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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love of God, love of self and love of others

Friday 16th October 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week, we look forward to welcoming you into school for our parent consultations.

This is a valuable opportunity to celebrate the progress your children have already made since the start of the new school year and to discuss their achievements and next steps. By working together, we can continue to support every child to thrive and reach their full potential.

If you are unable to attend your appointment for any reason, please let your child's class teacher know so that an alternative time can be arranged.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Mr P Kenny
Head of School

Golden Book



Every Friday we have a Golden Assembly where one child from each class is recorded in the golden book in recognition of their excellent learning. Congratulations to the Pupils who were in the Golden Book this week. They are:

St Mary	**William**
St Nicholas	**Bodhi**
St Bernadette	**Harriet**
St Francis	**Samson**
St Teresa of Calcutta	**Conor**
St Oscar Romero	**Herli**
St Rose of Lima	**Ariella**
St Carlo Acutis	**Victoria**
St Josephine	**Michaela**

House Point Winners:

St Patrick	**249**
St David	**366**
St George	**367**
St Andrew	**223**

Congratulations to **St.George** our winners this week**.**

Catholic Life



This week's Gospel reminded us of the importance of attending Mass and coming together as a community of faith. Through the celebration of Mass, we have a special opportunity to grow closer to God, strengthen our relationship with Jesus and experience a little of the Kingdom of Heaven touching earth.
We encourage all our families to take time to attend Mass together, recognising the joy, and sense of belonging that sharing in the Eucharist can bring to our lives.

Learning Around School

On Wednesday, our Key Stage 1 children were treated to a very special assembly led by Mrs Kaba, who shared what Black History Month means to her and her family.
Mrs Kaba also shared her love of carnival and its colourful traditions, with some children having the opportunity to dress up in wonderful costumes before everyone joined in with some dancing!
It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to celebrate culture, diversity and the importance of sharing our experiences with one another.
A huge thank you to Mrs Kaba for such an enjoyable and memorable assembly. We know the other children

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will love experiencing it next week too!

St Oscar Romero Class Assembly

A huge well done to our Year 6 children, who led a fantastic assembly this week centred around the important theme of peace.

The children confidently showcased their learning from this term, sharing thoughtful messages about the importance of peace, kindness, understanding and working together.

It was a wonderful reminder of how we can all follow Jesus' example by being peacemakers in our school and wider community.

Well done, Year 6, and thank you to everyone who helped make the assembly such a success!

KS2 Pantheon Football

A huge well done to some of our KS2 children who represented St John Fisher at a mixed Panathlon football event this week, achieving a fantastic **second place!**

The children had a wonderful time representing our school and returned full of excitement and pride in their achievements. Their hard work, teamwork and enthusiasm certainly paid off! We are very proud of you all. Well done, everyone!

Black History Month - A Fantastic Achievement!

A few weeks ago, we shared details of a poetry competition being held to celebrate Black History Month, encouraging children to reflect, be creative and express themselves through poetry. We were delighted to hear this week that Arabella in Year 4 was announced as the winner with her brilliant poem, which you can read below. This is a wonderful achievement, and we are incredibly proud of Arabella for her creativity and effort.

A huge congratulations, **Arabella** – well done!

We are All God's Children

I'm only eight, but I've learnt something true,
That everyone is special, including me and you.
Our skin may be different, our hair may be too,
But God made each one of us beautiful and new.

Sometimes words can hurt,
And make someone feel small.
They can make you question
If you're enough at all.

But I want to remember,
When I'm feeling sad,
God made me just as I am,
And that makes me glad.

He doesn't see colours
And choose who is best.
He loves every child
And welcomes the rest.

So please choose your kindness,
Choose love every day.
Think before speaking
The hurtful things you might say.

Don't judge someone's skin,
Or make them feel low.
You don't know their story,
Or what they may know.

We are different like flowers
In a beautiful field,
But together our differences
Make our world healed.

So I'll stand up proudly,
With my head held high.
I know I am enough
And I know God is by my side.

Let's choose love over hate,
Let's choose kindness and care,
Because every child deserves
To feel safe everywhere.

And remember this always,
Whatever you do
God made me, God made you
And He loves us both too.

Arabella Yr 4



Year 3 + 4 Harvest Assembly

Next Thursday our Year 3 and 4 children will be leading our Harvest Assembly, beginning at **9:05 am**.



This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a school community, giving thanks for all that we have and reflecting on our Catholic Social Teaching principles, particularly the importance of caring for others, sharing what we have and working for the Common Good.

We kindly ask that all Harvest donations are brought into school **before next Wednesday**.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and continued support.

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Anglo-Saxon Adventure!

Today, our Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village, bringing their history learning to life!

The children had a wonderful opportunity to step back in time and experience how the Anglo-Saxons lived, exploring reconstructed homes and discovering more about everyday life during this fascinating period of history.

It was a brilliant day of hands-on learning, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone! A big thank you to all the staff and helpers who organised and supported the trip, making such a memorable experience!

Making A Difference!



We always love hearing about the wonderful things our pupils achieve outside of school and how they are making a positive difference in our wider community.

A huge well done to Myla in Year 4, who took part in the Great Ormond Street Hospital charity race in Hyde Park last weekend!

Myla completed the 2km run with ease and has already set herself an even bigger challenge – to run 5km next year!

We are very proud of you, **Myla**! Well done!

PTA News

AGM - Committee Members

Our AGM took place on 8th October and we're pleased to confirm this year's General Committee Members: Debbie Ellen, Kelsey Howard, Kristie Hutchinson, Loren Arlow, Lucy Hickford and Claire Williams. Treasurer: Sarah-Jane Huxley. Social Media Lead: Lauren Arnold.

AGM - PTA Financial Review

The PTA raised £3,602 profit last year which covered the final payment for the class laptops, PE t-shirts, Y6 hoodies, Science Week workshops and playground equipment. Some events are simply for the children to enjoy, like Elfridges, Santa's Grotto and Easter treats. This year we've funded Reception PE t-shirts and new netball posts. Costs are rising, but we're doing everything we can to make sure the children continue to have great experiences and special extras.

Social Media

Please follow us on Instagram to keep up with any PTA news.

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 21st October – Show Racism The Red Card. Wear Read

Wednesday 21st October – Parent Consultations

Thursday 22nd October – Parent Consultations

Friday 23rd October – **INSET DAY**

Wednesday 4th November – Nursery / Reception Prayer Reflections (Parents Welcome) 9:00am

Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Friday 20th November – INSET DAY

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