

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 19th September 2025

Friday 24th November 2023



Children in Nursery have been learning about the colour red and completing sorting activities linked to the colour. Meanwhile, in Reception the chidlren have been using Google Earth to look at our local area and find our school. As part of their DT topic, Year 1 have been tasting different fruits as they will be making a smoothie. In RE, Year 2 have been learning about the story of Noah and how God rewards goodness. In Year 3, the children have been classifying rocks according to their properties. AS part of their history topic, Year 4 have been where the Anglo Saxons came from and why they settled in England. In science, Year 5 have been testing the properties of materials to see if they are transparent, magnetic or conduct electricity. Year 6 have been making periscopes in order to investigate reflections. This week some of our Year 6 children have also undertaken bikeability training to make sure that they are safe when out and about on their bikes.

**Assembly**

*For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.*John 3:16

This week in our assembly, the children explored the meaning of the Cross as a symbol of love and hope. The Cross reminds us of the love the Father has for each of us as we remember that He sent His only Son so that we can know His mercy and love. We can look to the Cross as a symbol of our faith and be inspired to follow Jesus.

Thank you to the children who are volunteering to lead our Friday morning celebration assemblies.

**6S class assembly**

On Monday morning at 9.00am, 6S will lead our assembly. You are very welcome to join us in school.

**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.

**Sacramental Programme**

There is a meeting on Thursday 2nd October in the parish hall at 6pm for parents and children wishing to be enrolled on this year’s Sacramental Programme**.** The dates for the programme have been sent out to you and are available on the school website.

<https://st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/religious-life-at-st-clare-s/sacramental-programme-dates-2024-25>

**Pupil certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement |
| N | Lilly-Mae for a wonderful first week in Nursery. | Maverick for trying really hard and following all of our golden rules |
| RDM | Isabella for wonderful effort in phonics! | Natna for wonderful work about the story of Creation. |
| RS | Desire for being a superstar in phonics every single day! | Luna for always offering amazing ideas at carpet time |
| Y1G | Freya for being such a kind friend to others around her. | Kieran for his amazing Fred talk when writing this week. |
| Y1S | Mila for being a wonderful friend to everyone. She is always so helpful and caring. | Michelle for always putting 100% effort into all of her work. |
| Y2C | Bonnie for always trying her best and being ready to learn | Abongwi for trying his hardest with his letter formation |
| Y2D | Blake for always contributing to lessons and showing enthusiasm in his learning. It is lovely to see! | Eryn for independently writing some amazing instructions on how to make a jam sandwich. |
| Y3F | Finley for having a great week and working hard, keep it up! | Sofia for being resilient and trying her hardest even when she finds it difficult. |
| Y3H | Isabella for demonstrating a super understanding of the different types of weathering on rocks. | Isabelle O for posing thought provoking questions about God’s creations. |
| Y4H | Samad for being an enthusiastic historian and having great ideas for an Anglo-Saxon letter! | Marvelous for having a fantastic, scientific understanding of the digestive system! |
| Y4O | Delina for her dedication and determination since joining year 4, nothing is going to stop her from doing well this year! | Racquel for writing a fantastic narrative based on the incredible book eating boy. |
| Y5GK | Nylah for being a wonderful member of our class and for setting a great example to others. | Alex K for some brilliant work writing a non chronological report all about Sparta. |
| Y5L | Elena for having a fantastic attitude towards learning, while being a great role model to others. |  |
| Y6w | Annie for her great effort this week in lessons especially R.E and Maths. | Emilie for a fantastic diary entry based on “The light Jar” |
| Y6s | Max for being kind and caring, he is always willing to help others. | Ryan for a fantastic diary entry based on our class text ‘The Light Jar’. |

**Headteacher’s Awards**

Louie in Nursery for great oracy and vocabulary when talking about dinosaurs.

Iris in 2C for helping a new friend settle into the class so well.

Pharell for an improved attitude to his learning.

Maria in 5K for beautiful handwriting.

**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 Skylar in 6S for helping her peers on her table when they are struggling with their learning.

**Attendance**

Overall whole school attendance this week is 96.8% 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 RS, 4H, 5L AND 6W with 100% . They will receive a longer break and a treat next week. They can have an own clothes day on Thursday. Well done to them!

**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!*

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. Your child can wear their own clothes on Friday in exchange for cake donations The children will then have the pleasure of buying them back. ☺

**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.

**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.



Have a wonderful weekend everyone,

God bless,

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates**

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**

