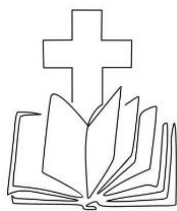




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## GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

# FORGIVENESS

LISTEN to the Word of God

### THE PRODIGAL SON

Jesus continued, "There was once a man who had two sons. The younger one said to him, 'Father, give me my share of the property now.' So the man divided his property between his two sons...

So he got up and started back to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him; his heart was filled with pity, and he ran, threw his arms round his son and kissed him."

Luke 15: 1 - 20

RESPOND to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ How did the father show forgiveness to his son?
- ♥ Why do you think the older brother was upset?
- ♥ What does this story teach us about God's love and forgiveness?

GO FORTH with a mission from the Word of God

SAY SORRY to someone you have hurt and upset.  
FORGIVE SOMEONE who has upset you, even if it's hard.

SHOW KINDNESS to someone who has made a mistake.

CELEBRATE when someone makes a fresh start or tries to do better.



The Wednesday Word is an outreach which shares Sunday's Gospel with all school families in a unique way. [Click here](#) for this week's latest Wednesday Word to discuss with your loved ones at home.

## HOUSE POINTS

*"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."*

*St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)*

Every child from Nursery to Year 6 has been assigned to one of our four houses:

St George, St Margaret, St David, or St Brigid. Children can earn house points for going above and beyond, especially when they demonstrate our Gospel values:

Be Ready to Learn → Diligence

Be Resilient → Courage / Perseverance

Be Respectful → Respect

Be Responsible → Responsibility

Each week, points are totalled, and the winning house enjoys an extra playtime. The house with the highest total at the end of the half term will celebrate with a special afternoon celebration.

THIS WEEK'S WINNING HOUSE IS...

**ST GEORGE**

### SPRING 2

	St George	St Margaret	St David	St Brigid
Week 1				
Week 2				
Week 3				
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
TOTAL POINTS	253	225	252	265



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We are delighted to celebrate the personal achievements of our children this week! Each of these stars has been carefully chosen by their teachers for a variety of reasons—whether it's demonstrating outstanding behaviour, producing an excellent piece of work, mastering a tricky concept, showing kindness to others, or going above and beyond in so many ways.

In all they do, these children are shining examples of our school motto: "Only my best will do. Be kind to one another." Through their efforts and actions, they live out our Catholic values each day, inspiring those around them. As Pope Francis reminds us, "Each of us is a masterpiece of God's creation."  
Well done to all our shining stars!

CLASS	STAR OF THE WEEK
Nursery	Raiyyan
Reception	Amelia
Year 1	Maliq
Year 2	Kholoud
Year 3	Harry
Year 4	Eliza
Year 5	Cavani
Year 6	Lauren

	NAME
	Sonny & Nelly
	CLASS
	Year 3 & Year 1

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

The national expectation for attendance is 97% and above, but at our school, we aim even higher!

Guided by our values of care and responsibility, we monitor attendance and punctuality every day, working together as a school community to support our children in being present and engaged.

By attending school regularly, our children can make the most of every learning opportunity and flourish in their talents and abilities.

	Weekly Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)	Attendance to date
Reception	92.8%	8	95.8%
Year 1	93.6%	3	93.2%
Year 2	91.3%	6	93.4%
Year 3	95.8%	0	96.2%
Year 4	96.7%	7	96.8%
Year 5	93.9%	16	92.4%
Year 6	94.8%	7	95.4%
Total	94.1%	47	94.7%

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CLASS OF THE WEEK - ATTENDANCE STARS							
	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 1					★		
Week 2	★			★			
Week 3					★		
Week 4							
Week 5							
Week 6							

We know that regular attendance has a direct impact on children's progress, confidence and wellbeing and we are committed to working together to improve this.

To support this, rather than waiting until the end of term to highlight achievement, we recognise 100% attendance of the week! Any child who achieves 100% attendance for the week will be invited to choose a reward from the class attendance prize box. We fully understand that children will sometimes be unwell and must remain at home when necessary. By recognising 100% attendance each week, we hope to provide more achievable milestones for our pupils.



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## TERM DATES 2025 - 2026

Below are important dates for your reference in which children do **NOT** attend school

<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026

<b>BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026

<b>INSET 3 - STAFF TRAINING</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026

<b>INSET 4 - STAFF TRAINING</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026

<b>SUMMER - MAY HALF TERM</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2026

<b>INSET 5 - STAFF TRAINING</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026

<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July - 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026

Please ensure you check term dates carefully before booking any holidays as they will not be authorised.

<b>TERM DATES 2026 - 2027</b>
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## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We're excited to share the schedule of events for this term! Our aim is to give parents | carers plenty of notice so you can join in at family events (highlighted in yellow) and support your children whenever possible.

Information regarding specific child attendance, timings & location of events etc will be shared with families privately via school APP ClassDoJo.

Please note that there may be additional activities, workshops, or competitions throughout the term that are not listed here yet, as we are waiting for confirmation of some events.

We aim to keep you updated as soon as new information becomes available.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR - SCHOOL WEBSITE

Date	Year Group	Event
16.03.2026	Y6	PGL Residential
16.03.2026	Selected Pupils	City Cross Country Championships
19.03.2026	Selected Pupils	British Gymnastics Championships
19.03.2026	Y5	The Big Money Lesson
23.03.2026	Y6	Faith in Action
24.03.2026	Selected Pupils	LSSP KSI & KS2 Dance Festival
24.03.2026	Y4	Monthly Mass
25.03.2026	Nursery - Y6	World Maths Day
25.03.2026	Y4	Stay & Pray Family Session
26.03.2026	Y4	With You Always: First Holy Communion Session 2
26.03.2026	Selected Pupils	City Cross Country Championships
27.03.2026	EYFS	Nursery & Reception Read with Me
30.03.2026	R - Y6	Stations of the Cross: 1-4 (Y3)
31.03.2026	R - Y6	Stations of the Cross: 5 - 8 (Y4)
01.04.2026	R - Y6	Stations of the Cross: 9 - 12 (Y5)
02.04.2026	R- Y6	Passion Play: 1 - 14 (Y6)
02.04.2026	R - Y6	END OF TERM: 1.15PM

<b>EXTRA-CURRICULAR INFORMATION - SCHOOL WEBSITE</b>
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<b>HOLY COMMUNION WITH YOU ALWAYS PROGRAMME - SCHOOL WEBSITE</b>
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### MRS J MCCORMICK'S CELEBRATION SHOUT-OUTS

*"Fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honourable."*

*Philippians 4:8*

Each week, I love to take a moment to celebrate and give a little shout-outs to children, staff or classes who have really shone this week. It might be for showing kindness, living out our school motto, working hard in their learning, being a brilliant team member, or simply making a positive difference in our school community. It's such a pleasure to recognise the efforts and kindness that make our school a special place.

#### SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week brought a real buzz to our school this week.. From testing toast theories to building boats that float, the week was full of children tested theories, built boats, made predictions, and proudly shared their discoveries with anyone who would listen! I also enjoyed listening to children talk about scientists that they had researched and how science is used in our daily lives. It was lovely to welcome families into school on Thursday as part of family learning session. A huge thank you to Ms Tabone for organising such a great week of investigations which promoted children's curiosity and enhanced learning!

#### FUN RUNS WITH MR HARDIMAN

Our KS2 children have loved their "fun runs" (as the children called them) on the Astroturf this week, enjoying the chance to get outside, move and challenge themselves. There's been a brilliant buzz around school on Thursday & Friday when Mr Hardiman has appeared alongside Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, ready to collect the children. We're really grateful for his time and support he gives to preparing our pupils for upcoming athletic events, especially cross-country and the summer athletics after Easter. His encouragement is really appreciated!

#### BIG LENT WALK

All our children, from Nursery right through to Year 6, took part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk today, filling the school and astroturf with energy and a real sense of purpose. It was lovely watching children encourage each other as everyone completed their walk, knowing they were helping to raise money for CAFOD's work around the world. The atmosphere was joyful and community-minded... exactly the spirit we hope to nurture during Lent.

#### RECEPTION - MOTHERING SUNDAY ASSEMBLY

We ended our week with a truly heart-warming moment as our Reception children led a beautiful Mothering Sunday assembly. The highlight was our children's hand-drawn portraits of all the special ladies in their lives... mums, nans, aunties. One by one, the children shared what they treasure most about these important women, reminding us just how blessed they are to be surrounded by so much kindness and care. A moment that touched me was a little girl saying she loves it when her mum calls her "sunshine" and it felt so fitting, because that is exactly what our children are to us, and what we hope to be for them. Reception ended their assembly with a sweet rendition of 'You Are My Sunshine' and a well-deserved chocolate treat for all the wonderful ladies who joined us. We hope all our mums, nans, aunties, godmother's etc have a lovely, relaxing day on Sunday... our children are blessed to have you in their lives!



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### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

*"Encourage one another and help one another, just as you are now doing." - 1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Our school is a hive of activity, with every class busy learning, exploring and growing together.

Each week, we share highlights from every class - this could be linked to exciting learning in a particular subject, positive behaviour, teamwork, kindness, creativity or a special achievement that the children are proud of. Take a look below to see what has made each class shine this week!

#### NURSERY

Ms Alderton & Ms Williams

This week Nursery enjoyed exploring the story "Jack and the Beanstalk". We have looked at lots of fun activities linking to our story. In maths we helped Jack climb the beanstalk all the way to number 10 counting in sequence! Well done.

#### RECEPTION

Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds

This week Reception have enjoyed exploring the question 'How do birds build their nests?' as part of British Science Week. We read the story 'The Best Nest' and had lots of fun with our grown ups to build our own nests.

We are also really proud of Reception for their fantastic Mothering Sunday Assembly Performance. Well Done!

#### YEAR 1

Ms Tabone, Ms Chan & Ms McKeown

. Year 1 have had another busy week this week. We thank you again for such great parental support for our Science week experiment for British Science Week! In RE, the children have been focusing on Jesus teaching in the Temple, thinking of lots of different examples of what things Jesus may have been teaching about. We really enjoyed taking part in our Big Lent Walk!

#### YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms Alderton, Mr Morton & Ms McKeown

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their science investigation for British Science Week - What design makes the best paper aeroplane? In RE, the class listened to the story of 'Jesus Calms A Storm' (Luke 8: 22 - 25) and talked about having faith. Today the children were excited to participate in the Big CAFOD Lent Walk, raising money for this worthwhile charity.

#### YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway

This week, Year 3 enjoyed learning about the Eucharist and taking part in the Big Lent Walk. We were also excited to welcome our parents into the classroom to join us for a science experiment as part of British Science Week. It was wonderful to share our learning together and explore science.

#### YEAR 4

Ms Perez & Ms Bullen

This week Year 4 have begun writing a Twisted Fairytale narrative, and it has been lovely to hear their unique endings to classic fairytales like Little Red Riding Hood. We also enjoyed having our parents join us for an exciting Science experiment for British Science Week, where we investigated the best material for a hankie.

#### YEAR 5

Ms Rozycka, Mrs L McCormick, Mrs Maguire & Mrs Xhafa

This week, Year 5 have wired hard to complete their big write: a character narrative. We were finally able to finish our book, 'The Promise' and find out what happened to the main character!

We were so proud of the children representing our school in the Cross-Country team this week! Finally, Friday ended in a very exciting lesson in science, looking at how plants reproduce.

#### YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

Year 6 have enjoyed continuing with our Maths and English topics this week, with our Documentary Narratives on wolves sounding super and our hard work with the Ratio unit! Some of the class represented St Sebastian's at Cross Country on Tuesday and their sportsmanship and resilience was admirable! The toast experiment for Science Week was fun too! We had so much fun taking part in the Big Lent Walk today.