



The Prayer

God of wonder,
help us to have as much faith as the wise men
who followed your star to find Jesus.
Lead us down the right paths and help us to
recognise Jesus in the people that we meet
as we travel through life.

Amen



'Well Done'

to the following pupils who received
Learner of the Week awards:

Reception - Lana Year 1 – Matty

Year 2 – Morgan Year 3 – Jasper

Year 4 – Agastya Year 5 – William

Year 6 – Grace

Headteacher's Award

Year 2

Attendance Award

Year 4 & 5



Message from the Headteacher

Happy New Year and welcome back to a busy Spring Term. I hope that you all had a wonderful festive break.

Our return to school has gone very smoothly - it is always lovely to bring the school back to life. As we start a new term and calendar year together, it is a worthwhile opportunity to reflect upon the previous year and to look ahead at the opportunities that 2025 will bring. May God's blessings be with you as we embrace a fresh start. The children have definitely returned to school with positive attitudes, which is amazing! I want to thank-you for all of your support last year and ask that we continue to work together as we do all we can to nurture our wonderful children.

This week we have begun our whole school writing project based on Charlotte's Web by E.B. White. Each week, we will be sharing pieces of work with the newsletter from Key Stage 1 and 2. Early Years will be sharing work on their farm topic.

Following tradition at this time of year, we have been thinking about New Year's Resolutions but in an alternative way. As this month will see the launch of the Pope's Jubilee Year of Hope, we resolve to bringing hope to all that we can.

Have a great weekend.

School Day Timings and Attendance Reminder

The school gates open at 8:35am and the day starts at 8.45 am every day. Please try hard to get your child to school for this time. Whilst late arrivals are unavoidable some days due to traffic etc, it is preferable for them to be punctual at the start of the day to begin the day with a calm, organised and orderly manner.

Not only do we want to see children in school every day, but we also have a statutory role to monitor attendance to ensure that all children have the greatest access to learning opportunities. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who send their children to school and on time everyday. We understand when children are unwell they shouldn't attend school but please ask that you try to send them to school in all other cases. As a school, we aim for at least 96% attendance each week and thank-you for your continued support with this and we begin the New Year.

Uniform Reminder

PE Kit

Key Stage 2 outdoor PE Kit should consist of plain navy / dark tracksuit top and plain navy / dark tracksuit trousers.

Hair, Jewellery and Make-up

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are plain studs in pierced ears. Pupils may wear a watch to tell the time, however SMART watches are not allowed. Children are asked to remove these items during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. Make-up or nail varnish must not be worn for school. If children have sore, chapped lips they may have unflavoured, plain lip balm to apply at break and lunch timesto be kept in their locker. Long hair should be tied back using plain hair bands / hair ties in school colours.

Catholic Life

Our Gospel Values for this term are grateful and generous.

Grateful and Generous

Pupils in our school are growing to be . . . Grateful for their own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.

Our school helps our pupils to grow . . . By encouraging them to know and be grateful for all their gifts, developing them to the full so that they can be generous in the service of others.

Pope's Prayer intention for January - right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

Our next whole school mass will be 6th February to celebrate the feast of Candlemas. All are welcome to join our celebration.



One week renaming to enter the Year of Hope logo competition. Please see tapestry/ dojo for details of this.

SEN

All parents/ carers are invited to join us for the following events. Please let us know if you'd like to attend to give an idea of numbers. Refreshments will be provided.



On Monday 13th January, at 2:15pm in the school hall, we will be hosting a parent meeting, lead by our Educational Psychologist. This workshop will explore emotional regulation; what it is, why it's important, and how you can support your child to develop this crucial skill. We will explain 'Zones of Regulation' and how this tool is used within school. It will cover a little theory but is mostly full of strategies and techniques that you can implement immediately with your child, whilst also considering your own wellbeing! The information is relevant to parents of all children within the school. There will be time for questions and discussion throughout the session. We can't wait to meet you.

On Monday 20th January we will be hosting our termly SEN coffee afternoon at 2:15pm in the school hall. SENDIASS (our parent support network) will be attending this too.

Safer Internet Day 2025

On Tuesday 11th February we will be marking Safer Internet Day with age appropriate workshops being delivered for all children. From 3:30pm-4:30pm there will be a parent workshop in the school hall. If you have children at Holy Trinity, an activity will be provided for them during this time, as content will be aimed at parents for this hour. Teachers will be sending a Dojo/ Tapestry message about this in order to seek your permission for children to participate and whether you would like to attend the parent workshop.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Spring Term

Monday 13 th January	Afterschool Activity Clubs Resume (NEW)
Monday 20 th January	SEND Coffee Afternoon
Monday 3 rd - Friday 7 th February	Children's Mental Health Week (NEW)
Monday 3 rd February	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Check Year 3 & 4 Trip - Ashmolean Museum, Oxford
Wednesday 6 th February	Whole School - Candlemas (NEW)
Monday 10 th - Friday 14 th February	Multi Faith Week (NEW)
Friday 14 th February	Multi Faith Week Open Afternoon for Parents - 3pm (NEW)
Tuesday 21 st January	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Yr2, 5 & 6 Workshops (NEW)
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day - Children's Workshops Followed by Parent Workshop 3.30pm - 4.30pm (NEW)
Monday 17 th February	Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 5 th March	Ash Wednesday - Whole School Mass (NEW)
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (NEW)
Wednesday 19 th March	Golf Day (NEW)
Friday 28 th March	Reception Mother's Day Assembly (NEW)
Tuesday 1 st April	Yr 3 & 4 Easter Production (NEW)
Thursday 3 rd April	Whole School End of Term Mass (NEW) Easter Craft Afternoon for Parents (NEW)
Friday 4 th April	School Closes at 12.05pm for Easter
Tuesday 22 nd April	INSET (NEW)
Wednesday 23 rd April	Back to School (NEW)

Reception Applications for September 2025

If you are a parent or carer with a child reaching the age of 4 between 1st September 2024 and 31st August 2025, they will be due to start primary school in September 2025 and you have until 15th January 2025 to apply for their school place.

Please ensure that you apply in good time as, if you miss the deadline, you will reduce the chances of getting one of your preferred schools for your child.