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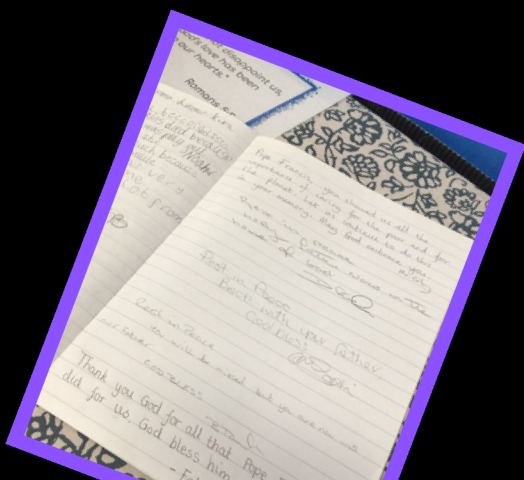
Newsletter

25.4.25

Pope Francis 1936 - 2025



Loving God, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude for the life of Pope Francis. He dedicated his life to spreading love, compassion and peace. We thank you for his wisdom, his service to the Church, and his guidance to the world. We ask that you welcome him into your eternal presence and bless all who mourn his loss. May his example of kindness inspire us to live out our faith with love and joy.



**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
Amen.**

Our Lenten Journey



We have been on an incredible Lenten journey as we build towards Holy Week to remember Jesus' death and resurrection...

On Ash Wednesday, we visited our parish of St. John Henry Newman to receive ashes...

Each week in our Gospel assemblies we learnt more about Jesus' teachings...

We learnt more about two charities we would support - Cafod (to support children and families in need across the world) and Educaid (zooming with a school in Sierra Leone who we will help).

Each class had a special event which helped raise funds, including Disney Day, Break the Rulez Day and an Art Day.

Our senior pupils ran stalls for children to take part in challenges or win prizes, raising more funds.

We walked around Latchford village on our Cafod BIG WALK, raising further funds...

Our pupils engaged with the Stations of the Cross, completing a reflective prayer walk around our school grounds.

Our Y6 enjoyed a Faith in Action reflection...



Our Y6 led a beautiful Easter Assembly about Holy Week...

In Focus:

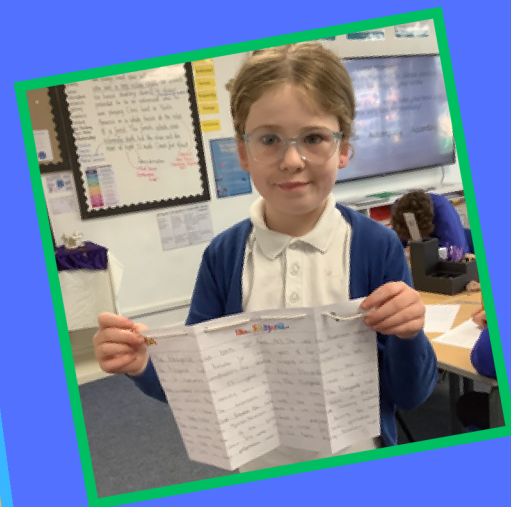
History

Now is a good time to recognise and celebrate the great work being done throughout the school in History.

Our History lead, Mr Gilby, is championing History across the school.

- We offer a curriculum that encourages pupils to investigate, to question, to reason, to debate, to infer and explain.
- Children experience a chronological curriculum that builds upon prior learning and encourages links to be found.
- We also include a short, specific history focus each term, looking at themes like Black History Month, Women in history and Local Heritage.
- Each year, our Y5 pupils also become living waxworks; they become key historical figures for one day only and family and pupils alike can see them 'come alive' and retell their achievements in our school museum!
- We look for opportunities to expand pupils' learning through school visits to places such as Warrington Museum and Liverpool World Museum.

Mr Gilby is passionate about history and is dedicated to the provision and development of History within school to benefit each and every one of your children...



**Y3&4 visited Liverpool's World
Museum; Women in history Day;
Viking Workshop!**

**Next focus:
M.F.L!**

Attendance Matters -

Attendance affects progress!

The school target is 96%.
This week was 95%...

Rec: 83%
Y1: 98%
Y2: 95%
Y3: 100%
Y4: 100%
Y5: 92%
Y6: 95%

95% =	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
90% =	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day
85% =	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days
80% =	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE FIGURES
ACTUALLY MEAN?

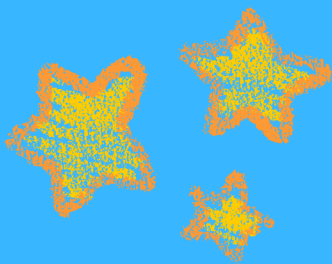
BE SMART BE THERE!
Percentages based on 190 academic days

What it all means...

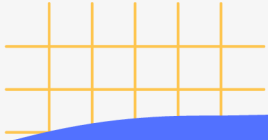
This week's winners are Y3 & Y4 with full marks! Well done!

Recognition Awards

As always, in Friday's assembly, we were proud to celebrate pupils who gained Recognition Certificates for attributes such as kind behaviour, positive attitudes and superb classwork.



And not forgetting our TTRS Rock Stars and Numbot legends!



Looking ahead...



April:

Tue. 29th - 2 - 7pm Parents' Evening (bookings via Arbor)

Wed. 30th - Y4 Parents' Evening...

May:

Fri. 2nd - 11am ABA Power of Words Assembly.

Fri. 2nd - 2.35pm Parent Coffee Afternoon: Free and all are welcome! Come via the front entrance into the school hall...

Tue. 6th - Fri. 9th - EKS1 Optional SATs.

Wed. 7th - 2.30pm Liturgy of the Eucharist at St. John Henry Newman Church.

Sat. 10th - 10am First Holy Communion.

Mon. 12th - Thur. 15th EKS2 SATs. Y6 attendance and punctuality is crucial.

Fri. 16th - Y6 'Chippy' treat!

Fri. 30th - 9am Y5 Catholic Social Teaching Assembly.

June:

Mon. 9th - ongoing: Our Lady's Chess Championship...

Tue. 17th - School Science Day!

Wed. 18th - 5.30pm New Reception Intake Meeting

Thur. 19th - Y5 Taster Day at CNCHS.

Fri. 20th - 9am Y6 Catholic Social Teaching Assembly.

Fri. 27th - INSET Day. Warrington Walking Day. Details to follow.

Mon. 30th - Fri. 4th - Assessment Week.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW MORE, JUST ASK!



Head teacher's comment...

Dear parents and guardians,

I hope everyone was able to enjoy a lovely Easter break.

It's always nice to see everyone return, refreshed, for a new half-term though finding out at the start of this week about the death of Pope Francis has been terribly sad news. Together, we spoke about his legacy and the positive messages he gave throughout his time as pope.

We will all continue to work as he wished towards a better world, a fairer world, a safer world...

Take care everyone.



Mr Gilby

PS Our new school website is up and running (same web address). Please be patient as we update it and add to it; we hope to make it an inviting site where you can find everything you need to understand how our school functions and how great our pupils are....

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social media!**



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