



HOLY NAME

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Thursday 22nd October 2026

Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

Time has certainly flown over the last couple of weeks. I can not believe it is the end of the first half term. It has been incredibly exciting this half term with many momentous occasions. Our wonderful new nursery is open and is growing regularly. This week, we have welcomed one new child and after half term, we will be welcoming even more children. Wrap around has also been a big success. The children are enjoying a range of activities and have been helping design the food menu. Next half term, we will be talking to the children to review the menu for the winter months. Thank you for your support in terms of payments and the number of bookings we have received means that we have a nearly full Mondays to Thursday with growing numbers on Friday.

It has been lovely to see and speak to so many parents this week at Parents Evening this week. There was a lovely positive vibe at both sessions and I know our teachers really value the in-depth conversations with you regarding how your child has settled and the progress they are making.

During parents evening, many parents completed the RE survey. I have shared the results later in this newsletter.

School closes today for all children and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd November at 8.45am – please remember this is flu immunisation day.

Have a wonderful half term.

God Bless

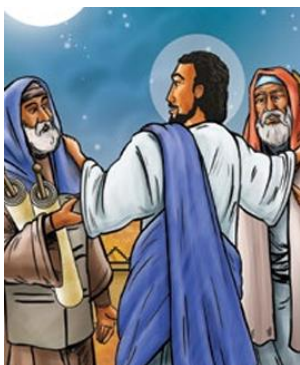
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Headteacher

Harvest Festival

Today was our Harvest Festival. Thank you for all the donations of food that will go to support the local and wider communities in Leeds. It was lovely that a number of families came to join our celebration and I know that the children really enjoyed performing for you.

Spiritual Reflection - Matthew 22:15-21 The 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A



What did Jesus say was the greatest commandment? Loving God first, with all our heart, helps us to be more loving to one another. Is Jesus asking the impossible when he says that we should love others as we love ourselves? Perhaps it is: being more patient, tolerant and understanding; forgiving others; treating people as your equal – treating them the way you would like to be treated yourself. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that our love for God is also made known through the way that we love others. Whenever we love and care for one another we can be sure that God is with us.

Dear Lord Jesus,
help us to love others as we love ourselves.
Please help us to see that other people have needs too,
and to love you through loving them.
Amen.

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RE and Catholic Life Survey

Please see the results of our survey below. I am really pleased with the results and your comments. Over the next few weeks, we will share with you how we plan to try and support your suggestions for improvement.

	Strongly Agree/Agree	Disagree/Strongly Disagree	Neutral
My child enjoys taking part in the Catholic Life of the school	95%	1%	4%
My child enjoys taking part in Religious Education	94%	2%	4%
My child enjoys taking part in Celebration of the Word (formally Collective Worship)	94%	2%	4%
I am happy with the values and attitudes that the school teaches	98%		2%
The teaching of the Church is evident in the daily life of the school	98%		2%
The Catholic life of the school, Religious Education and Celebration of the Word have a high profile and are celebrated in school	97%		3%
The school provides information about what is taught in Religious Education	96	2%	2%
The school enables my child to achieve a good standard of work in Religious Education	98%	1%	1%
The school keeps me well informed about my child(ren)'s progress in Religious Education	98%	1%	1%
My child is given the opportunity to develop their knowledge & understanding of other world faiths.	92%	5%	2%
My child enjoys taking part in the Catholic Life of the school	97%	1%	2%

What the school is doing well?

- Teaching my child good values
- There is plenty of opportunity for my child to learn about Catholicism and religious traditions, practice & values. Inclusive with the church and form lasting catholic belief.
- Brings everyone together
- As a Christian I appreciate the religious values being continued in the school
- Learning about Christianity
- Religious events/Mass
- Caring community
- Fundraising for charities

Even better if

- More communication and experiences about other world faiths
- Keep parents more informed of the religious teachings.

Certificates Of Excellence

Reception						
Year 1	JJ	Freya	Rhea	Ismail	Luca-Blaze	
Year 2	Efrata	Tommy	Isabelle	Aoife	Zack	
Year 3	Reeva	Victor	Sanjay	Austin	Willow	
Year 4	Hollie	Seb	Rocco	Melissa	Lewis	
Year 5	Rozalia	Suhaan	Eirinn	Aria	Noah	
Year 6	Mutumwa	Florrie	Kinza	Noah	Joseph	Albert

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
97%	97%	98%	95%	92%	97%	97%

House Points

St George	St Andrew	St Patrick	St David
258	209	221	315

Our Safeguarding Team



Mr Gibbons
DSL



Mrs Watson
DDSL



Mr Stewardson
DDSL



Miss Godfrey
DDSL



Mrs Harrington
DDSL



Mrs Flynn
DDSL

Key Dates

23 rd Oct	School Closed for INSET Day	9 th Nov	Individual Photos	3 rd Dec	Reconciliation Service
2 nd Nov	School Opens Flu Immunisation	16 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week	4 th Dec	Creative RE morning with St Mary's (Y3-6)
3 rd Nov	Year 2 Educational Visit	24 th Nov	Year 6 Educational Visit	7 th Dec	Rock Steady Concert 2.15pm
4 th Nov	Open Day – Reception 2027 (9.30 am and 1.30pm and 5.00pm)	30 th Nov	St Andrew's House – wear blue	8 th Dec	Y3/4 Diocese of Leeds Singing Concert 9.30am
		1 st -3 rd Dec	IEP Reviews		

Great school lunches designed to help young people grow and thrive in everything they do!
Seasonal vegetables are provided with all meals or children can opt out for our 'Pick Your Own' salad bar.

N3 Week ONE

W/C 01/09/26, 21/09/26, 12/10/26, 02/11/26, 23/11/26,
14/12/26, 04/01/27, 25/01/27

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Frankfurter Pizza (V) Jacket Wedges Fresh Salad	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Shawarma Wrap Sunshine Rice	Roast Gammon Yorkshire Pudding Roast & Mashed Potato Gravy	Battered Fish Chips
Meat Free	Margherita Pizza (V) Jacket Wedges Fresh Salad	Cheese and Bean Wrap (V) Herby Diced Potatoes	Vegetarian Pasta Bake (V)	Vegetarian Sausage (VE) Yorkshire Pudding Roast & Mashed Potato Gravy	Vegetarian Meatballs in Homemade Tomato and Herb Sauce (V) Chips
Spud Station & Deli	Hot Pasta Pot with Homemade Tomato, Cheese and Herb Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans and Cheese (VE)	Tuna Bap (H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Hot Roast Gammon Bap (VE) Roast Potatoes	Cheese and Red Onion Panini (V) Chips
Desserts	Ice Cream with Toffee Sauce & Peaches	Pineapple Sponge with Creamy Custard	Cherry & Coconut Flapjack Bite with Fresh Fruit	Fun Fruit Thursday	Cheesecake topped with Mandarin Oranges

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Advent Wreath Making

Includes
all materials
and drink
on arrival.



Friday 27th November
6 - 8pm



Bookings Via
Parent Pay

*More drinks are available
to purchase on the night.



Loving Learning Living Laughing Together in Faith

