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Value of the Week
Compassion

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'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you.'

Ephesians 4:32

Holy Communion Celebration Day

This week our Year 5 children had a special day celebrating together their First Holy Communion



Yr 4 Holy Communion Programme

Two of our Year 4 children started their 'With You Always' programme this week, visiting church for session number one. The remaining two classes will begin the programme next week. Please ensure you have enrolled for the programme if you wish for your child to receive the

sacrament this summer. Remember that you and your child need to commit to attend mass at least once a month. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Eden in 4CD on your fantastic dance show.

Melissa in 6SA, swam for Merseyside East Cadets last weekend. She competed against people throughout the North West in Blackpool. She won gold in breast stroke and individual medley; silver in backstroke and bronze in the team relay.

What a superstar.



Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure (Please refer to key later in the newsletter)
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3CF	Freddie	Harry	Jasmine	
3GT	Amelia	Isabella C	Millie	
3HM	Hattie	Francis	Jaxon	
3ST	Ethan	Anna	Frankie	
4CD	Michael	Grace	Nancy	
4HW	Alex	Isla	Charlie	
4KH	Sienna-May	Brody	Lucas	
4SC	Esha	Niamh	Finley H	
5AH	Thomas	Ayden	Scarlett W	
5JK	Christian	Armaan	Nell	
5KL	Amelia K	Aryana	Amelia M	
5PS	Olivia	Amelia	Jack	
6AC	Daniel	Josh	Shreya	
6JP	Theo	Ava	George	
6LT				
6SA	Sonny	Melissa	Mason	

Attendance for the whole school is %

Dinnertime winners: 3ST, 4SC, 5KL, 6JP

Attendance

One of our school priorities this year is to raise attendance and to reduce Persistent Absenteeism (a persistent absentee is defined by the Government as a pupil whose attendance is 90% or less. A child's success in school (both academically and socially) relies on good attendance. If they are missing from school, they are not only missing out on valuable lessons but they are also missing out on the opportunity to forge friendships. If any parent would like some support in securing good attendance for their child, please contact school.

As a rough guide to how good your child's attendance is, please refer to the chart below:-

Equates to	ATTENDANCE	
	100%	PERFECTION
4 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	96%	GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	95%	NEARLY THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
19 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS
29 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	85%	GRAVE CONCERNS

THIS KEY WILL IDENTIFY HOW WELL YOUR CHILD'S CLASS IS DOING (SEE ATTENDANCE ABOVE)

Please note that holidays taken in term time are never authorised by school (other than VERY exceptional circumstances) and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice Fine.

Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Thomas	Karthik	William	Diya
Class with the best engagement	3ST	4HW	5JK	6SA
Most Improved	Teddy	Patryk	Alvina	Laila-Grace

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	242	145	286	219	892
St David	231	134	241	230	836
St George	208	127	291	210	836
St Patrick	233	156	276	260	925

Sport News

Our footballers played 4 league matches this week and managed to win them all. What a great achievement for a group of players who we rotate so often. Another debut this week for Noah in Y5 who was a fantastic goalkeeper who made an incredible reflex save in one of our matches. Player of the day, Mason from 6JP.

Swimming Sessions

Pupils in Year 6 have this week benefited from swimming lessons. The curriculum is now centred around water safety and our children particularly enjoyed swimming in their pyjamas / sportswear on Thursday. They all received certificates for their efforts and have had a great time.

Child Centred Reviews

This week Mrs Medway conducted some child centred reviews with the parents of Year 4 pupils with SEND. Next week this invitation will be extended to our Year 5 parents of pupils with SEND.

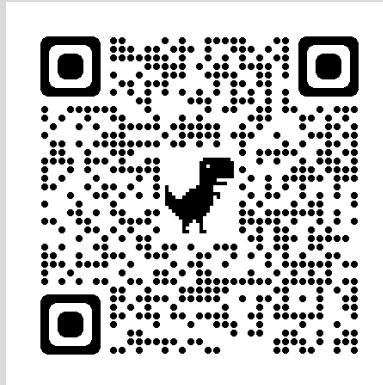


Reading News

We have now launched our 'Get Caught Reading' campaign!

Please send in any photographs of children reading in the most unusual places for our display.

Remember to check out or recommended reading for pleasure book lists:



PTA

Many thanks to the PTA for their super organisation of last week's Autumn Discos which managed to raise £872. The next meeting of the PTA will take place on Thursday 7th November at which we will discuss forthcoming events (Pre-loved book sale and Christmas Fair)

Harvest Assembly

Join us for our Harvest Assembly which will be held next week on the following dates and times:-

Wednesday 25th November at 2pm

Thursday 26th November at 9.30am

Online Filtering and Monitoring

Filtering and monitoring systems are used within our school to keep pupils safe when using our school's IT system.

Filtering systems: block access to harmful sites and content.

Monitoring systems: identify when a user accesses or searches for certain types of harmful content on our school devices.

Our school is alerted to any concerning content so that we can intervene and respond. Please remind your child about the correct, responsible and safe way of accessing the internet. If your child has accessed inappropriate material within school you will be contacted by their class teacher or a member of the SLT.

Coffee Morning

Join us for Coffee Morning which will be held at 9.15am next Friday (27th October)

Wellbeing Ambassadors

Mrs Perry and Mrs Culley met with our Wellbeing Ambassadors last week. The children were asked what they think we do well in school to promote 'Wellbeing and Mental Health'. They were able to tell us so many things. Some included: Rainbows, Mrs Perry's Room, Olivia's Stage, Reading Corners in their Classrooms, Fidget toys (if needed), whole school performances, whole school pantomime, coffee mornings and parent forums. The list went on and on and on! We also spoke about our reassessment visit for the Wellbeing Award in February. Our children are keen to meet with the assessor to tell them more.

CLC

Classes 4KH and 4HW are currently benefiting from computing sessions led by the CLC.

High School Admissions

For our Year 6 parents, applications for high school are now open and will close on **31st October 2023**. Application to high school should be made via the council that you reside in. Details will be available on the council website. Should any parent require any support in completing the high school admission form, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school and a member of our team will assist you.

AUTUMN TERM DATES FOR DIARY

Dates are subject to change in certain circumstances-in the case of changes, we will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible.

October

Year 4 Harvest Assembly (2pm)-venue to be confirmed
26th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC
Year 4 Harvest Assembly (9.30am)-venue to be confirmed
27th Coffee Morning (9.30-10.30am)-doors will open at 9.10am
School closes for the half term holiday
31st Closing Date for Secondary School Applications

November

Week Beginning 6th November-Year 6 Child Centred reviews (for parents of pupils with SEND)
6th-Return to school following half term holiday
9th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC
10th Pre-Loved Book Sale (Clare Lawson Room)
Week Beginning 13th National Anti-Bullying Week
Year 5 Swimming
14th PTA Meeting in 3CF (3.30pm)
Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2
15th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2
16th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC
Governors' Curriculum Meeting (2pm)
Week Beginning 20th Year 5 Swimming
Assessment Week in School
21st Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2
22nd Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2
23rd 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC
30th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC

December

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1st School closed for INSET Day

Week Beginning 4th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)

4th - 5JK Assertive Mentoring Conversations

5th Year 4 Communion Session 3

5th - 5PS Assertive Mentoring Conversations

5th - 6LT Assertive Mentoring Conversations

6th - 5AH - Assertive Mentoring Conversations

6th Year 4 Communion Session 3

6AC Assertive Mentoring Conversations

7th 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC

7th 3HM Assertive Mentoring Conversations

7th - 5KL Assertive Mentoring Conversations

8th Christmas Jumper Day

Coffee Morning

Christmas Fair (pm) 2pm-4.15pm

Week Beginning 11th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)

11th Stay and Pray Choir Event

12th Year 4 Communion Session 3

Year 3 Nativity Performance for Year 2

13th Year 4 Communion Session 3

Year 3 Nativity Performance for parents (1.15pm)-venue to be confirmed

14th 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC

15th Breakfast with Santa

Year 4 Reconciliation

Christmas Lunch

18th Christmas Carol Concert for Parents (9.30am)

Christmas Party

19th Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Sleeping Beauty

20th End of Term Mass

Christmas Talent Show

Extra-Curricular Timetable

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our children to participate in during the Summer Term. Please see the timetable below:-

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 3	Before School					
	Lunchtime				Origami Club	
	After School		Junior Choir			Rebound Dance
YEAR 4	Before School					
	Lunchtime	TTRockstars	Homework	TTRockstars	Origami club Lego Club	TTRockstars
	After School		Junior Choir		Rebound Dance	
YEAR 5	Before School			Girls football		
	Lunchtime	Cross Country		Cross Country	Origami Club	
	After School				Senior Choir	
YEAR 6	Before School					
	Lunchtime	Cross Country Chess Club		Cross Country Lego Club	Origami Club	
	After School				Senior Choir	

Social Media

Why not give us a follow on Instagram @smmjnr

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



We're working towards Artsmark
Awarded by Arts Council England



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