



15.3.2025



Dear Parents,

A very busy couple of weeks in school.

Ash Wednesday Mass

A week last Wednesday, we had an Ash Wednesday Mass followed by the distribution of ashes. The Mass was very well attended by parents and parishioners. Thank you to Mrs Cannavan and Mrs Bold for organising everything and thank you to Fr Paul for saying such a beautiful Mass.

Catholic Schools Inspection (CSI) – February 2025

“We are a family. We are filled with love.” CSI 2025 pg.9

As you are aware we received our CSI Report last week. We are thrilled to have received a magnificent nine, OUTSTANDING judgements, one in each of the nine areas inspected. This is a fabulous achievement and was a whole school effort: pupils, staff, governors and parents.

Special credit must go to our RE Leads, Mrs Bold and Mrs Cannavan whose dedication, sheer hard work, enthusiasm and faith, make them role models for us all.

This inspection is about so much more than just the RE we teach. It goes to the very core of what a Catholic school should be about, how we live out the mission of the church.

I urge you to read the three sections (after the Compliance section) as they are peppered with quotes from your children, who blew the inspectors away with their knowledge, faith, commitment and love of school.

St John's, Hartford – Easter Trail

Our friends at St John's have once again invited us to their Easter Trail. “The whole church was transformed and the Easter story was expertly told as the class moved through the different settings.” These immersive experiences are so expertly delivered. There are some photographs on the school Facebook page. Last week our Year 3 and 4 classes went and next week it is the turn of our Year 5 & 6 classes. Thank you to the volunteers who accompanied them.

Lent Bags

These started to go out last week for their journey around our families. Each prayer bag is sent out with a booklet to guide you through how to use them. Please return your bag within the week so we can share them with as many families as possible. We hope you enjoy the opportunity for prayer and reflection as a family during this season of Lent.

Campus Field Gate

Please read the update sent out about this on Friday.

Cross Country Success

On Thursday 6th March, Mrs Hames, Mrs Cooper, Mrs Watts, Mrs Coleman and Mrs Ryan took around 30 KS2 children to the Cross Country Competition at St Nicholas High School. We had some wonderful personal achievements. Tom W in Y6 came 1st overall for the boys and Annie in Y3 was 6th overall (TBC) which is a great achievement as she was running against girls up to three years older from our school and others. Our other Annie in Y6 was also highly placed.

We came second overall which is a wonderful achievement. Some great performances from our Year 3's in their first inter schools' cross-country competition.

Thank you to the staff who volunteer to take our children to these sporting opportunities after school, we are truly blessed.

Car Parking

Please remember to buy your car parking tickets. We pay staff to man the car park and the ticket sales fund this.

World Book Day – Book in a jar competition

At assembly next week the jar entries will be displayed in the hall. They are fabulous, such creativity on display. We will notify the winners at the assembly. The delay is due to waiting for Year 5 & 6 who were on residential last week.

Thank you to everyone who joined in with our World book Day theme. A special shout out to the staff who came as dalmatians and our Miss Davies who volunteered to be Cruella de Vil!

Mother's Day Surprise Room

Thank you to the PTFA who are organising this again this year. For those new to school, our Surprise Rooms take place a few times a year. The idea is that the children bring in a few pounds and can then choose and buy a gift which is already wrapped to give their mum or female relative as a surprise. Lots of choice on offer, sourced and wrapped by our wonderful PTFA.

Photographs – Tuesday 25th March

These will take place in the hall. There will be family groups as well as individual shots. Siblings from Pre School who are in on Tuesday can be included.

Big Lent Walk and Lent 2025 – Crazy Hair Day

These will take place in the last week of this term. Look out for the flyer coming soon.

World Down's Syndrome Day – Friday 21st March

The annual Gingerbread Sock Day is next Friday! The gingerbread socks cost £1 and raise worthwhile funds for the Cheshire Down Syndrome Association. The socks were designed a while ago now by one of our past pupils, Emma. We will be making a

limited amount of toast for those not buying the gingerbread or for those who are taking the gingerbread home. Remember you can wear odd socks that day too!

Parents' Evenings

Our Parents' Evening appointments will take place on Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th March. Your children's books will be available for you to look at. It is a great opportunity to catch up with your child's teacher.

Mary's Meals

Please keep collecting aluminium cans and bring them into school to go in the Mary's Meals bin which will be at the front of school. Please rinse out all tins before donating them and squash them if possible. Fr Paul is very thankful for all the donations so far.

Road Safety Competition

Our Road Safety champions, Henry and Suzanne have launched a new competition for children to come up with a catchy slogan or an acrostic poem to promote walking safely to school. The competition closes on the 21st March.

Y4 Activities Day at St Nicholas

On Friday 28th March our Year 4 will take part in an Activities Day at St. Nicholas Catholic High School. It is a great opportunity for them to experience a high school in action. The children will be accompanied by school staff. The day is always a highlight for Year 4.

Ullswater Outward Bound 2025

What a fabulous week they all had. Lots of photographs were able to be shared this time, which was a bonus. Thank you to all the adults who went: Miss Davies, Mrs Seville, Mrs Owen, Mrs Ryan, Mr Bennett and Mrs Weir. It is an exhausting week being on call 24/7 but we are never short of volunteers, staff are reserving their places for 2027 already! Year 3 and 4 will have the same opportunity in March 2027.



St Patrick's Day – Monday 17th March

Happy St Patrick's day to our Irish families.

These letters are also on the website under the Parents tab.

God Bless,

Justine McEniff, Headteacher

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10