



*Love, live and learn
with Jesus Christ.*



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Dear Parents,

Friday 29th January 2024

Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has declared that 2025 will be a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church. Jubilee years are very special and will unite the church around the theme of 'Hope'. In order to prepare for this Jubilee, Pope Francis has declared 2024 a Year of Prayer. This week, pupils were introduced to the Year of Prayer during liturgy time.

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to get 'back to basics' during this year by focusing on The Lord's Prayer.

Throughout this year various prayer activities based around The Lord's Prayer will be taking place in school. **Why not make The Lord's Prayer part of your home prayer life?**



A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew

"When you are praying, don't say meaningless things like the unbelievers do, because they think they will be heard by being so wordy. 8 Don't be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Therefore, this is how you should pray:

'Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your kingdom come. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us. And never bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Gospel Virtues

This half term we are focused on living out the Gospel Virtues of COMPASSIONATE and LOVING. Pupils are growing to be **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by their just actions and forgiving words.

The following pupils have been spotted by staff members this week living out our focus virtues and have received a Gospel Virtues wristband from Mrs Noble-Barton: Lewis M (Y5), Lewis T (Y5), Ewan, Leo, Declan, Aeron, Herkus, Mila & Oliver C (Y4), Kitty (Y5), Elliot (Rec), Mabel (Y1), Avesta (Y6) & Laurence (Y2).

Wednesday Word

Please follow the link below to enjoy this week's Gospel as a family:

[Click HERE for the Wednesday Word](#)

Curriculum Workshops

So far this academic year we have had successful Curriculum Workshops for Year 6, Year 3, EYFS, Year 2 & Year 1. Dates of forthcoming workshops have been sent out but please find below a reminder:

- **Year 4 Tuesday 30/1 at 9am**
- **Year 5 Tuesday 6/2 at 9am**

Please try to attend so that you can work with your child. If work commitments mean that you can't attend, why not send a Grandparent instead.

Free Boldmere taster sessions - tennis

Please find attached a flyer about some free taster sessions available for your family.

This week's attendance

Let's find out which class/es had the best attendance this week.

Year group	% attendance for w/c 22.1.24	
Reception	93%	BELOW 95%
Year 1	92.7%	BELOW 95%
Year 2	96.7%	
Year 3	94.7%	BELOW 95%
Year 4	95.7%	
Year 5	94.7%	BELOW 95%
Year 6	96%	

Well done to this week's winners - Y2! They can negotiate their reward with Mrs Burling-Finn and Miss Smith.

Lighthouse Preschool

Places are still available for pre school children. If you are interested, please contact Carole Baird on 07590411118.

PFA News

Our PFA Chair, Mrs Sarah Hale, is undertaking a 100km charity trek in June to raise money for a cancer charity. What an incredibly brave thing to agree to! If you would like to support Mrs Hale in her fundraising you can visit her Just Giving page here:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-hale-1705005853499?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fsarah-hale-1705005853499&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Young Voices

Your Young Voices tickets have been sent via Parent Mail.

If your child is part of the Young Voices choir, please use this link to access the music room. Here, you will find backing tracks, lyric videos and the song sheets.

[Young Voices music room](#)

Our Young Voices choir will be performing in the school hall on Monday 4th March at 3:45pm. This will be a short ensemble for those who were unable to attend the concert at Resorts World. Please see Parent Mail for further details.

Years 5 & 6 Campfire stories - Thursday 29th February 2024

On Thursday 29th February, pupils in Years 5 & 6 are invited back into school at 4:45pm to share stories and toast marshmallows around the campfire. Pupils may wear pyjamas and bring a blanket but, as we are outside, these will need to be warm. Students can bring their favourite text to read and share with their friends. If you would like your child to attend, please respond to the form via Parent Mail. We look forward to seeing you there!

Years 3 & 4 Bedtime stories - Tuesday 12th March 2024

On Tuesday 12th March, pupils in Years 3 & 4 are invited back into school at 5pm to read stories in the hall. They can wear pyjamas and bring their favourite book, a teddy and a blanket. If you would like your child to attend, please respond to the form via Parent Mail. We look forward to seeing you there!

World Book Day - Thursday 7th March 2024

We will be celebrating World Book Day this year on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character or bring in a prop from their favourite book. They will take part in a variety of activities across the day including a live BBC lesson, creating a bookmark and sharing stories with their friends from different classes.

Dates for the diary

30/1/24	Year 6 trip to St Chad's Cathedral
30/1/24	Year 4 Curriculum Workshop (9am - 10.30am)
W/c 5/2	RSHE week across the school
23/2/24	Young Voices concert
24/2/24	EYFS & Year 6 Height/Weight checks by school nurse
29/2/24	Campfire stories - Yrs 5 & 6
4/3/24	Young Voices additional concert for other relatives
7/3/24	World Book Day
12/3/24	Bedtime stories - Yrs 3 & 4
19/3/24 and 20/3/24	KS2 Holy Week Services (Passion Play) at 9:10am - tickets only
26th & 27th March	Parents' Evenings
15/4/24	INSET Day - school closed to children
4/7/24	INSET Day - school closed to children
<u>PFA events</u>	
5/7/24	Summer Festival from 4pm-6pm

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God bless,

Mr Porter
Executive Principal

Mrs Noble-Barton
Head of School

Miss Smith
Assistant Head