

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 23rd May 2025

Friday 24th November 2023

We have had an amazing 3 days at Condover with our Year 6 pupils. They have tried many different activities including abseiling, climbing wall, zip wire and kayaking (to name but a few). The children have been a credit to you and the school and have had fun with their friends. I am sure that they will all be shattered tonight and you should get some peace and quiet as they catch up on their sleep!

In Nursery, our pupils have been drawing their own ‘Under the Sea’ picture to link to the class story, “The Rainbow Fish”. Reception pupils have been comparing old and new household objects. As part of their DT topic, Year 1 pupils have been making hand puppets. In Year 2, our pupils have been learning all about feelings and emotions in PSHE. Year 3 pupils have all enjoyed learning about Hadrian’s wall. In Year 4, our pupils have enjoyed learning all about Egyptian Gods, and creating some Egyptian artwork of their own. In Geography, our Year 5 pupils have been learning all about the deforestation of the rainforests.

**Assembly**

**Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” John 13:34-35**

Our assembly this week focused on loving one another as we are loved by God. The love that Jesus speaks of is given freely, shows others that God loves them, and it’s how we should love God too. Children explored how this commandment is the heart of our relationship with Jesus, and the way that we can follow Him.

**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 hosted a stay and prayer liturgy linked to Our Lady on **Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 2.45pm.** Thank you to everyone who came along and joined us in this celebration.

**Pupil Certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the Week | Achievement Award |
| N | Lucia for always being ready and eager to learn  | Ruby for giving meaning to the marks she made.  |
| RDM  | Tare for always making great effort with his independent writing. | Bereket for excellent sharing skills in maths |
| RS | Reuben for being such an enthusiastic learner! | Reggie for trying really hard with his letter formation. |
| Y1G | Luka for having a super attitude this week! He has been a super star.  | Fauziyah for settling into our class so well and showing us how to follow our school rules.  |
| Y1S | Tobi for always trying his hardest in everything he does and challenging himself whenever he can. | Iris for fantastic DT skills and making a brilliant hand puppet! |
| Y2C | Eliana for always always being ready, respectful and safe. | Frank for his amazing diary as Florence Nightingale |
| Y2D | Ellis for always making good choices and being ready to learn. | Grace for a lovely start to her diary entry on Florence Nightingale. |
| Y3F | Marvelous for always being ready to learn, a great example to her peers. | Jadon for his perseverance, he has finally managed to climb across the monkey bars! |
| Y3H | Louie for an excellent piece of artwork. He created a Roman mosaic using geometry. | Pippa for writing a wonderful quatrain poem, using alliteration and onomatopoeia. |
| Y4H | Blessing, for making some good choices and being really helpful at the swimming baths. | Lilith for some great maths work with money. |
| Y4O | Nayane, for an extremely positive attitude to all aspects of school life! | Donald for some brilliant work in athletics, showing great speed and control with his running. |
| Y5G | Daniel for always being helpful and looking after other pupils in our class. He is friends with everyone! | Alexis who always amazes me! She has worked so hard in maths this week. |
| Y5K | Lilly, for always showing such positivity in everything she does in school, she has such a good heart, a great role model for everyone to follow. | Nova, for her physical and linguistic oracy work during the literacy free-verse poem lesson. Her use of gestures created a spark of electricity in her expressions during her performance. |

**Headteacher Awards**

Charlotte in RDM for always being kind and a good friend to others.

Uyi in 1G for using sign language in school more to communicate.

Hajra in 2C for the amazing work she has been completing independently.

Maria in 3H for an excellent improvement in her arithmetic scores.

Oliver in4O for being very supportive and positive towards his classmates.

Cole in 5K for his valuable participation in the class discussion on how the Holy Spirit transforms our lives: allowing us to shine on through in everything we do.

**CARITAS Award**

The Caritas award is given each week to a child who puts love into action. This week it goes Zion in Year 1 for always being a kind and helpful friend who looks after others in his class and helps them all.

**Attendance**



Overall whole school attendance this week is 94.6%. We had 41 children late 57 times before 9.00am and 5 pupils late 9 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 5K with 100% - they will receive a longer break and a treat in the first week back after half term.

**Parental cookery course**

Our parenting cookery course take place each 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 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 25th May, the children enrolled on the Sacramental Programme will make their First Holy Communion in church at 12.30pm. This is our second group. 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 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.



We finish today at 3.15pm for our two weeks half-term break and school re-opens at 8.40am on Monday 9th June. I hope that you all have a lovely break and get time to spend time with your loved ones. We look forward to welcoming the children back feeling refreshed.

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates:**

25th May – Holy Communion 12.30am

Week commencing 9th June – Year 1 and 2 phonics screening and Year 4 times table check.

Tuesday 10th June – Holy Communion party

Sunday 15th June – Family mass 10.30am

Tuesday 17th June – Nursery new intake meeting 5-6pm

Wednesday 18th June – Reception new intake meeting 5-6pm

Thursday 19th & Friday 20th June – Year 5 trip to Debdale water park.

Wednesday 25th June – EYFS sports and KS1 sports day

Thursday 26th June – KS2 sports day

24th and 27th June – Year 6 retreat in school

Friday 27th June – Eco schools celebration.

Tuesday 1st July – Year 6 enterprise

Tuesday 8th July – KS2 music showcase

Thursday 10th July – Year 6 leavers service in church 5.30pm

Tuesday 15th July – whole school end of year mass 9.00am

Tuesday 15th July – Year 6 Forest Fest

Wednesday 16th July – Year 6 leavers play 9.15am

Friday 18th July – finish at 1.15pm for summer.

***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**

