

Weekly Newsletter

10 March 2025

We are committed to safeguarding children.

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This week the children will be taking part in the Eat them to Defeat them campaign.

A different 'focus' vegetable will be on offer at lunchtimes over the next few weeks for all children to try and those that do will be offered stickers to celebrate!

Why not challenge your child to get all five stickers?!

Packs with further information and sticker charts are coming home today!

Ash Wednesday

You may have noticed that your child came home with a cross on their forehead last Wednesday. This is because it was Ash Wednesday - the day after Shrove Tuesday and the first day of Lent.

We were marked with ashes in the Sign of the Cross on our foreheads to remind us that since we are God's children, we can ask Him for His forgiveness and his help in becoming the children He wants us to be.

During Lent, we become closer to God in three ways: Prayer, Sacrifice and Service. The children have already started their Big Lent Walk as an act of service to others.

We were also delighted to have our first Mass led by Father Ignatius - our new parish priest. He was very impressed with the children's behaviour and fabulous singing!



What we did last week!

In Reception class this week we learnt about the tradition of Shrove Tuesday. We found out about the different ingredients needed to make a pancake and enjoyed eating a pancake too!



What we did last week!

More pancakes!!!



What we did last week!

In science Y2 have been making houses out of different materials (based on the story of the 3 little pigs) and plan to test them to see if they are wind proof, waterproof and strong enough to hold a 50g weight.



What we did last week!

In Y3, we have had a go at free writing - we could write any story we wanted to with only this image as inspiration. Albie wow-ed us by using some amazing literary devices, from brackets to speech marks, well done Albie!



if I need support, I will refer to the support sheets available

if I need a challenge, I will include as many literary devices as I can

P1 P1

One beautiful, sunny day Albie and his ~~time~~ ^{time} brother, Arlo, were strolling along the ~~is~~ grassy path. There ^{MUM} was at home cooking so she told Albie to take Arlo for a walk. Albie really wanted to go to ~~TK Max~~ ^{TK Max} but Arlo heard a sound. Albie ~~was~~ what's that? Arlo grabbed him tightly so don't worry Arlo it ^{was} nothing. Albie feared.

P2

Arlo was grabbing Albie too tight Albie followed the sound. But what Albie didn't realize is ~~that~~ that made Arlo more scared. Albie were are we going? Arlo shouted. They looked into the sea Ocean. But ~~see~~ ^{see} a GIANT SEA MOST MONSTER! ahhhhhh! screamed Arlo. They ran ~~so~~ ^{so} Albie Albie called the ~~the~~ ^{the} army.

P3

When the army got there ~~that~~ they got out there ^{there} guns and shot the ocean. ~~the~~ ^{they} heard it too. That ~~probably~~ ^{probably} means the ~~is~~ ^{is} mad. ~~the~~ ^{the} Albie was keen to see what ~~it~~ ^{it} will look

like when they shoot it. Arlo was not ~~the~~ ^{the} creative. But ~~then~~ ^{then} Arlo saw a tiny pixie come out of it but not ~~one~~ ^{one} left. ~~we~~ ^{we} have defeated it. ~~he~~ ^{he} died.

P4

Arlo and Albie ran home to tell ~~the~~ ^{the} their Mum what but their Mum didn't believe it. The next day they went to TK Max.

The End

P5

Arlo didn't want to go but he had to go. He kind of liked it in the ~~the~~ ^{the} end. He wanted to go again so they did and he loved it even more more than last time!

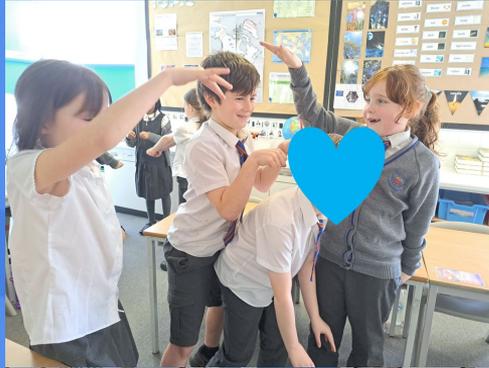
The END

Wow Albie! Superb writing ~~and~~ ^{and} great use of literary devices!

(OHP)

What we did last week!

In Y3, we have looked at 'Holy Week'. This consists of: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. We had a go at making some freeze frames of each day before drawing them into our books. Can you work out which Holy Day each freeze frame is representing?



What we did last week!



Y3 have been working on equivalent fractions. Mrs Watt produced a snack bar and cut it into 2 equal pieces, or a half - $\frac{1}{2}$.

She then brought another snack bar out, and cut this into 4 equal pieces, or quarters - $\frac{1}{4}$.

We looked at how 2 of the quarters was the same amount of snack bar as one half. $\frac{1}{2} = 2/4$.

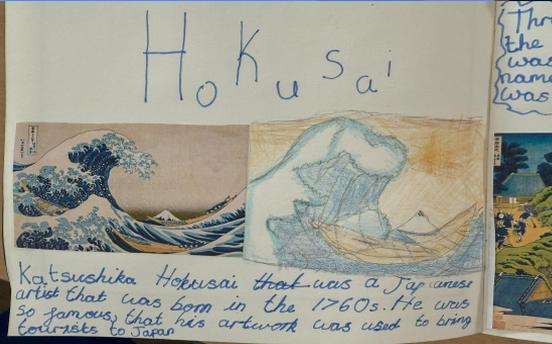
We then cut the second bar into 8ths, and noticed that $\frac{2}{8}$ is equal to $\frac{1}{4}$.

We also spotted that $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{4}{8}$! Some of us noticed a pattern, and worked out that an equivalent would also be $\frac{5}{10}$ ths. Can you work out any more equivalent fractions to $\frac{1}{2}$?

When Mrs Watt ate $\frac{1}{8}$ we got to practice subtracting fractions too!

What we did last week!

Year 5 has been exploring the work of Hokusai in Art this term. They have discovered the medium he used (wood-block printing) and have been trying to replicate some of his most famous works of art, in pencil. Before moving on to lino printing later in the term.



What we did last week!

We are super proud of our Y5s and Y6s for completing their Bikeability award last week.

Well done to you all!





This Lent we are supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help support our global neighbours. We are challenging the children to collectively walk/run 200km over the next 4 weeks leading up to Easter beginning on Monday 10th March. As part of their weekly PE sessions the children will be walking or running laps of the playground. Please support your child by sponsoring their efforts during the challenge. Thank you!



This week's Gospel Value...

Kindness



If we open our hearts to the Word of God, He will guide our actions to be kind, loving and gentle towards others.

This week your mission is to:

- Use a kind voice and kind words when speaking to others

Dear God,

Help me to open my heart so that it becomes rich soil for your Word.

Help me to use a kind voice and kind words every time I speak to my friends, my family and my teachers.

Grant us this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



Holy Angels pre-school have advised that breakfast club will **NOT** be available on Thursday 27th March due to the Pre-school team attending an Early Years conference and Pre-school being closed.

After school club will be available but only to those children who are already booked on for that session and regularly attend. We will not be taking any ad hoc bookings for After school club on Thursday 27th March.

Last week of spring term - week beginning 31st March

All Breakfast club and After school club sessions for the last week of term, need to be booked by Friday 28th March. We will not be taking any ad hoc bookings after the 31st March.

Bedz4Kidz



We are proud to share that our school is a partner with Bedz4Kidz, a wonderful charity dedicated to ensuring every child has a comfortable place to sleep.

Have you ever paused to think about where or how your child sleeps each night?

If you feel your family could benefit from support with bed frames, mattresses, or bedding items, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Harding or Mrs Gale in confidence.

Spring - After School Clubs

Monday - Basketball 5,6
Monday - Dance 3,4,5,6 -full
Tuesday - Art and Crafts R,1,2 -full
Tuesday - Netball 3,4,5
Tuesday - Choir 3,4,5,6
Wednesday - Girls football 3,4,5,6
Thursday - Tennis 4,5,6
Friday - Dance 1,2 -full
Friday- Boys football 3,4,5,6
Friday - Journalism 5,6 - full

The clubs are free and are available to book online via your ParentPay account.





The main purpose of the PTA is to raise funds for extra items for the children such as football kit, ukuleles and gardening equipment.

Our PTA is completely reliant on volunteers to be able to run events. All parents / carers are automatically PTA members and are welcome at all meetings. New parents are encouraged to come along and bring their ideas.

We would love to see you!



Whole school attendance this week 93.7%

Current overall attendance 95.1%

This week's trend ↓2.5%

Attendance Reminders

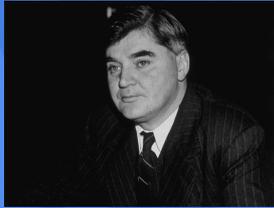
If your child is sick please ring on the first day of absence by 9.00 a.m. and every other day thereafter. If you don't do this we will ring you as we are required to check on the welfare of our pupils. You must inform us of your child's symptoms.

Is my child too ill for school? (Government advice)

Evidence of all medical appointments must be provided.

If your child arrives after 9am (after registers close) this is recorded as an unauthorised session (unless evidence of a medical appointment has been provided).



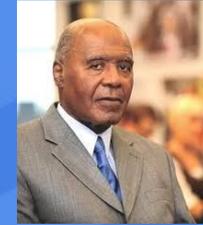


Nye Bevan
Champion of Wealth Equality



Tanni Grey-Thompson
Champion of Disability Equality

Bevan House
422
Stephenson House
265
Pankhurst House
342
Thompson House
459



Paul Stephenson
Champion of Racial Equality



Emmeline Pankhurst
Champion of Gender Equality

Awards last week



Class R

Zara

Noah

Nicola

Class 1

Aimee

Archer

Felix

Class 2

Ashwin

Sean

Ebube





Awards last week

Class 3

Albie

Layton

Max

Class 4

Ashwal

Caroline

Harper

Class 5

Isaac

Lola

Amara

Class 6

Ollie

Blake

Donatella

Holy Angels After school Club



If you require an After school club place for your child in Holy Angels Pre-school, it is important that you book 24 hours in advance. After School club has a maximum number of children it can accept and there are occasions when it has been full and places are not available. Also, for your child's safety, it is important that Pre-school know to expect your child.

Further to the above, please let the school know if you have booked your child into After School club at Holy Angels Pre-school. Again, for their safety we need to know where the children are going at the end of each day.

School Meals

The cost of a school meal is currently £2.81.

All meals must be ordered by midnight the day before via ParentPay.

Please note that parents whose children are entitled to Free school meals or universal infant free school meals must also order their children's lunches in advance.

Nut free school!

Please be reminded that the school is a nut free zone.

Please check your child's packed lunch before sending it in. Children are not permitted to eat products containing nuts on the premises.

Nuts and peanuts can cause allergic reactions, which are sometimes severe, resulting in anaphylaxis. This can be life-threatening.

We insist on the school being a nut free zone to protect the children in our school who have this life threatening allergy.

Thank you for your understanding.



Library Opening



The library is open every day at hometime. Please feel free to pop in after school to choose books with your child.

We have books for sharing for younger children and the children's Accelerated Reader books.

Remember that research tells us that the more children read for pleasure the higher their academic attainment will be. [More information here!](#)

Upcoming Events

Thursday 20th March	Stay and Play year R 9.00-9.50 a.m.
Tuesday 25th March	Tempest class photos AM
Tuesday 1st April	Way of the Cross assembly led by Y6
Thursday 3rd April	Celebration assembly 9.00a.m. by invitation only.



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