



St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School  
**Autumn 2 Newsletter 2025**

***"Treat others as you want to be treated"***

It's truly remarkable how much we have accomplished during this half term at school. All of our staff and children have worked incredibly hard in so many different ways, and it is a true privilege to be the headteacher of such dedicated staff and such caring, kind children.

Below is a snapshot of just some of the wonderful things the children have been doing in school.

**Anti-Bullying Week & Our Catholic Values**

We began November with Anti-Bullying Week, where the children made meaningful links between our mission, vision and values. With the support of our Primary Leadership Team, pupils explored the Beatitudes and reflected on how their teachings can guide our words and actions towards one another.



Each week this term has had a focus on a Beatitude, which the children have linked into their class assemblies for parents, helping us to consider how we can live these teachings in school to support kindness, respect and anti-bullying. The children also connected this learning to Red Wednesday, reflecting on how we can support persecuted Catholics around the world.



### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

Over the past year, children from across the parish have been preparing for their Sacrament of Confirmation. We were honoured to welcome Bishop Paul to St Kentigern's for a touching and moving Confirmation Mass, celebrated alongside children and families from Christ the King and St Mary's parishes.



### **Spreading Christmas Joy**

Our newly formed school choir, together with Father Nithin, has been spreading love and joy across Blackpool. They have performed at Blackpool Victoria Hospital, several local nursing homes, and St Winefride's Retirement Home. We are incredibly proud of the joy and comfort they have brought to others this Christmas season.



## Christmas Performances

Our Key Stage One children helped us to truly *keep the Christ in Christmas* by performing two beautiful Nativity plays for our families and parish.



Meanwhile, we had a special carol service from our Key Stage 2 children. The church was full of beautiful voices and wonderful readers. The service truly reflected the four virtues of Advent - Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. It certainly prepared us all for the coming of Christmas. Thank you to all of our children and families for supporting such a special event.



### Special Visits & Festive Experiences

Alongside these celebrations, the children enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Grand Theatre, which was a truly amazing experience for everyone involved.



We were also delighted to welcome a very special visitor — Father Christmas, who returned to school in search of his missing wellies (which he left here last year!). The children shone with joy, and Father Christmas commented on what kind, caring and special children we have at St Kentigern's.





## Advent Celebrations

Throughout Advent, we have gathered weekly to celebrate this important season of preparation for Christmas. Advent focuses on hope, peace, joy and love, using traditions such as lighting the Advent wreath candles, prayer, scripture, and acts of service as we prepare for the birth of Jesus.



Please remember the Christmas services at St Kentigern's Church over this special period.

## Sporting achievements

Our newly formed girls' football team has been incredibly busy—entering numerous competitions, playing competitively yet respectfully, and recently achieving the Equal Access Sporting Award. A huge well done also goes to our Year 5 and 6 indoor athletics team for their fantastic performance and commitment during the Indoor Athletics Competition.



## Announcements

It is with sadness that we say a fond farewell to Miss Dale, our Year 1 teacher. Miss Dale has loved working at our school and has asked me to pass on her very best wishes to all parents and children.

We also say farewell to Mr Hamer, who has now moved on to work at the high school. We thank him for his hard work and wish him every success in his new role.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Robinson as our Year 1 teacher this term and Mr Ivins, as our new Site Supervisor. We also look forward to welcoming Miss Healy, who will be joining us in January to support teaching and learning in Key Stage 2.

We currently have the following vacancies:

- KS1 Teacher
- Breakfast Club Assistant
- After School Club Supervisor

All vacancies are advertised on [www.bebcmat.co.uk/vacancies](http://www.bebcmat.co.uk/vacancies)

## Christmas Wishes

The staff at St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a blessed, peaceful and happy New Year.

*From everyone at St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School*



**Dates for your calendar (please check dojo weekly as new dates may be added)**

January

- 5th – New term begins
- 13th – St Kentigern’s Mass @ 9.30am
- 19th – Girls’ Football Competition (Years 5/6 – AM)

February

- 3rd – Year 4 Class Mass @ 9.30am
- 9th – Schools Alive Week (Years 5/6 – TBC)
- 12th – Red Disco, 3.20–4.20pm (own clothes)
- 12<sup>th</sup> - Schools Alive at Blackpool Winter Gardens
- 12<sup>th</sup> Half term schools closes at 3.15pm
- 13th – Inset day for teachers
- 23rd – New term begins

March

- 3rd – Blackpool Schools Lenten Service @ 6.00pm
- 5th – World Book Day – PJs and a book
- 13th – KS1 Mothers’/Grandmas’ Afternoon @ 2.00pm
- 17th – Year 3 Mass @ 9.30am
- 18th – Year 1 “Bring Your Wellies” School Trip
- 20th – World Poetry Day Celebration
- 25th – Parents’ Evening, 1.00–6.00pm
- 27th – St Kentigern’s Got Talent @ 6.00pm
- 27th – EYFS Easter Assembly @ 2.45pm
- 30th – Year 1–2 Easter Assembly @ 2.45pm
- 31st – Year 3–4 Easter Assembly @ 2.45pm