



School Newsletter

With Christ we live, we love, we learn and we grow

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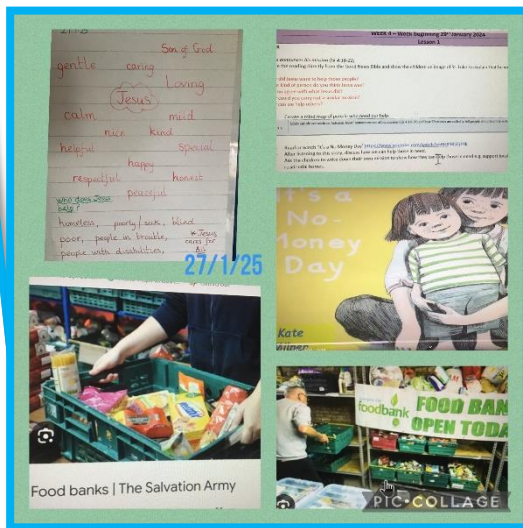
Dear parents and carers,

We have come to the end of the spring first half-term. The children have worked very hard and done themselves proud. They have earned their week of rest. We look forward to seeing them all back here on Monday 24th February.

Parents' Evenings

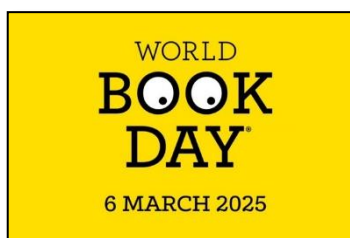
Thank you all for coming to the parents' evenings this week. I hope you found them informative and thank you to the teachers for your time and effort.

Well done Year 1 children, parents and staff!



Mrs Cahalin asked me to share something with you something lovely that Y1 and their parents have been doing. *In our RE lesson, we read the book 'It's a no money day' about a family having to visit a food bank. We decided that we wanted to live out Jesus' mission and give to our own local food bank, so Y1 brought tins and food packets in. We collected 5 full bags and I am thrilled at the generosity of our pupils and families. See the picture above of the delivery of food bags to Friday Street Food bank in Chorley. The children have lived out their Catholic values in order to help others.*

World Book Day – message from Miss Hesketh



We will be celebrating our love of books on World Book Day, which takes place on **Thursday, 6th March**. This year, the theme is *Bedtime Stories* and we will be having a **Pyjama Day!**

Children can wear their favourite pyjamas, onesies, loungewear, joggings bottoms, T-shirts (but still with suitable shoes for outdoors). It's not necessary to buy anything special for the day - the children can just wear what they would normally wear when relaxing with a book! Of course, please can we ask that no face paints, crazy hairstyles or outfits other than mentioned above are worn. However, if your child wants to wear their normal school uniform, that is perfectly okay.

Don't forget that they should also bring their favourite bedtime story. Children can always borrow a book from the school library or their class library on the day if needed.

Thanks for your continued support. Best wishes, Miss Hesketh.

St Mary's Pupil Parliament - The Department for Environment

On **Wednesday 26th February**, the Department for Environment children are leading a whole school assembly based on World Wildlife Day. The theme is "*Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet*". They have decided they would like to invest in their small area of our planet by creating bee and bug hotels on our school site to conserve bees and butterflies that may be on our school grounds.

In order to do this they ask that, on Wednesday the 26th, all pupils come into school wearing an animal themed accessory. This could be an animal print headband, animal ears, socks, a jumper with an animal on etc... **Please note this is not non-uniform day**, so please make sure the item is worn in addition to the usual school uniform. In exchange for wearing this accessory please can pupils bring in a voluntary contribution of £1 so this can go towards the pupils being able to develop their own bee and butterfly hotels on our school site. Thank you, Mrs Nicklin and the Department for Environment children (Winter, Nathaniel, Alice, Felix and Lilah).

Online Safety parent and carer session link

Please see link to an online safety session for parents and carers.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1BxcZWQ4XcUonNO8C1v-auZq65-AZx9gH?usp=sharing>

There is also embedded a copy of the video on our website for those who would prefer to watch it via a browser or share this link: <https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/online-safety-parent-session-jan-2025/>

Runshaw College Drama Department Visit

A big thank you to Runshaw College's drama department who visited us this week. They were amazing! They did two performances: one performance based on a popular children's story for the EYFS/KS1, *The Witch's Cat* by Sonica Ellis and the other performance an original piece based on a historical theme: *King Arthur & the Knights of the Round Table* for KS2.



The Big Uniform Event

We have been asked to publicise the big uniform event at Inspire Youth Zone, Chorley, this Saturday.

Tax-free childcare

One of our governors shared some information with me last year to pass on to parents and carers - here is a reminder, in case your circumstances have changed.:

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year). For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both. You can use Tax-Free Childcare for: childminders, nurseries and nannies and after school clubs and play schemes. <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>



Chorley, St Mary's Attendance League

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CURRENT POSITION	CLASS	CURRENT %
1st	YEAR 6	98.38
2nd	YEAR 1	97.66
3rd	YEAR 2	97.42
4th	YEAR 3	97.31
5th	YEAR 5	97.23
6th	YEAR 4	97.21
7th	RECEPTION	96.29

Well done **Y1** on your **100%** attendance this week!

Star of the Week 14.02.25

Class	Name	Star of the week for... Value of the week for showing value of nurture Dojo Champion
Nursery	s Indie	For a Super effort in her literacy work
	v Millie	Always being truthful
	Dojo Dojo - Rosie	
R	s Darcey	For super effort with reading and spelling in phonics
	v George B	For always being truthful and honest
	Dojo Rayne	
Y1	s Maddy	Excellent writing with careful spelling.
	v Laura	Always being honest and able to tell the truth.
	Dojo Tommy	
Y2	s Zara	Super progress in writing
	v Robert	Demonstrating truthfulness
	Dojo Thomas	
Y3	s Lilah	Excellent effort in all subjects.
	v Poppy	For being truthful and honest.
Y4	s Rebecca B	For her wonderful homework where she designed an invention for an engineering competition.
	v George H	For always being honest.
Y5	s Kristian	For trying extremely hard in all of his writing activities, especially his story based on 'Journey to the River Sea'.
	v India	For always being relied upon to tell the truth.
Y6	s Sophie B	Always working hard in everything she does
	v Alice G	Being honest in sport

PTFA future dates

PTFA Meeting - Tuesday 29th April - time to be confirmed

Ladies Party Night - Friday 27th June - St Mary's Parish Centre

Best wishes, Patrick Smyth 14.02.25



Preston Caribbean Carnival and Lancashire Archives event



We are excited to announce that we are holding an open day on 19 February 2025 at Lancashire Archives, Bow Lane, Preston to promote our Carnival Exhibition and Lancashire Archives work. Please find your invitation attached and feel free to pass it on to other interested parties.

The event is open to anyone including the public so please drop by and bring your family and friends. It is an informal event and includes dance demos by local dance troupes (outside and weather permitting), volunteers in carnival costume, children's creative activity, try on a carnival headdress and of course access to the exhibition. You will be able to chat to the carnival committee and the archive staff who can talk you through the exhibition and facilities available.

We look forward to seeing you, please drop by any time between 11am and 2pm. Parking is available on site

