



## St Kentigern's Catholic Primary School

### Spring 2 Newsletter 2026

#### ***"Treat Others As You Want To Be Treated"***

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*As we approach the Easter break, we take a moment to reflect on the importance of this special season of Lent—a time of prayer, sacrifice, and renewal. Over the past week, our children have taken part in thoughtful and reverent assemblies during Holy Week, helping us all to pause and reflect on the life of Jesus and the love and sacrifice he showed for us. These moments together have been both moving and meaningful, and we are very proud of how respectfully and beautifully the children have engaged.*

*We encourage you, where possible, to share in this special time as a family. Please do keep an eye on the times of Easter Masses at St Kentigern's Church, as these celebrations offer a wonderful opportunity to come together in faith and reflection.*

*This half term has been another busy and productive one in school. The children have worked incredibly hard, showing enthusiasm, resilience, and kindness in all that they do. Whether through their learning in the classroom, their participation in wider school activities, or the way they support one another, they continue to make us proud each and every day.*

*We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you, our parents and carers, for your ongoing support and encouragement. The partnership between home and school makes such a difference to the children's experience, and we are truly grateful for all that you do.*

*As we move into the Easter break, we hope this time brings you moments of rest, joy, and togetherness with your families. May it also be a time of peace and renewal for you all.*

*We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on 13th April, refreshed and ready for the new term.*

*Wishing you all a happy, holy, and peaceful Easter.*

*Mrs Murray*

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

## **Catholic Life**

We began this half term with a staff training day, which gave us valuable time to reflect on how we continue to embed Catholic Social Teaching into our daily school life. This is an area we are developing further through pupil voice, giving children greater opportunities to lead, shape, and deepen their understanding of their faith and how it calls us to act.

Our school choir had the wonderful opportunity to join other Blackpool Catholic schools for an evening of Lenten reflection, where they performed a truly moving hymn. It was a special occasion that allowed our children to come together in faith and prayer with the wider Catholic community.

At the start of Lent, each class made Lenten promises, which are now proudly displayed around school. These reflect the children's commitment to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Throughout the weeks of Lent, the children have explored how they can share and spread the message of Jesus through acts of kindness and generosity, supporting a range of local, national, and international charities. We are very grateful for your continued support during this time.

During Holy Week, we journeyed together through the story of Jesus. Our Reception children began by sharing the story of Palm Sunday, leading through to the powerful retelling of the Resurrection by our Year 6 pupils. It has been a deeply moving and reflective week for our whole school community.

We are also proud of our children who are currently preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. They continue to work closely with catechists, supporting them on their spiritual journey and helping them grow in their faith.



## **Mother's Day Celebrations**

Thank you to all the wonderful mothers who were able to join us for our Mother's Day celebrations. It was truly lovely to see so many of you in school, sharing in such a special occasion with the children.

We would also like to extend our thanks to those who were unable to attend due to work or other commitments. Please know that you were very much in our thoughts, and we appreciate you just as much.

You are all incredibly valued, and we are so grateful for the love, care, and support you give to your children each and every day.



## **World Book Day**

It was wonderful to see so many children come into school on World Book Day, dressed as their favourite book characters or in their cosy pyjamas, ready to enjoy a day of reading.

Throughout the day, the children immersed themselves in the magic and mystery of books, becoming captivated by the imaginative worlds and adventures that stories can bring to life. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm and engagement as they explored new texts and shared their love of reading with one another.

As a school, we are incredibly proud of the strong love of reading that so many of our children have developed. Fostering this passion is something we value deeply, as it opens doors to creativity, knowledge, and lifelong learning.



## **Science Week**

This year, Blessed Edward Bamber Science Week was proudly hosted at St Kentigern's, bringing together many schools from across our Trust to celebrate science and all it inspires in our children.

British Science Week takes place annually in March, with a different theme each year, encouraging children to develop a deeper interest in science and a curiosity about the world around them. This year's theme, "*Curiosity – What's My Question?*", has sparked fantastic enthusiasm across the school.

We began the week with a whole-school assembly, introducing the exciting activities planned. Each class has been exploring their own curiosity question, with a wide range of fascinating topics such as: *What makes the best design for an aeroplane?*, *How can you tell how old a shark is?*, *What is the best design for a vehicle to travel on another planet?*, and *Can you grow plants on the moon?*

Adding to the excitement, our Year 6 "roving reporters" visited each class to find out what the children have been learning, helping to share ideas and celebrate the wonderful work taking place across the school.

As part of Science Week, we also launched a whole-school competition, inviting children to investigate a question that interests them. It was fantastic to see so many thoughtful and creative questions being shared and some amazing inventions.



## **Talent Show Success**

What an amazing night we had last Friday in March! We were treated to 14 spectacular acts that entertained us throughout the evening, showcasing the incredible talents of our pupils. Our judges certainly had a very difficult job choosing the winners, as each performance was unique and impressive.

After much deliberation, three acts were selected—but we would like to say that every single participant is a winner.

We are so proud of all the children who took part. Their confidence, courage, and enthusiasm made the evening truly special and one to remember.



### **After school clubs**

Monday - Tag Rugby - Yrs 3, 4 & 5

Choir will continue on a Monday

Tuesday - Athletics - Year 5

Wednesday - Cricket - Year 3 and 4

We also run clubs with the day for our younger children to be involved in.

### **Family Support**

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

A dark blue banner for Blackpool Family Hubs. On the left, the text reads "Blackpool Family Hubs" in white and colorful letters, followed by "Spring timetable" in large white font, and "6 April to 31 July 2026" below it. On the right, there is a QR code with the text "SCAN ME" below it. Above the QR code, it says "Scan to head to the online timetable where you'll find session descriptions" with a white arrow pointing to the QR code.

We look forward to welcoming the children back for another exciting and faith-filled half term at St Kentigern's on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 8.40am

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

### **Upcoming Dates**

## **April**

13<sup>th</sup> New term – school opens at 8.40am

16<sup>th</sup> St Bernadette Saints Day (Green)

23<sup>rd</sup> League Football Match

28<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 class Mass with Yr 2 @ 09.30

28<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion Meeting

## **May**

4<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday

5<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> Yr 2 Walk to the Seaside – Geography enhancement

11<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 SATS week

14<sup>th</sup> Ascension of Lord Mass at 11am

18<sup>th</sup> Sports day, Stanley Park – more details to follow

14<sup>th</sup> Ascension of the Lord Mass @ 09.30

20<sup>th</sup> Induction Evening 3.30 – 5.30

21<sup>st</sup> Summer Disco 3.20 – 4.20 (Own clothes)

22<sup>nd</sup> May Procession in church 2pm

## **June**

8<sup>th</sup> School opens 08.40am

11<sup>th</sup> Yr 5 St Marys experience day

22<sup>nd</sup> Other religions week in school

23<sup>rd</sup> Yr 1 Liturgy in school

26<sup>th</sup> Yr 5/6 Sports competition

## **July**

1<sup>st</sup> Summer Fair

6<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Production 6pm

7<sup>th</sup> EYFS Garden Liturgy

8<sup>th</sup> BEBCMAT Sports festival 1- 3pm

- 10<sup>th</sup> Reports sent out to parents
- 15<sup>th</sup> Swimming Gala
- 15<sup>th</sup> Parent Drop in session - reports
- 17<sup>th</sup> End of Year and Leavers Mass @ 09.30
- 17<sup>th</sup> No afterschool club

