

St Joseph's Newsletter

19/05/2023



First Holy Communion – please keep these children in your prayers as they receive this blessed sacrament this Sunday.

Well done to all the children in Year 2 who have competed their **SATs** this week. They have shown great resilience and determination.

Bees – thank you for your co-operation at the beginning of the week as we avoided disturbing the colony of bees. Thanks to Ms Campbell who organised for them to be rescued, she even returned to school after dark to supervise their safe removal.

If you would like to see a small snippet of the rescue you can find the video on the Manchester Honey Companies Instagram page.

Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.

John 14: 21

On Sunday, we heard the Gospel: John 14:15-21, Jesus tells us that if we love him, we will keep his commandments. Jesus asked us to love God and love one another. How have we shown that love this week?

This Week's School Attendance

Nursery	91.5%	Reception	90%	Year 1	99.3%	Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	93.4%	Year 4	98.7%	Year 5	95.9%	Year 6	94.8%

School 94.8%

What Has Been Happening In Class This Week

Nursery

Nursery have had a lovely week learning about the life cycle of caterpillars, observing some real caterpillars in our garden and getting to know their favourite plants to eat. The children also learnt about the different parts of a flower and created picture diagrams to display what they had learnt.

Congratulations to St. Francis Winners of this week's house points award



Reception

Reception have been busy as bees this week. We have been learning all about how important bees are and all the amazing things they do. The children were very lucky to get a surprise visit from a beekeeper who had come to school to collect the honey bees that had swarmed in the grounds. She told us all about how she looks after the bees and the equipment she needs to do that. The children have learnt lots of bee facts, ask your child about the waggle dance and the bees honey tummy. We all had some delicious honey on our toast and we have planted some flowers and fruit and vegetables which have already started to attract bees into our garden.



Year 1

This week Year 1 have had a very exciting week. It was class photo day on Monday and we all looked amazing! We got to watch the bees get rescued and one of the bee keepers came in to tell us all about what they do. There were some fascinating facts about bees. Our favourite fact was that some bees are so lazy that they will walk to a hive rather than fly! In English we have started a new story called The Bog Baby and we can't wait to see what happens next. The sunflowers we planted have grown so big we had to replant them in a bigger planter so they have lots of room to grow.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a busy week working so hard and every single child has shown such resilience and determination when completing their SATs tests this week. They have blown Miss Wilson and Mrs Shaw's socks off! We are extremely proud of how mature the whole of year 2 have been and they should all be proud of themselves too. On Friday we enjoyed our end of SATs party and celebrated in style. Well done everyone, you are all amazing!

Year 3

It has been a busy week for Year 3. At Clarendon baths on Monday, we were extremely proud of the children as they worked hard to develop their swimming skills and techniques. In maths lessons the children have been learning about time, including Roman Numerals, and telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes in both analogue and digital format. Our class reading book has taken us on a journey around the world with the main character as he explored the damage done to our world due to pollution, deforestation and climate change. The whole school Mass on the Feast of the Ascension allowed us to consider our mission to be disciples of Jesus and God's promise that He will be with us always. In RE we have been reflecting on the power of prayer and the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.



Year 4

This week has been another busy week in year 4. In Religion, we have been looking at how we can spread the Good News just like the Apostles did. We learnt all about Philip and his meeting of the Ethiopian along the roadside. In maths, we have been looking at decimals, tenths and hundredths. This is a new topic for the children and they have taken to it really well, being able to see relationships between their existing and new knowledge. In English, we have been looking at lots of different types of poetry and writing poems all about How to Train Your Dragon. In computing, we have started to look at Scratch programming in preparation for Lego Robots next half term.

Year 5

In our English lessons, we have been discussing different viewpoints about refugees in the UK and exploring formal writing. We will be using this understanding to write a formal persuasive letter to the Home Secretary convincing her to improve treatment of refugees here in the UK.

In our R.E, we reflected on art, the story of Pentecost and the awesome power of the Holy Spirit that changed so many lives! We then wrote letters giving reasons why you should believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Samba band music lesson this week, they are working hard at listening to each other's instruments and learning to play as a band.

Happy Birthday to.....

Lydia

Mirella

Dennis

Charlie

Roccoe

Even though SATs are over, it has still been a busy week in year 6! This week is Christian Aid week, and in RE we spent time researching different charities, including Christian Aid, and creating reports about their history, mission and how people can get involved and fundraise. We have also been looking at the events of Ascension Day and after mass yesterday started to write a newspaper report about the Ascension. It has been really interesting to imagine what the disciples would have thought at that time to create eyewitness accounts for our articles.

In history this week we have been finishing our topic on Apartheid and have been writing a diary entry imagining that we are one of the people who survived the Sharpeville protests in South Africa. We looked at how this moment was a turning point that eventually led to the end of Apartheid, how people would have felt and how this motivated them to fight even harder for equality.

In PE we continued to work on our cricket skills, it has been great to learn from a cricket coach and we are enjoying learning the different skills involved.

Practise is continuing for our end of year show in our music lessons, we can't wait to show you what we have been working on.

It's been a great week year 6, well done!

Dates to Remember

Monday 22nd May	Year 5 Americas Day 9.15am –Assembly Life Centre Transition Year 6 - Hall
Tuesday 23rd May	10am –Mass in School – Year 2 Year 3 and Year 4 Forest School
Thursday 25th May	Lancashire Cricket Foundation – all day – Y1, 2, 3, 5 and 6
Friday 26th May	9.15am –Class Assembly – Year 4
Whit Holidays – School closes at 3.30pm	
Monday 12th June	9.15am – Living Bread Assembly Life Centre Transition Year 6 - Hall
Tuesday 13th June	10am –Mass in School – Year 4 Great Science Share Laudato Si – Year 2 1.30pm – Year 6 Transition – Place 2 Be
Wednesday 14th June	Year 3 Stage Directions Year 5 - Watersports
Friday 16th June	9.15am –Class Assembly – Year 3