

Note from the Head

Next week in assembly I will be sharing news with the children about Jack Traynor. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon has declared the case of John (Jack) Traynor a miracle. Jack was a pilgrim on the archdiocese's first official pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1923 and was cured dramatically of epilepsy, paralysis of the right arm and paraplegia during the pilgrimage. The case has been believed to be miraculous from people across the archdiocese and beyond, but, there has never been an official ecclesiastical declaration until recently. It is the 71st official miracle to have happened in Lourdes and the first person from England to be recognised. There is a competition to create a prayer card to be taken and distributed in Lourdes—I will be sharing details of this with the children next week

Governor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for Foundation Governors.

Some governors are elected by parents and staff at the school. Others may be nominated by the local authority. All governors have a duty to uphold the Catholic ethos of the school but foundation governors have a further particular responsibility to represent the archbishop in his role as leader and first teacher of the diocese.

For this reason, it is essential that all foundation governors are practising Catholics committed to upholding the teaching of the Church.

If you would like to apply to become a foundation governor then please pop into the office or send me an email and I can tell you more about the role.

Developing Maths Skills

We subscribe to a brilliant Maths resource called Times Tables Rockstars <https://trockstars.com/>



Times Tables Rock Stars is a maths programme that has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division. Times tables underpin almost every function in Maths and for children to be able to make progress, a secure grasp and recital of these facts is needed.

All children have a login which they use at school to access the site, these will be sent home next week so that your child can access this from home too. We will be celebrating children who have reached their targets and made achievements in our weekly assemblies - please encourage your child to spend time on this website as a fun way to boost times tables knowledge.



Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am Mon - Fri 09.00 am
Saturday 06.30 pm

02/02/25 The Presentation of the Lord

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:22-40

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an ancient celebration in the Church. It is also called Candlemas because, on this day, candles are blessed in many parishes. These candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. The feast is celebrated on February 2, forty days after Christmas. It recalls the day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to God.

Approaching the Gospel with children

Jesus' parents Mary and Joseph took him to the Temple, to present him to God. There were two other people in the story today too, who see the baby Jesus and recognise how important he is.

Simeon is an old man, who has been promised by God that he will see Christ – the saviour of the world. When he sees the baby Jesus, Simeon knows that the child is the Son of God. Simeon tells everyone how special Jesus is.

Anna is also in the Temple. She has spent almost her whole life there serving God. She sees the baby Jesus and begins to praise God.

Even though he was just a baby, Simeon and Anna could see just how important Jesus was. They did not judge by what Jesus looked like. They were filled with faith and they knew in their hearts just how special and important he was.

Key questions and points to consider:

Have you had a time when you have judged someone because of what they look like? Or when you have been judged for what you look like?

Our faith tells us that each person, no matter who they are, is made in the image of God. That means that we can see something special in each and every person.

National Online Safety (N.O.S)

We subscribe to this great resource which supports teachers in delivering their PSHE lessons about staying safe online. As well as supporting staff, there are a wealth of resources available to support parents in managing children's online activity. Every fortnight I will share a poster from the NOS which carry top tips, important reminders and reality checks on a wide range of online safety topics. They are a great resource to keep up to date with the issues children may encounter. If you would like access to any resources to help you manage or better understand the risks involved in online content and platforms then please pop to the office and we can share these with you.

Calendar

Please check the school calendar dates as some have been amended and added.

Gardening equipment

If you have any garden planters, plant pots or bedding areas that you have no use for could you please donate them to school so that the children can get off to a good start with their gardening club. Thank you in advance.

The following children have been chosen by the Lunchtime Supervisors for wonderful behaviour!



Class 1: Kendall

Class 2: Bertie

Class 3: Charlotte

Class 4: Georgia

Our new Gospel Value is Fairness

The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for showing Fairness to others this week. Well Done!!

EYFS: Molly

Class 2: Tiernan and Esme

Class 3: Eva Dee and Sienna

Class 4: Daniel and Matthew



Dates for your Diary

Thurs 6th Feb - Class 1 and Y6 Buddies at Mass
Thurs 13th Feb - Class 4 at Mass
Thurs 13th Feb - Achievement assembly 2:30
Thurs 13th February—Close for half term
Friday 14th Feb - INSET Day
Mon 24th Feb - Return to school for New half term
Mon 24th Feb Class 4 to Blackpool Tower
Thurs 27th Feb - Class 3 at Mass
Wed 5th Mar - Ash Wednesday
Thur 6th Mar - World Book Day *Theme to be decided**
Fri 7th Mar - Class 4 residential to Robinwood
Thurs 13th Mar - Class 2 at Mass
Thurs 13th Mar - Maths Day
Weds 19th Mar KS2 Cathedral visit

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 20th Mar - Class 4 at Mass
Thurs 20th Mar - Class 4 at Forest School
Thurs 20th Mar - KS1 trip to Martin Mere
Fri 21st March Dress down day for Easter Egg
Wed 26th Mar - Mothers Day gift stall
Wed 26th Mar - Class 4 at Forest School
Wed 26th Mar - Parents evening
Thurs 27th Mar - Class 3 at Mass
Thurs 27th Mar - Mother's Day assembly 2:30 - all invited
Mon 31st Mar- Y6 Good Shepherd stalls
Tues 1st April - Easter Bonnet parade 2:30
Wed 2nd April - Easter Bingo 3:30
Thurs 3rd April - Whole school achievement assembly 2:30
Fri 4th April - School close for Easter at 1:15