

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 26th September 2025

Friday 24th November 2023



What a lovely morning we have had today raising funds for Macmillan cancer charity. It is wonderful to be able to invite parents into school to share the coffee morning with your children. Thank you so much for supporting this worthy cause. Thank you for sending in the cakes which your children were able to buy back.

Thank you also to our brilliant Year 6 pupils who ran the fundraiser for us. So far, we know that we have raised £716.45. but we still have lots of cakes left to sell. Your generosity never ceases to amaze us – thank you!

Thank you to MacDonalds, Greggs and Scott O’Connor for supplying us with free cups!

In RE this week, Nursery have been looking at aspects of God’s creation – the things that makes them go ‘WOW.’ Year 1 have also been learning about the message contained in Pope Francis’s encyclical ‘Laudato Si’ and created artwork expressing how we can care for the world. In geography, Year 2 have been learning the names of the sea that surround the UK. As part of their science topic, Year 3 have investigated how water affects the weathering of rocks. Year 4 have also carried out an investigation relating to the effects of different liquids on teeth. Year 5 have been busy designing Greek vases using geometric patterns and silhouette figures. Year 6 have been learning about the 10 Commandments and how they apply to our lives today

**Assembly**

6S led our assembly this week focusing on the fact that a new school year is a time to grow and learn. Every day is a new opportunity offered to us from God. He is with us at all times – through the good and bad times; when we are happy and sad; or when we find things difficult or easy. God is always with us, helping us to be strong and carrying us when times are too much for us to bear.

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the celebration.

**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**

|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement  |
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| N | Marco for being so settled in Nursery this week and having a big smile on his face!  | Ivy-Mae for choosing to do the right things all week! We are so proud of you! |
| RDM | Michael for always setting a wonderful example to others. | Ainsley for super speed sounds in phonics! |
| RS | Freya for beautiful handwriting in Phonics every day! | Lucia for a fantastic model house homework! |
| Y1G | Elizabeth for always being ready, respectful and safe. She is a role model to all in class.  | Kj for his fantastic work on his numbers this week. He is also a super star on the carpet.  |
| Y1S | Joel for being a kind and thoughtful friend who is always ready to help those in need. | Gabriel for brilliant writing about the Gruffalo. |
| Y2C | Irene for always trying her hardest in class | Billy-Jo for working hard with his letter formation |
| Y2D | Archie for always being focussed and ready for every lesson. | Luka for trying hard with your handwriting and trying your best to present every piece of work beautifully.  |
| Y3F | Lexi for always being ready to learn, and setting a great example! | Kaedan for improving his presentation and handwriting in all his books! |
| Y3H | Jakub for excellent dodging and speed in our Rugby lesson. | Lyla for a wonderful improvement in her listening and participation in lessons. |
| Y4H | Mia for working hard to understand rounding to 10, 100 and 1000! | Julia for persevering in maths to improve her understanding of rounding! |
| Y4O | Jamie, for always being ready, respectful and safe! A model pupil for all. | Jaxon for his confidence and answers in reading comprehension this week.  |
| Y5K | Elisa for being a brilliant shining light in our classroom! | Poppy L for some amazing work in maths this week, using formal methods of addition.  |
| Y5L | Felicity has shown a fantastic attitude towards her learning this week. Her enthusiasm, curiosity, and willingness to take on challenges has made her a brilliant role model in the classroom. | Luca has demonstrated excellent computing skills this week, showing creativity, focus, and problem-solving in every task. |
| Y6S | Gwendolyn for her brilliant attitude towards all of her learning.  | Julia for her fantastic effort towards reading this week! |
| Y6W | Sofia for a fantastic attitude towards her work. | Ire for his fantastic attitude towards his writing, producing work at home to practice his grammar and punctuation |

**Attendance**

Overall whole school attendance this week is 96.5% 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 this week for attendance are 1S and 4H with 98%. They will have a longer playtime as a reward.

**School doors open at 8.40am to give the children time to take off their coats and be ready at their desks for an 8.45am start. The doors close promptly at 8.45am**. **We have had a few occasions this week where disagreements have arisen over the exact time the doors have been closed. Different watches or phones have been showing different times. To avoid these disagreements and stressful starts to the day for yourself, our staff and the children, please arrive at school by 8.40am.**

**Girls football**



Our Year 5 and Year 6 girls took part in a football competition on Wednesday evening. They played four matches and drew them all. They enjoyed the experience and represented St Clare’s with pride. Thank you girls and to Miss Coleman and Mrs Sumner for accompanying the girls to the event.

**Reception stay and play**

On **Thursday 9th October,** parents are invited into school when they drop their children off for a Read Write Inc information session, followed by a stay and play with your children in the classroom.

**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.

**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 wonderful support this week,

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates**

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.

 Reception RWI stay and play

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**

