

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 12th September 2025

Friday 24th November 2023



We have had another busy week in school. We celebrated our first whole school mass on Tuesday with Father Giles which was beautiful and uplifting. After their induction day last week, we welcomed all our Nursery children into school. They are all settling in really well and are great additions to the St Clare’s family. In maths, Reception have been finding and matching pairs. In science, Year 1 have been learning about eyes and how light affects your pupils. Year 2 have been investigating the properties of materials in their science topic. In maths, Year 3 have been adding and subtracting with 3 multiples of 100 whilst Year 4 have been partitioning numbers to 10 000. Year 5 have spent time this week learning about our latest saint – Saint Carlo Acutis who was born in London in 1991 and sadly died at the age of 15. In English, Year 6 have been writing a setting description based on the cottage from ‘The Light Jar.’ The NSPCC have also been in school this week speaking to pupils in Years 2, 5 and 6.

**Come and pray**

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  |
| N | Isabelle for being a superstar during her first week in Nursery | Daniel for settling well into Nursery  |
| RDM | Ruben for always being ready to learn | Drishya for wonderful work about her family |
| RS | Bobby for always being a caring friend. Kindness is his default setting! | Iremide for producing an amazing picture of her family - even labelled with her sounds! |
| Y1G | Isabella for being a smiley positive role model in the classroom.  | Bereket for his amazing sounding out when writing. |
| Y1S | Chuckwu for showing an amazing attitude towards everything he has done this week.   | Nancy for trying very hard with her handwriting and producing lots of beautiful work. |
| Y2C | Aminathi for showing her best listening in class | Savanna for showcasing her great knowledge of place value |
| Y2D | Joel for being focussed and ready to learn. | Isaac for putting lots of thought into your Traction Man shield for our instructions topic in English.  |
| Y3F | Elijah for always being ready to give an answer, keep it up! | Teti for producing some amazing sentences in English using lots of adjectives. |
| Y3H | Kendrick for always being ready to learn. | Annie-Rose for suggesting outstanding synonyms |
| Y4H | Pablo for showing great skill and organisation at our first swimming lesson! | Saffron for always being involved, trying her hardest and completing all of her work! |
| Y4O | Ellion for always following the school roles and setting standards high in our classroom! | Igor for his great knowledge in science and for sharing it with his peers when they were struggling.  |
| Y5GK | Maria for being a fantastic role model to the rest of her class with regards to demonstrating a very positive attitude to school life. | Oliver, for some amazing handwriting and presentation since he returned to school. |
| Y5L | Henry for being a positive role model for his peers—showing kindness, responsibility, and a consistently respectful attitude both in and out of the classroom. | Lottie for producing outstanding work in Maths—showing great understanding and precision in her Place Value tasks. A brilliant example of focus and effort!  |
| Y6S | Jacob for always having a positive attitude towards his learning and putting 100% effort into all that he does.  | Phaedra for using higher level scientific vocabulary in her science work this week.  |
| Y6W | Tysianna for her fantastic effort in maths this week. | Lacey for working hard in every lesson and producing fantastic work, especially in geography. |

**Headteacher’s Awards**

Nadia in RDM for good independent writing in the small world area.

Zion in 1S for settling into Year 1 so well and always following the class routines.

Grace for being super sensible and having an amazing work ethic.

Lennon in 6W for a great focused, start to the year.

**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 Pippa in 4H for showing love and kindness to a friend in need.

**Attendance**

Overall whole school attendance this week is 96.6% which is very close to our 97% expectation, so well done everyone.

**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 classes for attendance this week are 4H and 4O with 100% . They will receive a longer break and a treat next week. Well done to them!

**Parent Governor**

We have a parent governor vacancy on our governing body. You have been sent out a letter regarding this and we would love you to consider this vital role. Some parents may be put off by the amount of work involved in being a Governor, or feel that they do not have the necessary expertise, knowledge or skills to carry out the role effectively. However, parents have much to offer their local schools and can play a vital part in helping schools to meet the needs of the children and communities they serve. It does involve you attending 6 meetings over the course of the year starting at 4pm until 5.30pm. If you are interested in this role, please let us know as soon as possible.

**Year 6 high school places**

You are now able to apply for your child’s high school place for next September 2026. Applications must be made prior to October 31st 2025 for a September 2026 start.

If you live in Manchester, you can apply online via <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/info/500322/secondary_school_admissions/7516/apply_for_a_year_7_secondary_place_for_september_2020>

If your address comes under Rochdale, the link is <https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/apply-secondary-school-place>

If you need any support with filling in the application, please ask.

As a Catholic school, we hope that you will continue to choose to educate your child in a Catholic high school.

Our Lady’s have an open evening to which you are all invited. You have already been sent out the flyer for this event.

*Our Lady's Open Evening is being held in school on Thursday 25th September from 4.30 until 7pm giving all parents of primary children in years 4, 5 and 6 the chance to look around school, hear from the headteacher and find out all about life at Our Lady's!*

**Baby News **

We are very happy to share the news that Miss Howard gave birth to a beautiful baby boy, Elliott, over the summer holidays. Both mum and baby are doing well. We wish the family every happiness. Elliott is a welcome addition to the St Clare’s family and we can’t wait to meet him.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning**

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Our Year 6 pupils will one again be hosting a coffee morning to help raise vital funds for Macmillan from 9-11am. There is always great attendance at this event. It is wonderful to come and socialise in school whilst supporting people in need. We will be asking for cake donations nearer the time which your children will then have the pleasure of buying.

**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.

**Safeguarding**

Safeguarding children is everyone’s responsibility. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child, please report it. You are able to refer concerns directly to children’s services. The contact details for them is particularly important during the summer holidays when some children may be susceptible to more harm and neglect.



Thank you for your ongoing support. I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates**

15th / 16th / 17th September – Year 6 bikeability

26th September – MacMillan coffee morning.

3rd October – Amasing drumming workshops

6th October – St Francis day mass 9am

7th October – Black history ‘Hidden Figures’ assembly

9th October – Black history ‘Handa’s Surprise’ workshops.

12th October – Family mass 10.30am

21st October – Harvest Service in church 9am

22nd October – parents evening

***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**

