

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 16th May 2025

Friday 24th November 2023

Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils who have completed their SATs this week. They faced them with great maturity, confidence and resilience. We are very proud of them and know that they did their best. They are now very much looking forward to their residential trip to Condover next week.

In Nursery, our pupils have been finding the composition of 3 and 4 in maths. Reception pupils have been comparing the toys that we play with now compared to in the past. Our Year 1 pupils have been demonstrating their knowledge of the parts of a plant by making flowers out of junk materials. In history, Year 2 have been comparing Florence Nightingale to Mary Seacole. In art, Year 3 have been creating Roman mosaics. Year 4 have been planning and writing a newspaper report linked to the conversation of Saul. As part of their science topic, Year 5 have been learning about gestation periods in animals including humans. Year 6 are extremely happy that their SATS are over and enjoyed the afternoon having some treats, fun and games.

**Assembly**

Our assemblies this week were led by RDM and 4O. RDM focused on May being the special month dedicated to Our Lady, whilst 4O focused on the conversion of St Paul. The children spoke confidently and sang beautifully – as always. Thank you to everyone who came along to join is in the Celebrations of the Word.

**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.

**Celebration of the Word – Stay and Pray**

Our Mini Clares are hosting a stay and prayer liturgy linked to Our Lady on **Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 2.45pm.** We would love you to come along and share the celebration. If you are planning on attending, could you please message in on the app and we will ensure that your child joins you for the prayer service.

**Pupil Certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the Week | Achievement Award |
| N | Isabella for always being an enthusiastic learner | Michael for wonderful Maths work |
| RDM | Lacey for always working hard and trying her best. | Elizabeth for wonderful work on rotation of 2D shapes |
| RS | Anastazja for always producing beautifully presented work. | Thea for independently remembering to use finger spaces in her writing. |
| Y1G | Anaya for always producing her best work! | George for producing amazing writing this week and using the prefix un in his work. |
| Y1S | Norah for being a superstar all week and putting her all into everything she does. | Mickey for trying very hard with his writing this week. |
| Y2C | Pharrell for his amazing attitude to learning all week! | Krystale for her amazing fraction knowledge |
| Y2D | Sofia for working so hard to re-read, edit and improve your work independently. | Frankie for your amazing biography on Florence Nightingale. |
| Y3F | Olivia for creating a great working vibe within the classroom this week, she is a great example to her peers. | Jacob G for writing a fantastic setting description, you can really picture the vibe of the setting. |
| Y3H | Hope for following instructions in our recorder lesson beautifully. She has a real musical vibe | Racquel for taking ownership of her target to improve her handwriting. Her success has given us all the vibe that we can do it too! |
| Y4H | Amber for always following instructions and helping others with their work, she is a superstar! | We are going for a slightly different vibe in 4H this week, and FOUR children have won the achievement award! Olivia K, Logan, Henry and Honor always impress me SO MUCH with their discussion/oracy skills when we have group conversation, and they all deserve to be recognised this week! |
| Y4O | Kian for always bringing such a positive vibe to the classroom through his enthusiasm and contributions! | Maria for some excellent written work in English this week, her writing displays a real creative vibe. |
| Y5G | Jack for his determination and concentration this week. He has produced fantastic work throughout | Phoebe for writing a wonderful narrative this week in English. She has such an elegant flow to her writing. Well done. |
| Y5K | Keerat for having a fantastic attitude to his learning, during his first week at St Clare’s school. | James for writing a fantastic narrative based on the Katherine Rundell book ‘The Explore’. |
| Y6S | All of 6S for having such positive and resilient vibes this week during their Sats assessments. | All of 6S for their fantastic achievements leading up to the SAT’s. Well done!! |
| Y6W | All of 6W for their fantastic attitude towards the SATs assessments | All of 6W for the incredible progress the children have shown leading up to the SATs |

**Headteacher Awards**

Jomi in Nursery for identifying the initial sounds in words so well.

Arlo in RS for being a patient and kind member of the class.

Emiley in 3H for being so resilient, brave and a great artist.

Julia in 5G for her great contributions to planning a narrative story.

Charlie in 6S for always trying her nest.

Miley in 6W for being so vigilant and helping to keep our school premises safe.

**CARITAS Award**

The Caritas award is giving each week to a child who puts love into action. This week it goes to Daniel G in Nursery for being a kind and helpful friend.

**Attendance**



Overall whole school attendance this week is 93.86%. We had 40 children late 53 times before 9.00am and 11 pupils late 14 times after 9.00am. 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 6S with 100% - they will receive a longer break and a treat 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 22nd May – 9.00am

Thursday 12th June – 9.00am

Thursday 19th June – 9.00am

Thursday 26th June – 9.00am

**Parental Questionnaire**

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaire and for the very positive feedback. It is great to see how much you love and value St Clare’s as much as our staff do, but we are always looking at ways in which we can improve. We had 71 responses.

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|  | Question | Yes | No | N/A |
| 1 | My child is happy at school | 97.2 | 2.8 | 0 |
| 2 | My child feels safe at St Clare's | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | School makes sure that our pupils are well behaved. | 98.6 | 1.4 | 0 |
| 4 | The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year | 91.5 | 8.5 | 0 |
| 5 | When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly. | 70.4 | 8.5 | 21.1 |
| 6 | My child has SEND, and the school gives him /her the support they need to succeed | 40.8 | 1.4 | 57.7 |
| 7 | The school has high expectations for my child | 93 | 7 | 0 |
| 8 | My child does well at St Clare's | 100 | 0 | 0 |
| 9 | The school lets me know how my child is doing | 94.4 | 5.6 | 0 |
| 10 | There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school | 98.6 | 1.4 | 0 |
| 11 | St Clare's supports my child's wider personal development | 91.5 | 8.5 | 0 |
| 12 | I would recommend this school to another parent | 97.2 | 2.8 | 0 |

In relation to Question 4, all of our class pages on the website have details about what your child will be learning throughout the year. <https://st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/children/class-pages/nursery> Subject overviews are also sent out half-termly to help keep you informed. If there is something else that you would like us to share, please get in touch via the app. We are happy to take on board your suggestions to improve things.

We take all concerns raised by parents seriously. Your first point of call is your child’s class teacher. If you do not feel that your concern has been resolved, the matter can be escalated. Our Complaints Policy details how you can do this. We seek to find satisfactory conclusions to all matters raised.

Question 9: we hold two parents evenings a year to let you know how your child is doing in school and provide an end of year report. In addition to this, class teachers will speak to parents to discuss attainment and progress when they need to. We inform parents when we feel that your child may have a special educational need and work with you to support them. We provide weekly certificates to celebrate children’s successes in school.

In relation to question 11, we do a lot in school to support your child’s wider development. We offer a range of after school clubs – both academic and skills based. In curriculum time, we ensure that children are taught about caring for each other and the world; religious retreats; British Values; behaviour; how to interact socially, morally, culturally and emotionally (providing group support where necessary); about their rights as a child; how to care for themselves (oral health and good hygiene); we hold workshops in relation to anti-bullying, keeping safe, online safety and black history; class assemblies and plays; and promote healthy living and exercise. In addition to this we try to organise other opportunities to enhance your child’s experiences at school for example school trips, a residential, theatre visits, travelling pantomimes, workshops, bikeability, balance bike, canoeing, living eggs, fun days, drumming and music lessons, swimming, Young Voices and the Big Sing, sporting competitions and fund raising.

If you feel that we could do more, please get in touch with your suggestions. We want to work together with you to ensure that we are doing the best we can for your child.

**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.



Just a reminder that we finish next Friday 23rd May at normal time for our two week half-term break.

I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates:**

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**

