

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 11th April 2025

Friday 24th November 2023

**Just a reminder that we finish for Easter on Wednesday 16th April at 1.15pm.**

*First of all, we would all like to wish our Chair of Governors, Mr Collins, a very ‘Happy Special birthday’ for next week.*

Our Nursery children have been making Easter cards this week and been learning about Good Friday and Easter Sunday. After having read ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’, our Reception children have been discussing the foods they like to eat and explaining why. This was to enhance their oracy skills. In science, Year 1 have been on a hunt around the school grounds to find evergreen and deciduous trees. As part of their music lessons, Year 2 have been listening to music entitled ‘Zootime’ and accompanied it by playing the glockenspiel. Year 3 have been teaching the children to tell the time within 5 minutes – it is always a tricky topic! In Dt, Year 4 have been making structures to suit different habitats. Year 5 had a great day at Our Lady’s this week where they took part in drama linked to the Ancient Greeks and investigated forces using Newton meters. Year 6 enjoyed playing team building games in PE this week.

A reminder that the children on this year’s Sacramental Programme are due to attend the Family Mass on Sunday at 10.30am.

**Assembly**

Our Mini Clares led our assembly this week and they focused on how God’s plans for us may be different to our own. They told the story of the Three Trees who had ambitions of being a treasure chest, a mighty vessel and one who wanted to be left growing on the hill pointing to God. The trees were disappointed when their dreams failed to materialise, however they soon realised that God had given them more than they could have wished for. The tree that wanted to become a treasure chest holding precious jewels became an animal trough that held the most precious gift God has given us – his Son, Jesus Christ. The second tree became a small fishing boat which carried the King of Love (Jesus) across the lake. The third tree that wanted to remain on the hillside pointing up to God became the cross that Jesus was crucified on. We need to trust in God’s plans for 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 Award |
| N | Ziva for settling into Nursery so well! | Kerry for trying really hard to make the right choices all week! |
| RDM | KJ - trying hard during carpet times | Luke - wonderful writing about “The Very Hungry Caterpillar.” |
| RS | Danica for always trying her best in everything. | Michelle for beautiful presentation in all of her work. |
| Y1G | Rosie for being a perfect example to her friends on the carpet. | Diana for being a great talk partner! |
| Y1S | Oskar for always doing the right thing and being a kind friend to all. | Trinity for great work in maths this week. |
| Y2C  Caritas | Lyla for trying her hardest in all of her work all week | Patrick for great similes in English |
| Y2D  Caritas | Kaeden for trying hard with all of your work this week. | Sofia for your amazing expression performing the poem “I’m car sick”. |
| Y3F | Jadon for having a really good week this week, keep it up! | Deborah for producing some wonderful kennings poetry in English. |
| Y3H | Grace for writing a fantastic Kenning poem. | Delina for working really hard to learn to tell the time. |
| Y4H | Esosa, for always behaving beautifully and being a brilliant role model. | Denver for some fantastic writing based on The Egyptian Cinderella! |
| Y4O | Purity for having exemplary behaviour and a great attitude to learning! | Kian for working hard to improve his handwriting! |
| Y5G | Bradley for showing great enthusiasm during our school trip. | Ludiana for great work with her spelling practice. |
| Y5K | Lennon for showing great independence and knowledge at Our Lady’s High School. | Lilly for some great work in our Science lesson at Our Lady’s High School. |
| Y6S | Laura for being a fantastic member of 6S, she always follows the school rules and is a pleasure to have in our class. | Desmond for putting 100% effort into all of the revision currently being completed. |
| Y6W | Jagger for his fantastic attitude and effort in all areas of his work. | Daniella for a fantastic diary entry about holy week. |

**Headteacher Awards**

Ethan in Nursery for a lovely week in the setting.

Amina in RS for amazing progress in phonics.

Saara in 3F for great reading engagement at home.

Luca in 4H for working really hard and great behaviour this week.

Malaik in 5K for fantastic acting at Our Lady’s.

Liam in 6S for great contributions in reading comprehension booster groups.

**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 Ethel in 2C for being a kind and thoughtful member of the class.

**Lent**

If your child has completed the 20 Acts of Kindness during Lent, can you please ask them to bring in their completed sheet. I will then give them their small gold cross to symbolise that they are journeying with Christ.

You may start to return your St Joseph’s Penny boxes too please. The money raised will be sent to support the work of CARITAS.

The Easter raffle, in support of the Lilly Foundation, has raised an incredible £487 so far. The draw has been made today. The winners are:

1. Ariana Singh RD

2. Felicity Bradshaw 4H

3. Phoebe Cunningham-Kerridge 4O’H

4. Akrina Ifura 3H

5 Ellis Hepworth 2D

The Easter chicks, which were sold to support Francis House, have all been sold. We raised an amazing £600 for this charity.

During Lent we are called to give alms which you have all done so very well this season. Thank you to everyone for your incredible generosity.

**Attendance**



Overall whole school attendance is again low this week with 91.3%. There seem to be a lot of bugs going around at the moment. 75 pupils have been late 92 times this week which highlights that fact that some of the same children are late more than once a week. Some children are literally minutes late. Please try to leave the house five or ten minutes earlier as the whole class is disturbed when children constantly arrive late. Please ensure that your child is at school for 8.40am.

**Under the** **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), Article 29, 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 4H with 97% - They will receive a longer break next week.

**Parents evening**

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening on Wednesday. It is really important for you to have some time with your child’s class teacher to discuss how they are and raised any concerns.

The winners of the Amazon vouchers were:

£25 Amazon gift voucher – Olivia S in 1G

£15 Amazon gift voucher – Aria W in 2C

£10 Amazon gift voucher - Isabelle L in 2C

**Parental cookery course**

Just a reminder for those of you who have signed up to the cookery course in school that the dates for the sessions have been confirmed as:

Thursday 1st May – 9.00am

Thursday 8th May – 9.00am

Thursday 15th May – 9.00am

Thursday 22nd May – 9.00am

Thursday 12th June – 9.00am

Thursday 19th June – 9.00am

Thursday 26th June – 9.00am

**Easter holidays**

Please note that we finish for Easter on **Wednesday 16th April** at **1.15pm** and return to school on **Monday 28th April**. It is a very short half term when we come back – just 4 weeks!

**Staffing Update**

Next week we sadly say goodbye to Mr Chadwick who has been covering for Ms Gibson for a term whilst Ms O’Hara finished her maternity leave. Following the Easter break, Ms O’Hara will be returning to teach 5G for the remainder of the year. We wish Mr Chadwick all the best in his next venture and thank him for his contribution to St. Clare’s for the term he has been with us.

**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.

**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.



I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates:**

Sunday 13th April – Family Mass in church 10.30am

Wednesday 15th April – Year 5 will lead Stations of the Cross in church 9.15am

Tuesday 29th April – Easter Mass 9.00am in church

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

**A Prayer of Hope**

