

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 2nd May 2025

Friday 24th November 2023

Welcome back to a very short half term!

It was sad to hear about the passing of our Holy Father, Pope Francis during the Easter holidays. He pray that he will rest in peace and rise in glory. We thank him for his ministry and devotion to the people of the world. We also pray that God guides the cardinals in their choosing of our next pope.



It was lovely to start the week off with our Easter Mass in church led by Father Giles. We have so much to be thankful for – especially the wonderful children we have the pleasure to teach each day.

Our Nursery children have started learning sounds from the RWI phonics programme this week. In Reception, the children have been learning about fossils and have been labelling body features on them. In geography, Year 1 went on a field trip around the school to identify different locations from photographs. In science, Year 2 have started to learn about what plants need to grow. In PE, Year 3 have started their athletics sessions. They have been practising their running techniques and trying to improve their own performance. Year 4 have been looking at how climate affects different habitats in science. In Dt, Year 5 have begun to investigate motorised electric circuits. In English, Year 6 have watched a video called ‘Alma’ and are going to write a sequel narrative.

**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 morning. 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 | Kerry for an amazing start to our RWI programme  | Ryan for beginning to use some words within Nursery.  |
| RDM  | Milton for looking after our classroom and resources so well! | Daisy for fantastic independent writing!  |
| RS | Mila for having a great attitude to learning and being a superstar all week! | Rocco for using his number sense to work out arrangements of numbers above 10! |
| Y1G | Frankie has been a super star this week inside the classroom and outside helping Miss Hattersley with the weeds on the yard during his break.  | Archie for working hard on his 2 and 5 times tables.  |
| Y1S | Ayden for having a fantastic attitude to learning and trying very hard with all of his work. | Trinity for fantastic work in geography this week. |
| Y2C | Isabella for always being ready, respectful and safe | Phoenix for trying her hardest with her spellings homework  |
| Y2D | Tommy for having a resilient attitude to learning this week! | Hugo for your knowledge and enthusiasm in our science lessons this week. |
| Y3F | Jacob K for having a great start to the summer term, always doing his best and producing some wonderful work this week. Keep it up! | Joan for trying her best with our maths topic on time, even though she has found it tricky at first, she has really improved her time knowledge, well done! |
| Y3H | Jaxley for fantastic singing during mass and hymns practise. | Daylia for using an impressive range of vocabulary in her writing |
| Y4H | Amelia for always behaving beautifully and being very helpful around the classroom. | Elena for consistently high minutes on accelerated reader. She loves to read and shows such passion for it! |
| Y4O | Rudi for making a fantastic effort this week and developing his confidence with regards to his work, especially in Maths! | Josephine for amazing enthusiasm and great participation during an English drama activity! |
| Y5G | Constantine for always being ready in every lesson and always creating the most beautiful work! Well done | Hepizbah for being such a good friend to everyone in our classroom.  |
| Y5K | Majesty for always being ready, respectful and safe in his learning. | Jovi for supporting others in their learning. |
| Y6S | Kayleb for having a great positive attitude towards all of his learning.  | Halle for fantastic ideas in our writing lessons this week.  |
| Y6W | Jacob for his positive attitude towards every lesson this week, especially working hard in maths. | Adam for a fantastic improvement in his writing work. |

 **Headteacher Awards**

Ariana in RDM for always being a kind, helpful friend.

Frankie in 1G for caring for our school environment by helping to weed the grounds.

Ollie in 2C for trying so hard with his handwriting.

Rehoboth in 3H for great independent work in RE.

Scarlet in 4O for working so hard this week.

Alex in 6W for great engagement in maths.

**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.

Can you also please return any St Joseph Penny boxes to school, so that we can send the money off to Caritas.

Once again, thank you to you all for your generosity during Lent.

**Attendance**



Overall whole school attendance this week is 92%. We are hoping that the chicken pox outburst is coming to an end. 73 pupils have been late 93 times this week and 21 pupils have been late after the register closed 28 times this week. Please try to ensure that your child is at school each day 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 3F with 98% - they will receive a longer break next week.

**Parental cookery course**

Our first parenting cookery course took place this week. If you have signed up, can you please ensure that you attend as it is being funded for us. The remaining dates are:

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

**Parental Questionnaire**

Your opinions matter to us, so I have sent out a parent questionnaire for you to fill in regarding aspects of school life here at St Clare’s. Can you please ensure that you respond by Friday 9th May 2025. I will send out the results to you via my weekly email. Thank you in advance.

**VE Day celebration**

Next Thursday 8th May marks eighty years since fighting stopped in Europe during World War 2.

In order to commemorate this special day, the children will be completing activities linked to this occasion on Thursday afternoon. They children may come into school wearing red, white or blue or come dressed as a child from the 1940s. Please do **not** go to any expense buying costumes for this.



**Condover Meeting**

All parents of children in Year 6 are invited to a short meeting about the residential trip to Condover on Tuesday 6th May at 3.20pm.

**SATS week**

All children in Year 6 will be sitting their statutory SATS on Monday 12May through to Thursday 15th May. Your child **HAS** to be in school on those days and they **HAVE** to be on time. Year 6 children are able to attend breakfast club on these dates from 8.00am. They will be given some breakfast and a drink to aid a smooth start to the day.

**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 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 enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend weekend.

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates:**

3rd May – Sacramental programme meeting 8.30-12.00

8th May – VE celebration afternoon

9th May – Year 3 trip to Deva Centre, Chester

12-15th May – Year 6 SATS

18th & 25th May – Holy Communion 10.30am

21st – 23rd May – Year 6 residential trip to Condover Hall.

***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**

