



St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

Spring 1 Newsletter 2026

"Let your light shine"

Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy half term has come to an end and we can begin to look forward to brighter mornings and the signs of spring all around us. It has been a productive start to the year, and the children have worked exceptionally hard across all areas of school life.

In our recent assembly, we reflected on God's light shining through each and every one of us. We spoke about how we can share that light through our kindness, our words and our actions. The children were thoughtful and reverent in their prayers, and I felt incredibly proud to be part of such a respectful and caring school community here at St Kentigern's.

Thank you for your responses to the recent parent survey, which was extremely positive. Your continued support and encouragement mean a great deal to us. As always, thank you for entrusting us with the care and guidance of your children each day — it is a true privilege to serve as Headteacher.

Today, we sadly say Goodbye and Good luck to Mr Dobbert. He has been a key member of St Kentigern's team for so many years and we will be very sad to see him go. We wish him nothing but good luck and success in his new adventures. We also say farewell to Sunshine, our afterschool club support who has been inspired by our children and is taking his career further.

We welcome Mrs Healy to our team; Mrs Healy is an experienced Teaching Assistant and will be working with our Key stage 2 children.

We also have welcomed Lexie to our breakfast club team. Lexie was a former pupil of the school so understands are our school and children well.

Mrs Murray

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

Catholic Life of the School

We celebrated the Feast of St Kentigern on 13th January with a meaningful school family Mass. Father Nithin also visited school to bless each of our classrooms. Throughout the day, the children learned more about our Patron Saint and reflected on how his journey in faith guides us in our own lives.



The children created thoughtful and detailed designs for a new coat of arms for St Kentigern, carefully depicting the four miracles associated with him. Some classes developed their artistic skills by learning how to draw realistic faces with correct proportions to create wonderful images of St Kentigern. Other classes, looked at the story of St. Kentigern and what he taught us, then thinking about how this helps us today.

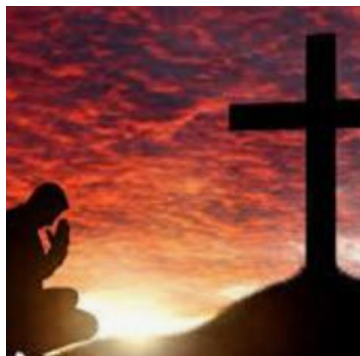


Thank you to Father Nithin who visited us again on 21st January to hear confessions. This is always a special opportunity for the children to begin the year with a fresh start, asking for forgiveness and guidance as they move forward in a positive and prayerful way.

When we return after half term, we will begin working towards the Oscar Romero Award, which links closely to Catholic Social Teaching. More information can be found on our Religious Education page on the school website. Our Friday Proud Assemblies will begin to link closely to these values, with pupil voice playing a key role through our Primary Leadership Team.



Lent runs from 18th February to 2nd April this year. As part of our Lenten journey, each class will support a charity. If you have a charity that holds special meaning for your family, please inform us by Friday, 13th February. We already have Fairtrade, Blue Skies and CAFOD.



Thank you to everyone who donated to the Toy Drive in collaboration with the Parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to families in need.

Celebrating Our Cultures

We are incredibly proud of the wide range of cultures represented within our school community. The children are very excited about celebrating and sharing their heritage.

We would love to hear from parents who would be willing to support us by sharing traditional dress, food, celebrations, customs or special days of significance. If you would like to be involved, please message me directly on Dojo so we can begin creating a cultural calendar together. So far I have been advised the 4th May is a special day for our Polish families.



Family Support

A reminder that Primary Mental Health drop-in sessions are available — please see the flyers on Dojo for further details.

Mrs Long is available to support families with any concerns or needs, and Mrs Long and Mrs Healy will continue to run lunchtime wellbeing clubs to support our children's emotional health.

Family Hubs in Blackpool (families may access any hub):

Central Family Hub – Gorton Street, FY1 3JW – 01253 951190

North Family Hub – 31 Dingle Avenue, FY3 7NX – 01253 476480

South Family Hub – 207 St Anne's Road, FY4 2AP – 01253 476550

Class News

EYFS have had a wonderful half term learning about growing plants. They loved listening to the Jack and the Beanstalk and have told me all about the story. I joined the class when they planted sunflower seeds and look forward to seeing who can grow the tallest sunflower by Summer (mine included). The paintings of the sunflowers look wonderful in the classroom and makes me smile every time I visit the class. EYFS have welcomed 'Better Start' into class to learn about keeping their teeth clean and healthy. Thank you to all the parents who supported the morning. Next half term we will be learning about 'New Life' and they will be visiting Farmer Parrs.



Thank you to the parents who joined Mrs Robinson and Year 1 for their DT session designing vehicles. It is always wonderful to welcome parents into school to support learning. Next term Year 1 are going on an adventure on 18th March to Preston, it's a "bring your wellies" day. Year 1 will be learning all about plants next half term.



I am incredibly impressed with the writing coming from Year 2 at the moment. Mr Hogarth was telling me last night about how hard the children are working and how they are confidently using their spelling and phonics to support their writing. I am really looking forward to seeing their finished pieces of work.

I also make a point of enjoying lunch with the children whenever I can. Yesterday, I had the pleasure of sitting with some Year 2 pupils who enthusiastically told me all about Noah's Ark. It was very informative! The lunch ended by the children telling me some fantastic jokes — they certainly made me giggle.

Well done, Year 2 — keep up the excellent work!



Every time I have walked past Year 3, they have been busy learning all about food and nutrition, cooking up mini pizzas and linking this to their geography unit where they found out all about 'food miles' and climate change. Next half-term they will be learning all about the Stone Age into the Bronze Age and Iron Age. Sounds very exciting and I look forward to hearing all the interesting facts.

Year 4 have launched their TT Rockstars competition across the Trust. Last year we were proud winners, but more importantly, it significantly improved the children's multiplication fluency. Please log on at home to support the children. This is not just for year 4 by the way so get rocking!



Year 5 – what can I say? You have absolutely delighted the school with all the wonderful singing and dancing coming from the hall. It has been a joy to see (and hear!) your enthusiasm and hard work.

We will be incredibly proud of you when you perform at Schools Alive tonight. I hope my inspiration photo that I shared gives you that extra boost of confidence as you take to the stage!

Keep shining, Year 5!



This half term, Year 6 have been working extremely hard in all of their lessons. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children, especially at this important time of the year. The class have worked particularly hard in their English lessons - they've produced some fabulous reports on fictional outlaws! And if preparing for our SATS wasn't enough, they've perfected their cricketing skills in PE and embraced our history topic on the Ancient Maya!

As you are aware, the national SATs tests will take place in May. To help support the children and give them every opportunity to shine and demonstrate all that they have learnt, our booster sessions start next half term. It is great to see so many people sign up to these tailored learning sessions. (Please note, due to unforeseen circumstances the maths boosters will start on Tuesday 3rd March, not 24th February as previously stated).



Last week was National Storytelling Week. Videos were shared for children to enjoy at home. Well done to all those who guessed correctly on the “Masked Readers”



It's coming to that time of year that we all love – *St Kentigern's Got Talent!* This is always one of my favourite nights of the year, as we get to see just how much talent our pupils have. The confidence, creativity and enthusiasm on display never fail to impress!

This year, St Kentigern's Got Talent will take place on Friday 27th March.

Auditions will be held during the first week back after half term and will be organised by class teachers. This gives the children plenty of time to practise and prepare over the half-term break.

We can't wait to see the amazing performances our pupils will bring to the stage!



Sporting Achievements & Extra-Curricular Activities

This half term, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in Cross Country. Despite very muddy conditions, the children showed fantastic resilience and determination.

Our Year 5 and 6 girls represented school brilliantly in the BFCCT Girls Kids Cup, demonstrating excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.

Tonight, we have children performing at the Winter Gardens in Schools Alive, we already know we are extremely proud of the children. Their dedication and enthusiasm have been outstanding. A huge thank you to Mrs Beesley-Monteath, Mrs Ogden, Miss Reilly and Miss Palmer for supporting the children in putting together such a fantastic show.

Clubs for next half term:

Monday – Choir

Monday – EYFS Fundamental Movement Skills

Tuesday – Year 3 & 4 Gymnastics

Wednesday – Year 6 Cricket

Year 1 Multi Skills, Year 3 & 4 Football and Year 5 Cricket have now finished. Thank you to all the children who attended regularly and showed great commitment.

Please don't forget our PTFA meeting on Monday 23rd February 2026 at 3.30pm in school. We would love to welcome new members to help continue enhancing opportunities for our children. This is our chance to share ideas for fundraising events to support school.



We look forward to welcoming the children back for another exciting and faith-filled half term at St Kentigern's on 23rd February 2026 at 8.40am.

Have a wonderful half term, from everyone at St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

Upcoming Dates

March

3rd B/pool Schools Lenten Service 6pm

5th World book day – PJ and a book

6th Yr 5 Lenten Charity Day – details to follow

9th Science Week in school

9th League Football Match - Bispham Endowed YR5/6

11th EYFS enrichment day to Farmer Parrs

12th Yr 1 Lenten Charity day – details to follow

13th KS1 Mothers/Grandmas afternoon 2pm

- 17th Yr 3 Mass @ 09.30
- 17th First Holy Communion meeting in Parish Centre
- 18th Yr 1 Bring Your Wellies school trip
- 19th Yr 6 Lenten Charity Day – details to follow
- 19th Yr 4 Recording Studio trip
- 20th World Poetry Day Celebration
- 25th Parents Evening Yrs R – 5 1pm – 6pm
- 26th Yr 2 Lenten Charity Day – Fairtrade
- 27th St. Kentigern's Got Talent 6pm
- 27th EYFS Easter Assembly at 2.30pm
- 30th Yr 6 Parents evening 1pm – 6pm
- 30th Yr 1-2 Easter Assembly @ 2.30pm
- 31st Yr 3-4 Easter Assembly @ 2.30pm

April

- 1st Yr 5/6 Easter Assembly
- 2nd Yr 3 Lenten Charity Day
- 2nd Yr 4 Easter Egg assembly
- 2nd Easter break – school closes at 3.15pm
- 13th New term – school opens at 8.40am
- 14th First Holy Communion in Parish Centre 6pm
- 16th St Bernadette Saints Day (Green)
- 28th Yr 5 class Mass with Yr 2 @ 09.30
- 28th First Holy Communion Meeting

May

- 4th Bank Holiday
- 5th First Holy Communion Meeting
- 11th Yr 6 SATS week
- 14th Ascension of Lord Mass at 11am

- 18th Sports day, Stanley Park
- 14th Ascension of the Lord Mass @ 09.30
- 20th Induction Evening 3.30 – 5.30
- 21st Summer Disco 3.20 – 4.20 (Own clothes)
- 22nd May Procession in church 2pm

June

- 23rd Yr 1 Liturgy in school
- 26th Yr 5/6 Sports competition

July

- 1st Summer Fair
- 6th Yr 6 Production 6pm
- 7th EYFS Garden Liturgy
- 8th BEBCMAT Sports festival 1- 3pm
- 10th Reports sent out to parents
- 15th Swimming Gala
- 15th Parent Drop in session - reports
- 17th End of Year and Leavers Mass @ 09.30
- 17th No afterschool club

