



Autumn Newsletter 3



Growing Together in Faith



St Charles has a very special visitor

Yesterday, Bishop Robert visited our school to celebrate the Feast of Saint Edward the Confessor and officially open our prayer garden. It was a beautiful morning and the sun was shining as the Mini Vinnies gave Bishop Robert a guided tour of the garden showing him each of the different areas dedicated especially for prayer, reflection and to simply be still. Bishop Robert said it was a very tranquil space and he was impressed with the children's knowledge and understanding of the plants and vegetables.

We would like to thank the children, parishioners and parents who have helped for months in all weather to prepare the garden. We are blessed to have an amazing community who have taken the children's ideas and brought them to life - THANK YOU!





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Parent Consultations

Our parent consultations are being held on Tuesday 18th November.
The appointment system is now closed.
If you need to book an appointment please call the school office.

The appointments will be held in the school hall where you will get a chance to meet your child's teacher.

Movie Nights KS2 Wednesday 19th October

The children will stay at school and can be collected at 5pm. The cost is £2 and will include popcorn and a hot dog.
The children will be asked to vote for a movie closer to the event.



Outdoor learning for Year 1





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Nursery have been exploring number!



Year 2 outdoor learning and exploring nature

The children collected different items to make faces!





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Sports News

Pupils from KS2 represented our school in the first sporting event of the year - Cross Country Competition 2022. Running over 1600m each, pupils competed against schools from across our region. We are incredibly proud of all those who took part. They were determined, show great sportsmanship and teamwork. Overall, all girls came third in points and Year 3 and Year 4 boys also came third in points.

We are also very proud of Eleanor as she successfully made the Cross-Country final in March next year! Amazing results.

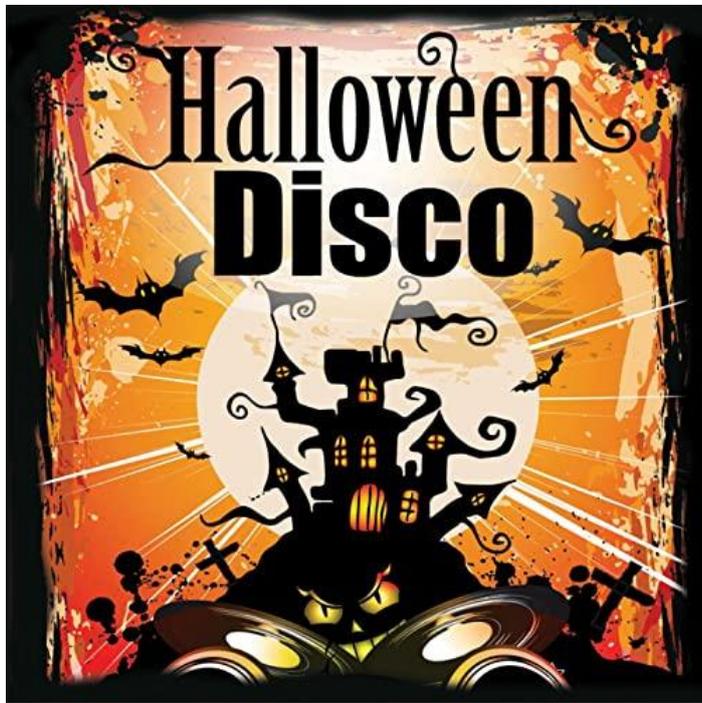


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Tuesday 1st November

Reception & KS1

Doors open 4:45pm for a 5pm
start.
Collect children from classrooms
6pm

KS2

Doors open 5:45pm for a 6pm
start.
Collect children from classrooms
7pm

£2 Entry

Tuck Shop available



St Charles

Christmas Fayre

STALLS AVAILABLE!

If you are interesting booking a stall please contact us for more information.

Thursday 24th November 2022

3:15pm School Hall





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Dates for the diary

Tuesday 18th October	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 19th October	KS2 Movie Night
Thursday 20th October	Year 5 visit to the Houses of Parliament
Thursday 20th October	School Closes 3:15pm (Afterschool club 5.45)
Half term	
Monday 31st October	School reopens 8:40am (Breakfast Club 7.450)
Tuesday 1st November	Halloween Disco
Friday 4th November	St Charles of Borromeo Feast Day
Friday 25th November School Closed – Staff Training Day	
30th November -2nd December	Year 4 Visit to the Youth Village
Tuesday 6th December	Reception and KS1 Nativity at St Charles Church. 1:30pm
Wednesday 7th December	KS2 Nativity Story through song at St Charles Church 5pm
Wednesday 14th December	Babysitting Night (more information to follow)
Monday 18th December	Christmas Craft Day – parent visits (more information to follow)
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas Craft Day – parent visits (more information to follow)
School Closes for Christmas	





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After-school care

Please don't forget that our after-school care is available to all. We have spaces for regular care or even the occasional day if you have to work late or work shifts. The children thoroughly enjoy the sessions as it is very relaxed where they can play games both indoors and outdoors, enjoy different crafts and much more.

Please contact school to make any bookings.

There are two sessions available:

Session 1: 3:15-4:45 £4.50 per child (If your child attends an after school-club, the cost for the remainder of the session will be £2)

Session 2: 3:15-5:45 £6 per child (this also includes a sandwich and fruit. If your child attends an after- school club, the cost for the remainder of the session will be £4)

10% discount will be given for siblings and payments can be made via your child's ScoPay account.





Reminders....

Earrings- lots of children have had their ears pierced. Please make sure they are covered on PE days. If not we will call you and ask you to bring a plaster to school.

Snacks – there have been an increasing number of chocolate bars and crisps brought in as snacks. We are a healthy school please give your children fruit or cereal bars. Any crisps or sugary snacks will be sent home.

School meals to packed lunch – please can you let the office know in advance if your child would like to change from school meals to packed lunch and vice versa as the kitchen require some notice to adjust orders.

Car Parking – Please continue to park on the school grounds! Some of our neighbours have contacted with me with footage of cars across their drives. They have also sent them to the local authority as some footage shows illegal parking.

Reporting absences – It is vital that you call school if your child is going to be absent. Please contact the office before 8:55am providing a reason for your child's absence.

Payments – Please can you ensure any remaining debts from your Scopay account are cleared as soon as possible. If you need a link for Scopay please contact the office. Thank you for contributions towards trips, if you have not added a contribution for your child's trip this will be shown on your Scopoy account to be paid before the end of term



School Uniform

Main uniform

Bottle green sweatshirts or cardigans
White polo-shirt
Grey trousers, grey pinafore or skirt
Green gingham dress or grey shorts (Summer term)
Sensible plain black shoes
Grey or black tights or socks

PE Kit

Plain white T-shirt
Bottle green hoodie (optional)
Plain black or green shorts (indoor PE)
Black sports leggings or trousers without branding (outdoor PE)
Black Plimsols (indoor PE)
Trainers (outdoor PE)