it shines for everyone to see.



Virtues to Live by – Respect and Courtesy

Certificates are given in recognition of pupils living out the virtues of 'Respect and Courtesy'.

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Class	Recipient	Our focus virtue for is
Reception (Miss Kirk) and Provision (Miss Laxton)	Paris	
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Royal	
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	Lois	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Julen	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Jonatan	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Nicolas	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Harriet	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Oakley	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Heidi	

The children awarded the certificates this week have shown signs that they are living out this virtue in their daily lives in school.





Our Wonderful 'Stars of the Week' (15th – 19th September 2025)



Reception and Provision (Miss Kirk and Miss Laxton)	Logan	For his amazing phonics work this week. Well done!
	River	For following the school routines and being more independent.
Year 1 Miss Horkan	Reeva	For showing kindness to others.
	Esmée-Grace	For great leadership skills when learning new songs and hymns.
Year 2 Mrs Grailey	Tsolayemi	For always being ready to learn and setting a good example.
	Luqman	For being focused and trying his best during all lessons.
Year 3 Mr Goodall	Noah	For always being engaged during lessons and contributing to class discussions.
	John	For taking pride in the presentation of his work.
Year 3/4 Mrs Hossack	Gloria	For writing a wonderful setting description about Pompeii.
	Ivy	For having an excellent attitude to learning and for a fantastic effort to learn all times table facts.
Year 4 Mrs Child	Jeremiah	For making good choices around the classroom and being a role model for others.
	Mireya	For her excellent swimming skills and supporting her classmates during their lessons.
Year 5 Miss McBride	Logan	For working hard within lessons and much improved handwriting! Keep it up!
	Krishna	For always putting 100% effort into lessons and contributing valuable ideas to class discussions. Well done!
Year 5/6 Miss Guy	Mikel	For his detailed and well presented work in his writing lessons.
	Connor	For being a wonderful role model and for his enthusiasm in all his learning.
Year 6 Mr Doyle	Laci	For a fantastic start to the year and progress clearly seen, especially in her Maths work.
	Parker-Lee	For having a wonderful attitude to his learning in all subject areas this week.





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Skills Builder
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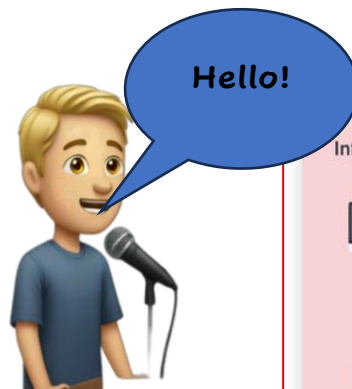
Essential Skills



Our fantastic Skills Builders for this week!

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	Skills Builder Awards	 <p>This skill is all about how to communicate effectively with others, being mindful of whether they are talking to adults, friends or peers or other adults and also in different places.</p> <p>Initially this skill focuses on being able to speak clearly – firstly with well known individuals and small groups and then with those who are not known.</p> <p>The next stage is about being an effective speaker by making points logically, by thinking about what listeners already know and using appropriate language, tone and gesture.</p>
Reception and Provision (Miss Kirk and Miss Laxton)	Hope	
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	Anaiah	
Year 2 (Mrs Graily)	Jamal	
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	Gabrielly	
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	Inioluwa	
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	Oye	
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	Keith	
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	Aeron	
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	Joshua B	
These children have all displayed amazing ‘Speaking’ skills this week.		





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Attendance

There are 190 days in a school year





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Attendance (15th – 19th September 2025)

Class	This week	Since 2.9.2025
Reception (Miss Kirk)	98.5%	98.9%
Provision (Miss Laxton)	95.8%	98.7%
Year 1 (Miss Horkan)	94.9%	98.1%
Year 2 (Mrs Grailey)	97.1%	98.1%
Year 3 (Mr Goodall)	96.9%	97.4%
Year 3/4 (Mrs Hossack)	93.5%	93.9%
Year 4 (Mrs Child)	100%	99.2%
Year 5 (Miss McBride)	97.1%	98.8%
Year 5/6 (Miss Guy)	98.0%	93.0%
Year 6 (Mr Doyle)	91.9%	93.6%
Overall attendance	96.4%	97%

This week's attendance is **96.4%** which is just below target.

A huge well done to all pupils in the classes which are on and above target especially Year 4 with 100%!





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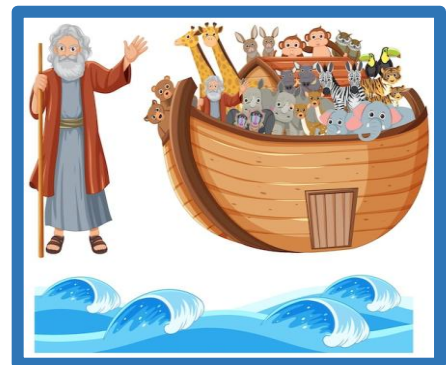
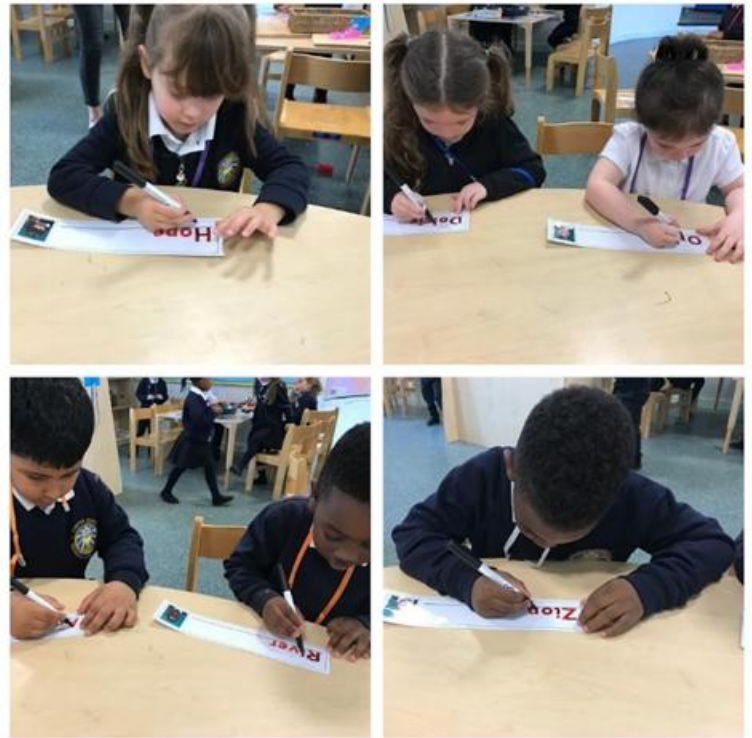
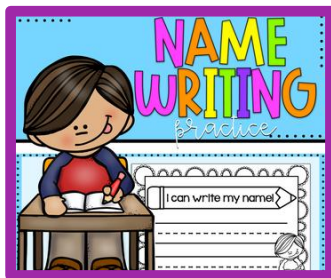
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Look at what has been happening in school this week!

What a busy week it has
been in **Reception**!

In Writing this week the
children have been learning
to write their names. They
have all worked extremely
hard and we are so proud of
everyone for their efforts.



In Maths the children have been
learning about matching. They
were able to say why some
objects were the same and why
others were different and then
apply this to matching games
and to match animals on Noah's
Ark.



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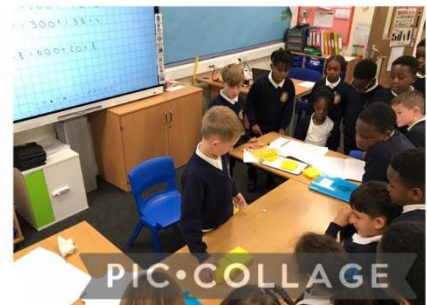
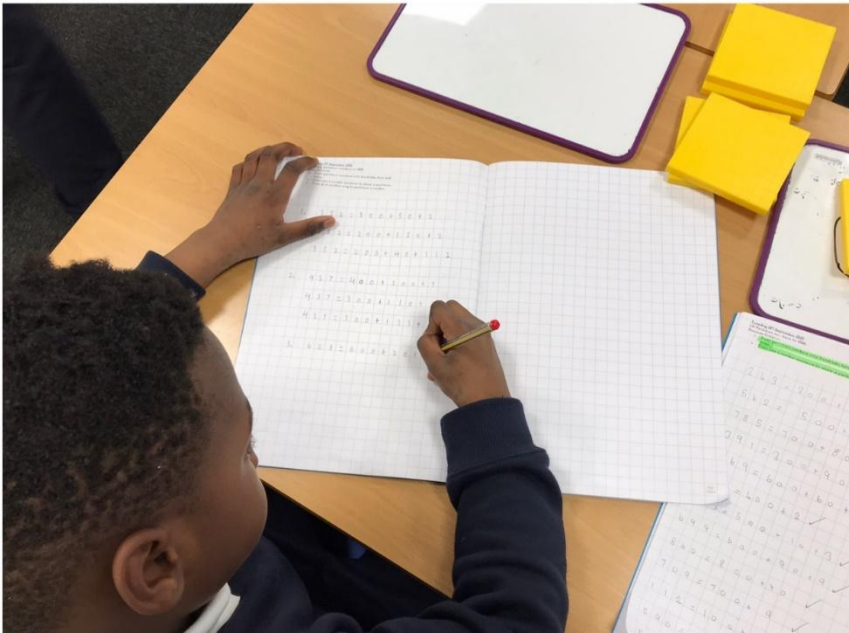
During Writing lessons this week, **Year 1** children participated in a 'hot-seating' activity. They chose a character from the story and acted in role to tell their audience all about themselves and their feelings. It supported their speaking and listening skills and helped to develop confidence to speak to an audience. Well done Year 1!



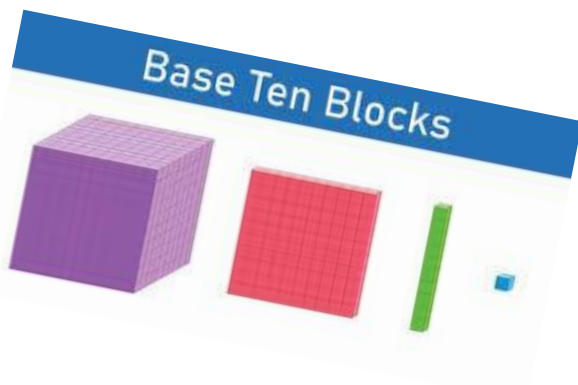


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This week, **Year 3** have been looking at numbers up to 1000 and how they can be partitioned. They have looked at the different ways a number could be partitioned using base 10 and part-whole models. They worked well in groups before completing some questions independently.



Thousands Place	Hundreds Place	Tens Place	Ones Place
	1	5	0



Year 4 Mrs Child and Year 4s from Mrs Hossack Skipping

This week, Adele from Skipping School visited to help our Year 4 children prepare for the upcoming Super Skipper KS2 Festival. The children had a fantastic time learning new skipping techniques, including the *side straddle* and *crossover*. Everyone demonstrated excellent listening skills and showed great enthusiasm throughout the session. We already have some very talented skippers in the making, and we're excited to see them shine at the festival later this year!





Keeping Safe

Year 5 began their PSHE topic thinking about how they can keep themselves and their homes safe. The children worked as detectives to spot anything in a house that could be seen as unsafe and discussed a solution they would put in place to resolve this. They were fantastic at spotting potentially unsafe situations and came up with a range of advice and tips to help keep themselves and others safe.





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Year 5/6 took part in different activities during their PE lesson linked to athletics. They practised several different elements such as triple jump, hurdles, running and throwing skills. They were highly motivated and engaged in all parts of the session.



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Y6 Bikeability September 25



Year 6 completed their Bikeability training this Monday afternoon.

A week long course enabled those who were new to cycling begin to learn how to ride and those not as confident to gain more experience. The more experienced riders learnt how to cycle safely on routes around school. All the children learnt valuable bike safety lessons including braking and safe distances from other road users.



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Notices



FIREWORKS

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

It is against the law to sell fireworks to anyone under the age of 18

If you are concerned about a business selling fireworks to anyone under the age of 18

Report to West Yorkshire Trading Standards via the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline

SAFETY is everyone's responsibility! Please take note and act where necessary.

If you are concerned about a business selling fireworks to under 18's, report to Trading Standards



To make a report, contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline



0808 223 1133



www.citizensadvice.org.uk



www.wyjs.org.uk/trading-standards/



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Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

Does your child qualify for free school meals?

Children **may be eligible** for free school meals if their parents or carers receive any of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190
- The guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Universal Credit with an annual income of less than £7,400

If you get Working Tax Credit your child will not qualify for free school meals.

Even though children have the universal free school meal offer for Reception Year 1 and Year 2, which **does not offer** free milk, please apply for this benefit.

The school receives money from central Government to support a variety of school initiatives that would be of benefit to your child. If you have any questions, please read the information on <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/apply-for-free-school-meals> and speak to Mrs Midgley in the school office.

Free School Meals also mean a free carton of milk each day!



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Please label your
child's items.



We kindly ask that **all clothing** is clearly labelled with your child's name – especially jumpers, cardigans, tracksuit tops, jackets and coats. These items are often removed during the day and can easily get mixed up so labels really help us return them to the right owner.



Starting Secondary School

Children born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015.

The application process for the parents of Year 6 pupils to apply on time started on 1st September 2025 and closes on 31st October 2025. All applications received after this date **will not be considered** until after the national offer date of 2nd March 2026.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school>



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Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend and
best wishes for the week ahead!

God Bless
from Mrs Walsh
and the team at
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