

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 9th May 2025

Friday 24th November 2023

What a special week it has been – we have a new Pope.

I’m sure that we were all excited to see white smoke on Thursday evening coming out from the Sistine Chapel signalling that a new Pope had been chosen. We pray for Pope Leo XIV as he leads the church and that he is guided by the Holy Spirit. We hope that his first words ‘Peace be with you all’ become true across the world.

This week also marked the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Peace is something to be celebrated, so all the children completed activities linked to this day in their classes. Photographs will be added to our website.

In Nursery, the children have begun to look at 3d shapes and some of their names. Meanwhile in Reception, the children have started to add numbers within 10. Year 1 have been busy writing their narrative of the story ‘Beego.’ In maths, Year 2 have been working on halves and quarters as part of their fraction unit. Year 3 had a great day at the Deva Roman centre in Chester where they dressed up as soldiers, marched around Chester and shouted out in Latin! In geography, Year 4 have been learning about water pollution and held a debate as to whether or not plastics should be banned. Year 5 have been identifying the features of the rain forest and their contribution to food and medicine. Year 6 completed some art work linked to 1945.

**Assembly**

On Monday, 4O will be leading our assemblies and this will be followed by RDM on Tuesday afternoon. You are very welcome to join us. 4O will be held in key stage 2 at 2.30pm (due to SATs taking place) and RDM will be at 2.30 in the key stage 1 hall.

**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 |
| N | Azlan for taking mathematical language | Haider for amazing shape work |
| RDM | Yasir for fantastic effort all round especially with his writing | Victoria for brilliant independent maths work |
| RS | David for being an absolute superstar all week and making good choices. | Nancy for writing beautiful independent sentences about dinosaur fossils. |
| Y1G | Ella for being ready, respectful and safe always. | Diana for her amazing narrative writing this week. |
| Y1S | Tobi for always doing the right thing and trying his hardest with everything he does. | Lily for a brilliant start on her narrative about Beegu. |
| Y2C | Ollie for always giving amazing answers in class | Lyla for answering arithmetic questions independently |
| Y2D | Advika for always being ready to learn. | Kaeden for an amazing start to your biography about Florence Nightingale. |
| Y3F | Jennifer for having an excellent week and being ready to learn, keep it up! | Curtis for making his own Roman soldier helmet and shield! |
| Y3H | Ellion for always being ready to learn | Lewis for putting a great effort into all of his work this week. |
| Y4H | Amelia for behaving beautifully and always offering to help around the classroom. | Jake for trying really hard with his maths this week- superstar! |
| Y4O | Hillary, for a brilliant all round effort throughout the week! | Tyler, for some fantastically creative contributions when planning a newspaper report. |
| Y5G | Ludiana for not giving up when she found our maths work difficult. | Jacob for writing an amazing letter to a friend in RE based on hearing what Peter said to the crowd about spreading the good news. |
| Y5K | Henry for having a fantastic attitude towards his work, during his first week at St Clare’s | Lily for her use of persuasive language during the oracy activity on Peace vs War, for VE day. |
| Y6S | Nadia for always having a positive mindset and putting 100% effort into all that she does. | Ramani for a great effort made with all of his SAT’s revision. |
| Y6W | Karis for supporting children in the class. | Temesgen for his fantastic attitude towards his reading. |

**Headteacher Awards**

Olivia in 1S for good independent writing.

Poppy in 2O for creating an informative sheet on leaves.

Kody in 3F for a great improvement in his behaviour.

Heidi in 4H for being so focused on improving her handwriting in order to get her pen licence.

Tolani in 5K for writing a great narrative linked to ‘The Expolrer.’

**CARITAS Award**

The Caritas award is giving each week to a child who puts love into action. This week it goes to Roman in Y5K for being so welcoming to a new member of the class. Thank you for your kindness Roman.

**Attendance**



Overall whole school attendance this week has improved to 93.89%. Lates have also reduced, although it was a four day 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 1S 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 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.

**SATS week**

All children in Year 6 will be sitting their statutory SATS next week - 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. We know that our children will do their very best which is all we can ask. Please ensure that your child has a good night’s sleep prior to the tests.

SATs are compulsory and measure your child’s attainment on that particular day. They do not measure what a kind, thoughtful, hard-working child you have, or how amazing they are at music or PE, or how they can lighten up someone’s day with their friendship and a smile. We will ensuring that your child knows this prior to taking any tests.

**Phonics / Multiplication checks**

After the half-term break, pupils in Year 1 and some pupils in Year 2 will complete a statutory phonics screening check. The check will be carried out in the first week back, week commencing 9th June. It is vital that your child is in school for this and is punctual.

That same week, there is the statutory multiplication times table check for Year 4 pupils. This is carried out online. Again, your child must be in school and on time.

**First Holy Communion**

On Sunday 18th and 25th May, the children enrolled on the Sacramental Programme will make their First Holy Communion in church at 12.30pm. Please keep the children in your prayers as they take another important step in their faith journey.

If any children want to come along to the masses and act as a choir, that would be lovely. They just need to sit on the benches near the organist.

**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.



Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates:**

12-15th May – Year 6 SATS

18th & 25th May – Holy Communion 12.30am

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**

