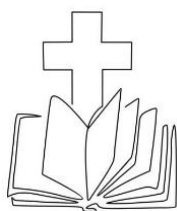




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GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

NEW LIFE

LISTEN to the Word of God

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"
Luke 19:28-38

RESPOND to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ How do we make space in our home and our hearts to welcome Jesus as our King today?
- ♥ Where do we see signs of new life—hope, kindness, change—growing in our family right now?
- ♥ The crowd celebrated Jesus with joy. What is something we can thank or praise God for this week?
- ♥ Jesus entered Jerusalem knowing it would lead to sacrifice and new life. What small step can each of us take to follow Him more closely?

GO FORTH with a mission from the Word of God

LIVING AS PEOPLE WHO WELCOME THE KING

Choose one small action each day that says, "Jesus, You are welcome here" a prayer, a moment of quiet, or an act of kindness. Look for one person who needs encouragement and offer a word, message, or gesture that brings hope.



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 DAVID

SPRING 2

	St George	St Margaret	St David	St Brigid
Week 1				
Week 2				
Week 3				
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
TOTAL POINTS	328	320	355	354




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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	Bethlehem
Reception	Pjan
Year 1	Zia
Year 2	Jude
Year 3	Nisan
Year 4	Ethan
Year 5	Allegra
Year 6	Y6!

	NAME
	Krishoan
	CLASS
	Year 5

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	90.7%	6	95.6%
Year 1	90.7%	3	93.1%
Year 2	89.3%	11	93.2%
Year 3	91.7%	2	96.1%
Year 4	93.7%	6	96.7%
Year 5	91.0%	11	92.4%
Year 6	91.0%	0	95.2%
Total	91.1%	39	94.6%

SPRING TERM 1 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

EASTER HOLIDAYS
Friday 3 rd April - Friday 10 th April 2026

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
Monday 4 th May 2026

INSET 3 - STAFF TRAINING
Friday 5 th June 2026

INSET 4 - STAFF TRAINING
Monday 8 th June 2026

SUMMER - MAY HALF TERM
Monday 25 th May - Thursday 4 th June 2026

INSET 5 - STAFF TRAINING
Monday 20 th July 2026

SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 21 st July - 31 st August 2026

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

TERM DATES 2026 - 2027

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
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
13.04.2026	Y1	LSSP Balance-ability
13.04.2026	Y6	Faith in Action
16.04.2026	Y4	With You Always: First Holy Communion Session 3
20.04.2026	Y1	LSSP Balance-ability
21.04.2026	Selected Pupils	Great Big Dance Off Competition

EXTRA-CURRICULAR INFORMATION - SCHOOL WEBSITE

HOLY COMMUNION WITH YOU ALWAYS PROGRAMME - SCHOOL WEBSITE



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

This week's attendance figures are concerning and the table included in this newsletter shows that several classes are not meeting expected national standard. Attendance remains a priority for our school and we need every family's support to help us improve it.

Following half-term, we introduced our new 100% Weekly Attendance Prize Box and the children responded brilliantly in the first week. However, attendance has unfortunately declined since then and we must work together to reverse this trend.

Attendance is not only vital for children's learning and progress – it is also a significant assessment factor during external inspections. If a school's attendance is not at the expected national standard, it can directly downgrade the overall inspection judgement, particularly in areas such as behaviour and achievement. Inspectors look closely at absence patterns, punctuality and the actions taken by both school and families.

We fully appreciate that children may be genuinely unwell at times, this is completely understandable. However, frequent or avoidable absences mean children miss out on essential learning, routines and social development. It is also important to remember that persistent poor attendance is considered a safeguarding concern, as it may indicate that a child is not accessing the support and stability they need.

**WE ARE ASKING ALL PARENTS AND CARERS TO WORK WITH US TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE.
EVERY DAY IN SCHOOL TRULY MATTERS.**

If any parents or carers have feedback, ideas or suggestions about anything else the school could do to support improved attendance, we would be very grateful to hear them. By working together, we can ensure every child has the best possible chance to succeed, thrive and enjoy their education.



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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.

Y6 PGL RESIDENTIAL

Our Year 6 children have enjoyed a truly unforgettable week at PGL Winmarleigh Hall, returning home full of stories, laughter and pride. Although the rain welcomed them on Monday, the sunshine quickly took over and stayed with them for the rest of their adventure. It has been a week completely free from technology, giving the children the rare chance to switch off, be fully present, stay active and simply enjoy being outdoors with their friends. They embraced every challenge with enthusiasm—from high-ropes and obstacle courses to the activity that became a clear favourite with absolutely everyone: canoeing. Evenings brought their own magic, with the glow of the campfire and the excitement of the silent disco creating memories they will treasure for years. The days have been long and jam-packed, but the children's energy, teamwork and resilience have shone through. My heartfelt thanks go to Ms Kaur, Mrs Rabbette, Mr Fitzpatrick and Ms Bullen for giving their time, care and dedication to make this residential such a success. We know the children have been missed at home and at school, and we hope you enjoy a wonderful weekend catching up with them and hearing all about their fun-filled adventures.

BRITISH GYMNASTICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

It was lovely to hear feedback from selected KS2 children who visited the M&S Bank Arena on Thursday, alongside Mrs L McCormick & Ms Williams, to watch the British Gymnastics Championships. They were captivated by the incredible talent and athleticism on display and represented our school with maturity, enthusiasm and pride. A brilliant opportunity for them to be inspired by some of the very best in the sport.

CROSS-COUNTRY CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

A massive well done to our brilliant runners who took part in the Cross-Country City Championships at Wavertree on Monday. Both our Y4 and Y5 boys and girls ran superbly, showing real determination and spirit. A special congratulations to Alba (Y4) who finished 2nd, and Valentina (Y5) who finished 3rd in their races. We are incredibly proud of our girls' squad, who achieved an outstanding 2nd place overall for small schools in the entire competition.

BIG MONEY LESSON

A huge well done to our Year 5 pupils who took part in the Big Money Lesson - Money Ready this week. The children were fully engaged throughout the session, developing important life skills around budgeting, saving, spending wisely and understanding the value of money. They approached the activities with maturity, enthusiasm and plenty of thoughtful discussion.



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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

In nursery we have been exploring lifecycles! We learnt all about the lifecycle of a butterfly using the story "The Hungry Caterpillar" to help us understand each stage. We have enjoyed getting creative making our own caterpillars.

RECEPTION

Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds

Over the past few weeks, Reception have been engaging in a Fundamental Movement Programme with LSSP. It's been wonderful to see the children grow in confidence and learn new skills with the support of Coach Tom.

YEAR 1

Ms Tabone, Ms Chan & Ms McKeown

Year 1 have thought about our Celebration of the Word theme forgiveness this week, we looked at how we could use this in our everyday life. We have enjoyed the sunshine this week and explored around our woodland area, linking to our science topic of plants. We identified lots of different parts of a tree and some plants.

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms Alderton, Mr Morton & Ms McKeown

Year 2 has been such amazing researchers this week. We have been researching rainforest animals linked to our text in English "Grandad's Island". We then wrote our very own information paragraph about our chosen animal. Us adults all learnt such interesting new facts when reading them, brilliant work!

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway

This week we have enjoyed the sunshine and had the opportunity to take part in our Big Lent Walk. We had lots of fun being active together and thinking about how we can help others during the season of Lent. We have also been exploring the different stages of Mass. We focused especially on the Preparation of the Gifts and the Prayers over the Offerings, helping us to understand what happens during this special part of the Mass and why it is important.

YEAR 4

Ms Perez & Ms Bullen

This week, Year 4 led a lovely collective worship on Forgiveness, and we were so proud of our efforts and confidence. We have been practicing forgiveness and giving second chances both in school and at home. In Music, we have started to compose our own Anti-bullying raps, using rhythm and rhyme. We really enjoyed the opportunity to be creative!



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YEAR 5

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

This week, we have finally revealed the ending of the book 'The Promise' which we have been reading in English - the message was so inspirational!

In science, we learnt about the different life cycles of various animals, looking for similarities and differences between them.

In RE, we role-played conscience alley, trying to advise Judas what he should do whilst he considered betraying Jesus for silver coins.

Finally, we had a brilliant opportunity to take part in an online workshop called The Big Money Lesson where we learnt about the positives and dangers of saving and borrowing money. We even got a shout out for our great answers!

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

CHECK OUT CLASS DOJO FOR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK!