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## Easter Newsletter 2023

Thank you to our wonderful school community for another busy and fun-filled term. The children have worked incredibly hard and are so enthusiastic in their learning.

We would especially like to thank you for your generosity in supporting our Easter fundraising campaign. **You have raised a fantastic £1230!** These funds will contribute to a storage unit for our PE equipment. Thank you.

School Fund:£180.10 Current Bank Balance: £2798.56

### CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY

The Department for Education has instructed all schools to ensure that the minimum length of the school week is 32.5 hours. Therefore, we will be making a slight adjustment to the school day, starting after the half term (6th June), as follows:

**From 6th June, your child should arrive at school between 8:40am and 8:50am.**

**School gates will open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am (registration will begin at 8:45).**

**The school day finishes for all children at 3:15pm.**

**Further information will be shared after Easter.**

### Quick Links

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### SUMMER TERM DATES

17th April—School Opens

1st May—Bank Holiday

8th May—Bank Holiday

26th May—School closes for half term

6th June—School opens

20th July—School closes

[Other dates for Summer Term](#) (click for link)



## EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

We know how much our children enjoy the numerous, extra-curricular clubs on offer... an amazing 16 different activities currently offered! We also appreciate the time and effort that hosting these clubs takes for our teachers. Therefore, taking their efforts into account, added to the extension of the school day,

we are refining the number of extra-curricular clubs on offer from Sep 2023. We will still be offering 8 different clubs to our Year 1 and Year 2 children, all of which are free of charge.

We ask that you discuss any club choices carefully with your child to ensure that they are committed to attending, should they receive a place.

*"Blessed be God. God hears me when I pray for strength. God is strong for me. God takes care of me. How good God is to me! God helps me and I feel strong again. Thank you, thank you God." Psalm 28:6-8 Come and See*

### FREE ONLINE RESOURCES FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Your child has access to 2 fantastic learning resources; Purple Mash and Numbots.

Your child's login details can be found in the back of their Reading Diary. Click [here](#) to go to Purple Mash and [here](#) for Numbots.



## READING FOR PLEASURE

- ◇ We have been very pleased with the children's attitudes towards their reading and how much they have progressed throughout this year. The children's hard work has been so impressive and we have loved seeing the ongoing development of a love for reading and reading for pleasure.
- ◇ Staff have been so impressed with children's attitudes towards their reading and the progression that has come along with this. It has been a pleasure to watch the children's confidence and skills grow throughout the year thus far. As always, we would like to thank our wonderful parents, carers and school community for your ongoing support and dedication to your child's reading. We are very blessed indeed.





*You should be kind and gentle, and patient and forgiving, and loving like God. Colossians 3:10-15 Come and See*

## OUR CATHOLIC LIFE

- ◇ Our children shared an Easter reflection with their class this week. They recalled the story of Holy Week and talked about the special events leading up to Easter Sunday.
- ◇ The Wednesday Word is a weekly gift of the Gospel which encourages families to gather and talk together. Wednesday Word is sent via email.
- ◇ Foodbank—thank you for your kind donations to the Widnes Foodbank.
- ◇ Important Church dates:  
Palm Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Maundy Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>  
Good Friday March April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Easter Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>
- ◇ Click [here](#) to visit the Parish of St. Wilfred's website. Here you will find Mass times for the Easter period.

## SUMMER TERM COLLECTIVE WORSHIP DATES

April 24<sup>th</sup> – Yellow Class  
April 25<sup>th</sup> – Purple Class  
May 15<sup>th</sup> – Orange Class  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Aqua Class  
June 12<sup>th</sup> – Green Class  
June 19<sup>th</sup> – Blue Class  
June 26<sup>th</sup> – Coral Class  
July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Red Class  
July 10<sup>th</sup> – Scarlet Class

### An Easter Blessing

Lord, the resurrection of  
Your Son has given us  
new life and renewed  
hope.

Help us to live as new  
people in pursuit of the  
Christian ideal.

Grant us wisdom to  
know what we must do,  
the will to want to do it,  
the courage to  
undertake it, the  
perseverance to  
continue to do it, and  
the strength to complete  
it.

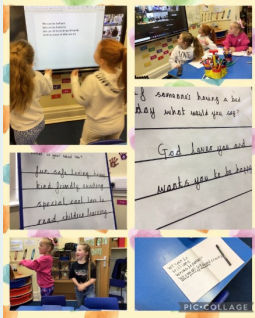
— New Saint Joseph People's Prayer Book



# EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

## NUMBER DAY

Children across the school enjoyed taking part in Number Day on 3rd February. They took part in range of activities and games including designing a number character, completing mathematical puzzles and problem solving. Well done everyone!



## SONGWRITERS

Some of our Year 2 children recently took part in a song writing session hosted by AmaSing. The children showed great enthusiasm and creativity!

## ARTS MARK GOLD

We were delighted to be awarded the Arts Mark Gold earlier this year. Artsmark is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. Artsmark helps to embed arts, culture and creativity to support a broad and ambitious curriculum. Well done to Mrs Jackson for leading on this.



**Artsmark Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts Council England

## HPAN Arts

We took part in the annual Halton Primary Arts Network event at Runcorn Shopping City. The theme for this year was, 'A



Step Back in Time.' Our children's artwork was on display for all to see! We're sure you'll agree that it looks FANTASTIC!

## Health and Well-Being Week

The children enjoyed Health and Well-Being Week in February and took part in a variety of activities linked to promoting a healthy mind and body. We were delighted to welcome back Life Education and the children loved meeting Harold the Giraffe. Thanks to Knowsley CLC who also delivered Internet Safety workshops as part of the week's activities. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the parent workshops...we hope you found them useful.



## World Book Day



World Book Day was a great success. There was a tangible buzz around school of children talking about their outfits and how their favourite books had inspired them. Children engaged in a range of exciting activities such as story sharing, illustrator sessions and creating their own book reviews. What a day!

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## Science Week

It was wonderful to see the children working scientifically across each year group and engaging in scientific enquiry through the theme of 'Growing'.

### 'Bringing Back the Glass'

In 2022, Primary Science Teaching Trust launched a 'Bringing Back Glass' design competition for primary school children to design an object that could be useful in a

primary science classroom. We are so proud of Heidi in Year 1 who won 1st place winning £1000 for school to spend on science. Her wonderful design will be made in glass by Allister Malcolm and she is invited to visit the factory where her design will be created.



## SPORTS

### Sports Funding

This term we have used our Sports Funding to provide History enrichment days for all children. Enrich education came into school to provide a History based orienteering day to all children in both KS1 and Reception. The sessions gave the children the opportunity to develop both their orienteering and history knowledge/skills while keeping active. The sessions were enjoyed by all the children and staff.

### Mr Cooper

During this term all children have had the opportunity to take part in a PE lesson provided by PE Specialist Mr Cooper. During the Summer Term we will be continuing to look at providing a variety of activities and sporting opportunities to enhance our provision of quality PE.



## WIDNES VIKINGS

Thank you to the Widnes Vikings who have donated a family season ticket for this season's home games. Hopefully our families will be a good luck charm for the team!



## CRICKET

Some of our Year 2 children recently visited Wade Deacon for cricket skills sessions run by AllStarCricket and the ECB. Well done to all!





## SCHOOL SPIDER

We encourage our parents and carers to download the School Spider parent app. You will receive information and updates via app messages and email.

As well as receiving information, you can also report your child's absence, view galleries and respond to surveys.

Apple version [here](#)

Android version [here](#)

[Email](#) Miss Parle with any queries.

## A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen.

## ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

A letter will be sent at the beginning of each half term, detailing your child's percentage attendance. We understand that there can be extenuating circumstances as to why a child's attendance may be low. Attendance is also reported at the end of the school year, in your child's report. Please click [here](#) to view our Attendance Policy.

If your child is ill please contact the school office on the first day of absence. Absences can also be reported using the School Spider parent app. Medical evidence may be required if your child's absence falls below 90%. Overall attendance for school up to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 was 95.52%.

As you will see from the policy ([here](#)) all requests for leave of absence in term time should be made using schools' 'Leave of absence in term time' request form and evidence of the exceptional circumstances must be provided for all requests and attached to the form.

Where a pupil is absent from school without the permission of the school, the parent/carer of the pupil may be issued with a £60 penalty notice per parent per child. If the notice remains unpaid after 21 days the penalty increases to £120. If the notice remains unpaid after 28 days the Local Authority may commence proceedings under section 444 (1) of the 1996 Education Act in the Magistrates Court.

We also appreciate that there are rare occasions when you might arrive late to collect your child and of course we understand that this sometimes happens! However, if late collection is frequent then this has a huge impact on our very busy teachers and support staff; 5 minutes late per day adds up to nearly half an hour per week. We thank you for your cooperation.

