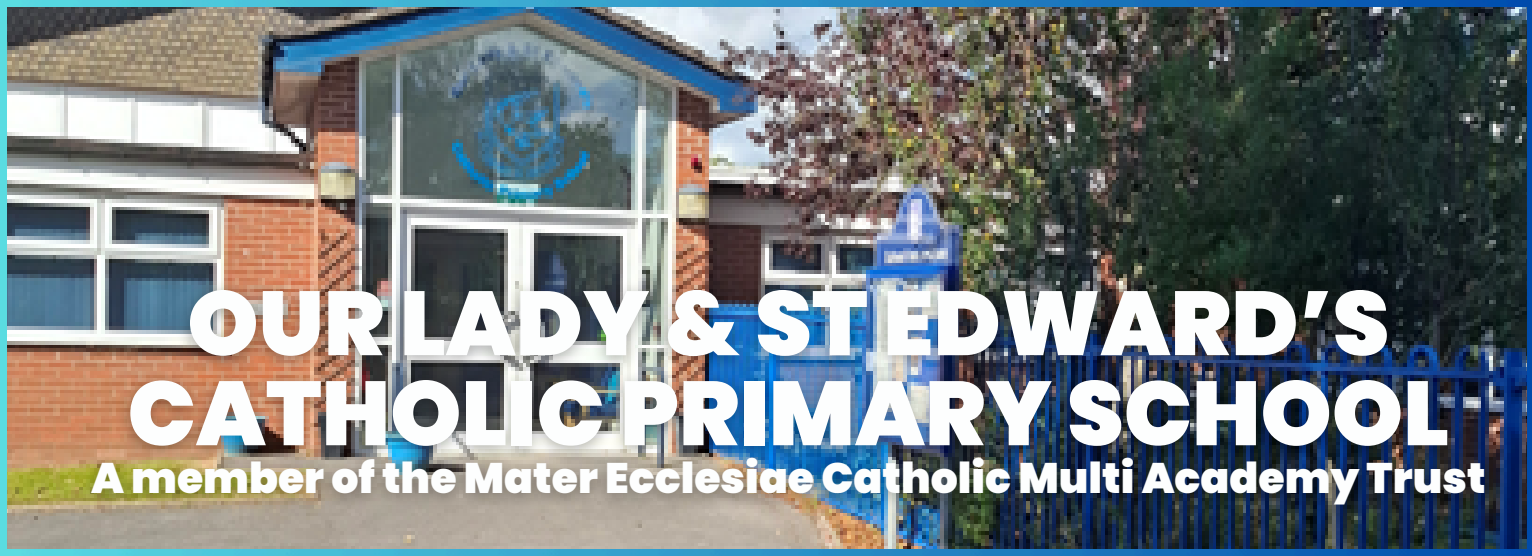


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Witnesses of our Faith

During the half term break, we celebrate and remember saints who have dedicated their lives to God. They teach us the importance of prayer and selfless love for others. The Solemnity of All Saints can be seen through Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes. Through prayer and reflection, we can look to these holy men and women who now share the joy of Heaven with Jesus. We are encouraged to recognise that we too are called to be holy and to follow Jesus in our daily lives.

Throughout October a number of children have come together at breaktime to share in praying the Rosary-this has been a beautiful time of prayer and meditation.

School Value

The school value for November is Tolerance. We need to support children in recognising and accepting that we can have different opinions and ways of doing things to another person.

History Alive Workshops

This week Years 2, 3 and 5 have enjoyed a series of History Workshops. The children enjoyed listening to stories and facts as well as exploring artefacts. There were opportunities to explore their curiosity about their topic through question and answer sessions.

Reception Class Visit to the Fire Service

On Thursday, Reception class walked to Fulwood Fire Station to see how the fire station operates. During their visit, they also got to see how the fire officers respond when there is an emergency. The fire officers had to quickly respond to a real emergency call which then demonstrated to the children how they need to work as a team. Thank you to the fire team for all that you do.

Dates for the week ahead

23rd October - School closes at 3.20pm / 3.30pm for half term
2nd November - Inset Day (school closed for pupils)
3rd November - School re-opens, Year 5 Cycle Training begins (all week), School nurse visiting Reception & Y6, U7 mini skills event
6th November-Remembrance Assembly Y6 to lead 9.10am

Stars of the Week

Reception - Teddy and Hamaad
Year 1- Matilda R and Austin
Year 2- Thomas and Ella
Year 3- Rosy and Haniya
Year 4- Archie and Aidan
Year 5- Martha and Lilly
Year 6- Milo and Jania
Headteacher Award- Lara Y5

Attendance

This week
Reception -91.48%
Year 1-94.44%
Year 2-98.14%
Year 3-95.34%
Year 4-97.25%
Year 5- 96.06%
Year 6- 97.84%
Congratulations to Year 2 this week.

Staffing

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Izabela Russell who will cover Miss Cullen's maternity leave from January 2027.



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School Admissions

A reminder that secondary school admissions close on 31st October and primary school admissions close on 15th January. All admissions are through the LCC website however, if you are applying to a church school you must also complete the supplementary form and return it to the school as well as the online application. **There are now 26 applications so far from the Y6 class for high school places. Please leave yourselves plenty of time to apply. Failure to meet the deadline will mean that LCC will allocate a school where there are places available and this may not be one of your choices.**

Reminders will continue from the school office until 23rd October. There will be no reminders during the half term break.

Sports News

Congratulations to the Y5/6 boys' football team Henry W, Toby, Jasper, Andy, Tristan, David, Austin and Faris who played several matches this week. Tuesday was the cup match against Longsands which they unfortunately lost. On Thursday the team played against St Anthony's and St Clare's in the league tournament and won both games.

The hockey team played 3 matches this week. They won one, drew one and lost one. Thank you to Scarlet, Halle, Toby, Olivia M, Andy, Joseph, Henry W and Tristan.

Tesco Blue Tokens

The blue token appeal closes at the end of November and in many of the local Tesco branches, the OLSE container is in the lead. Many thanks to everyone for supporting the appeal, please continue to add tokens so that OLSE maintains the lead. The first prize is £1500 which is something that the school can use to develop the outdoor learning environment.

Reminder

A reminder to parents in Year 6 that payments for Robinwood can be paid at any time - minimum payment is £50. Balance must be paid by 15th January 27.

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Attached with this newsletter is the LCC autumn term newsletter with dates and information about support for parents.

Three Peaks Challenge

Congratulations to Lara in Year 5 who recently completed the three peaks challenge. Lara told the children in assembly about the challenge and explained that if anyone is thinking of completing the climbs then they must be physically prepared! This is a great achievement and we hope to hear more about Lara's adventures in the future.

Poppy Sales

We will continue to sell poppies & poppy items in school after half term. Prices vary from 20p to £1.00.

Gardening Club

The school gardening club had a fantastic harvest and were able to sell the produce that they have patiently nurtured during the growing season. The children were excited to see what had grown well. Thank you to parents who came to buy the produce. Thanks also to the staff who have worked hard to ensure that the vegetables are looked after during the summer holidays.