

Our Newsletter



31st January 2025

Pilgrims of Hope

Last Friday, all Catholic schools around the world launched the Year of Hope. Pope Francis has called this Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'. It's an invitation to renew our hope, a hope which comes from knowing that God loves each one of us, whoever we are.

Pope Francis asks us to be signs of hope for others, by putting Catholic Social Teaching into action through caring for our common home and supporting our sisters and brothers who are experiencing war, hunger or poverty.

We know that the world is facing many of these challenges...but you are one of millions of people who are joining together in the Jubilee year, to bring the light of hope and the message of God's love to every part of the world!

We can all be Pilgrims of Hope (in 2025), so let's start our journey right now! Pope Francis says:

"By our actions, our words, the decisions we make each day, our patient efforts to sow seeds of beauty and kindness wherever we find ourselves, we want to sing of hope...and reawaken in every heart the joy and the courage to embrace life to the full."

Throughout this year we will be working with our worship leaders & Laudato Si groups to plan events, activities and ways of helping our local community. This way we can share our 'Hope' with each other.



Jesus the Teacher

During worship or RE we sometimes use a piece of art to help reflect on God's word. The type of art shown here is called an icon. An icon is a sacred piece of art because it helps us to pray.

The art work above is by an artist (Mulugeta Araya) from Ethiopia and has been specially created for the Jubilee. It reminds us of the Jubilee's focus on freedom for those who suffer because they are facing poverty, or are in prison, or because they are experiencing war, unfairness or inequality.

On Monday the children were asked the following questions to discuss and reflect upon.

WHO is in the picture?

HOW do we know?

WHAT is Jesus doing?

WHY has the artist used these symbols?

What do you think God is saying to you today? How can we work together to bring good news of hope and love?

Lord, Open our eyes
so that we can see you.
Open our ears
so that we can hear your word.
Open our hearts
so that we can love you and others
more and more. Amen.



Upcoming Events

February

- 6th February- Yr 3/4 Table Tennis @ 4pm GCA
PTA disco & AGM
- 14th February – Reports out to parents (interim)
Wren class mass @ 10am
School closes for half term - 3.25pm
- 24th February- INSET (school closed for children)
- 25th February- School re-opens
- 27th February- Yr 5/6 Boys handball @ 4pm GCA
- 28th February- Heron class mass @ 10am

PTA Events

- 6th February- PTA Disco & AGM
- 7th March- Non-uniform Day in exchange for Mother's Day gifts
- 21st March- Non-uniform Day in exchange for Easter eggs
- 28th March- Mother's Day wrapping
- 28th March- Easter Bingo

Please support these family friendly events

March

- 3rd March- New value- forgiveness
- 4th March- U11 netball match 4pm @ YMCA
- 6th March- World Book Day (information to follow soon)
- 7th March- Non-uniform day for Mother's Day gifts
Owl class mass @ 10am
- 13th March- Last Choir Standing Competition
Year 5/6 table tennis 4pm @ GCA
- 14th March- Robin class mass @ 10am
- 19th March- Owl visit to Lancaster Maritime Museum
- 21st March- Non- uniform Day Easter Eggs
- 24th March- Last week for clubs
- 27th March- Girls Y5/6 Handball 4pm @ GCA
- 28th March- Mothers Day gifts & Easter Bingo
Whole school Lenten Mass
- 1st April- Parents Meeting 2.00pm
- 2nd April- Reconciliation Liturgy
- 3rd April- Owl Easter Reflection 9.30am (all welcome in Church)
- 3rd April -Tag Rugby Festival Y5/6 4pm @ GCA
- 4th April- School closes for Easter 1pm

Blue Badge Awards (Care & Compassion):

Wren – Leroy W

Robin – Jasper A

Owl – Jake T

Heron – Hannah T

Rising Star Awards (History / Geography):

Wren – Seb A

Robin – Lily B

Owl – Jenson P

Heron – Oscar P

Marvellous Writer:

Wren – Hannah B

Robin – Sophia F

Owl – Maia W

Heron – Holly-Mae A

Weekly attendance percentages

■ Classes

