

ST CLARE’S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

Our School Mission Statement: Guided by Jesus Christ, our teacher, we journey together learning to dream, believe and achieve. Friday 28th February 2025

Friday 24th November 2023

Welcome back to the start of a new half term.

On Monday this week, our school choir took part in the Young Voices event at the Co-op Arena. As always, it was a fabulous night. The children were so excited to be part of something so special and their behaviour, again as always, was impeccable. They are a credit to you and the school. Thanks to those of you who were able to come along to support the event.

This week, our Nursery children have been using the mathematical vocabulary of long and short to describe objects. Reception have started their growing topic by reading Jack and the Beanstalk and predicting what could be at the top of the beanstalk. Year 1 have been using all the gymnastics equipment to learn about balance. They also enjoyed welcoming family members into class this week to make windmills – thank you to everyone who was able to attend. As part of their history lessons, Year 2 have been learning that the Great Fire of London happened in the past. In Spanish, Year 3 have been learning different phrases to say what they can do. In English, Year 4 have been focusing on writing and performing haiku poems. In RE, Year 5 have been discussing how we can use freedom for the good. As part of their science topic, Year 6 have been learning how offspring vary and are not identical to their parents.

**Assembly**

6S led our assembly this week talking about our wonderful world and that, even out of the darkest times, hope springs eternal. The children related this to things that they are nervous about in the future and how they know that God will be journeying with them every step of the way. The children were confident in leading the assembly and delivered their message well. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us.

**Chapel / prayer garden**

Our chapel / KS2 prayer garden is open each Tuesday morning before school for staff, pupils and parents to come and pray privately. Starting the day with God is a beautiful way to begin the day. You are very welcome to pop in from 8.15am each Tuesday.

**Pupil Certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement |
| N | Tinsley for being more confident and following our golden rules. | Rosie for amazing name writing and super impressive maths work. |
| RDM | Victoria for super joining in during carpet sessions | Tare for brilliant sentence writing |
| RS | K’cey for offering good ideas on the carpet during learning time. | Reuben for completing his rainbow challenges more independently. |
| Y1G | Penelope for always asking interesting questions on the carpet. | Hassan for experimenting with the equipment in D&T and finding different ways to make his windmill. |
| Y1S | Savanna for a week of fantastic work and trying hard in everything. | Ivy for fantastic work making windmills in DT. |
| Y2C | Ethel for always trying her hardest in everything she does | Ryan for his beautiful handwriting. |
| Y2D | Finley for a good start back to the half term. | Lennox for your fantastic maths work this week when multiplying and dividing. |
| Y3F | Shay for trying his best in all his work this week as he always does - especially in maths! | Macie for doing an amazing prediction on what she thinks will happen in our class book - The Boy who Grew Dragons. |
| Y3H | Pippa for excellent attention to detail in her writing. | Anna for fantastic ball control in P.E when bouncing |
| Y4H | Madeline for getting her reading record signed every day of the half term holidays- that’s ten entries! | Heidi for being a maths whizz this week, she has correctly answered so many tricky perimeter problems. |
| Y4O | Lamaik for being hard-working, positive and polite all week! | Henry for having a super understanding in maths and being able to give good explanations! |
| Y5G | Skylar for being a consistently welcoming member of 5G offering help and being friendly to new members of class. | Isla for outstanding work with equivalent decimals and fractions. She requires extra challenges every lesson. |
| Y5K | Casie, for always trying her best in everything that she does, in and out of the classroom! | Sofia, for having a great week in Maths where she has worked really hard and has been very successful. |
| Y6S | Tianna for going above and beyond with her dedication towards revision, even setting up a lunch time revision class on the playground! | Keir for a great letter to the Football Association on the topic of mixed gender sports, for our English lesson. |
| Y6W | Jacob for his fantastic attitude and engagement with his learning this week, contributing to class discussions and giving 100% in every activity. | Adam for his fantastic reading and quizzing this week. |

**Headteacher awards**

Nadia in Nursery to trying so hard to write her name correctly.

Gabriel in RSfor growing in confidence and answering more questions.

Eryn in 1G for being a great role model.

Joseph in 2C for working so hard in all lessons.

Jacob K in 3F for always be so kind, helpful and polite.

Rory in 4H for always working hard.

Jack in 5G for sharing his incredible knowledge about space with the class.

Ollie in 6S for raising so many insightful questions relating to mixed gender sports.

**Caritas Award**

The Caritas Award is presented each week to a child in recognition of their outstanding achievement in putting love into action. This week the award goes to Luna in Nursery for being so kind and helpful to all the children and staff.

**Lent**

The liturgical season of Lent begins next week. Key stage 2 pupils will be attending church on Wednesday morning to receive their ashes. Father Jeremiah will come over to school in the afternoon to give the ashes to our younger pupils.

During Lent, pupils will be encouraged to pray more, fast and to give support to charities / others.

Our Mini-Clares have decided that, once again, they would like to ask all pupils to carry out 20 acts of kindness during the season of Lent. Your child will be given a sheet for you to note the acts of kindness on. Upon completion, your child will be given a gold cross to symbolise that we are journeying with Christ to the Cross in Lent. The idea is that the acts are spread out over Lent and not all completed within the first week.

If you would like to make a cross at home as a family which we can display around school during Lent, please send it into your child’s class teacher.

Our Mini-Clares will also be inviting parents into a ‘stay and pray’ session. More details will follow.

St Joseph’s Penny boxes will also be sent home for your family to put any loose change you may have into. Again, the boxes do not need to be filled overnight. They can, if you are able, be returned to school when we finish for the Easter holidays.

There will also be an Easter raffle comprising of soft toys and Easter goodies. Tickets will be £1.

Easter chicks will also be on sale in aid of Francis House. The cost will be £2 each – this is the price set by Francis House.

**Attendance**



Overall whole school attendance this week is 95.26% which is an improvement on last week. Thank you for getting your child to school on time each day. The number of lates this week was 53 pupils late 44 times which again is less than last week. The number of lates after the register has closed was 25 and quite often this is the same children / families. Please make a concerted effort to be in school for 8.40am every day/

Under the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC),** **children have the right to an education**. If you are experiencing any difficulties or require any additional support with attendance or punctuality, please contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Burgess Hamlett.

The best class for attendance this week is 3F will 100% - a big well done to them. They will receive a dough-nut as a treat and a longer break-time.

**Photographer**

On Monday, the photographer will be in school to take class photographs. Any parents of part-time Nursery children who attend school at the end of the week are welcome to bring your child into school at 8.45am. Please come to the main reception area in the Key Stage 2 building.

**World Book Day**

Next Thursday is World Book Day and we are asking your child to come into school dressed as a word. Please do not buy any special outfits for this day. There are lots of great ideas online as to what your child could come as.





**Support**

As a school we are here for both your children and your family. If you are experiencing any difficulties or have any anxieties, please get in touch with Mrs Sylvester for a private conversation. Her email address is [c.sylvester@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:c.sylvester@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk) or you can ring the school number or message via the school app. If we are unable to help you, we may be able to refer you to somebody who can.

If you are struggling to buy food at the moment, please contact school. We do not want any families to go without food. We do have contact with some food banks who may be able to offer support.

**Parent Workshop**

Our SENDCo has organised for Ceri Hewitt, a Health Improvement Practitioner who specialises in unintentional injury prevention, to come in to school to deliver a parent workshop. The workshop will offer advice, top tips and suggestions for parents/carers to help reduce unintentional injuries in the home. The session is for **one hour** and will be held in school on **Thursday 6th March 2pm-3pm**.In order to organise a suitable area within school to hold the workshop, please complete the form below if you wish to come along to this event.

<https://forms.gle/UipqxkgaEBc7KPrB6>

There is also a section on our school website which offers advice on unintentional injuries <https://st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/parents/unintentioonal-injury-prevention>

**Junior Bake Off**

Love Productions (the production company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down) are looking for any budding bakers between the ages of 9-15 to take part in their next series. Filming will take place from July, but applications have to be submitted by Sunday 23rd March.

Interested bakers can apply online at  [www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk/)

**Safeguarding**

**Under the United Nation Convention on the Rights of a Child, all children under the age of 18 have a right to be protected from violence, abuse and neglect (Article 19) and a right to be alive (Article 6).**

There are many forms of abuse – sexual, neglect, emotional, physical, online – and it is everyone’s responsibility to safeguard children from any harm.

If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child, please report it. You are able to refer concerns directly or you can contact one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads in school. Contact details can be found below.



Please remember to keep Pope Francis in your prayers as he remains in hospital due to ill-health.

Enjoy the weekend break.

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates:**

Monday 3rd March – school class photographs

Monday 3rd March – Year 6 pupils find out their high school places.

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day (children dress as a word)

Thursday 6th March – Parents’ workshop on unintentional injuries

Sunday 9th March – Family Mass 9.30am in church

***The weekly newsletter is also available on our school website***[*https://st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/parents/newsletters/newsletters-2024-2025*](https://st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/parents/newsletters/newsletters-2024-2025)

**A Prayer of Hope**

