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Dear Parents and Carers,

In Monday's assembly we heard the parable of the talents.

God has given each of us different blessings and it is our job to make the most of them .

In the parable it is effort that is rewarded. The servant who turns 2 talents into 4 receives the same reward as the servant who turns 5 into 10.

We are here for only a short time and in that time we are asked to work for him by doing good on Earth—using our gifts and talents to help others. This is how we multiply the gifts we have been given. We must also try hard to make the most of our gifts and talents by working hard and always trying our best.

Your talents are God's gift to you. What you do with them is your gift back to God.

Have a lovely weekend everybody.

Mr Doherty



OFSTED visit

As you may be aware, Ofsted visited the school on Tuesday and Wednesday this week for a section 5 inspection.

I was so proud of the children and the staff who went about their business as normal. We didn't need to put on a show as we are all proud of what we provide day in day out for your children.

I feel that the inspection team really saw what our school stands for, what it is now and what we strive to be in the future.

Thank you to the children, staff and Governors for all the hard work that has gone into making us what we are today.

Can I also say a huge thank you to our wonderful parents for completing the questionnaires, for speaking with the inspection team and for sending in chocolates to get us through!

Most importantly I would like to thank you all for supporting us and engaging with us in looking after your incredible children and giving them every opportunity to live their lives to the full. They are a credit to you and St Catherine's. I am a very very proud Head of School this week especially.

We will hopefully be able to inform you of our final grade and share the report just in time for Christmas!



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Catholic Children's Society gift collection

This Christmas we would like to support The Catholic Children's Society by supporting their work with disadvantaged children at Christmas.

They have invited us to collect new gifts or vouchers for disadvantaged children.

A 'gift bank' box will be placed on the playground from Monday. The deadline for dropping off a gift is Wednesday 6th December. This is when they will be collected.

Your donations will be gratefully received. Let's make Christmas very special for others.



Thank you from the Royal British Legion

Dear families, the Royal British Legion wish to thank you for your very generous donations to this years Poppy appeal. The school raised £602.75. Once again your generosity makes me very proud of our school community.



Breakfast club drop off

Can I please ask parents and carers of children attending after school club to ensure that your children are escorted to the rear door by a responsible **adult**. We cannot have unsupervised children running across the playground and sometimes arriving early, when the staff are not present. Many thanks in advance for your cooperation.





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Feast of Christ the King

The Church choir have kindly invited the school to join them this Sunday 26th November at the 11am Mass. It would be lovely to see as many children there as possible to make it extra special. This marks the final Sunday of the Church Liturgical Year so is a very special celebration.



Bottle donation day

Please remember that next Friday is bottle donation day for the Christmas Fayre. Children may wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a bottle (if you are able).



This weeks attendance

This weeks attendance is at 95.6%. Up 0.2% from last week. Year 1 had the highest attendance rate of 98.7%. Well done Year 1!



Donating Christmas decorations

If you have any Christmas decorations that you are able to donate to the school this would be very much appreciated. The staff will be decorating the school ahead of Advent on Thursday 30th November. We are hoping that it will look extra special this year. Please drop off your donations in the box that will be placed on the playground each morning.





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Stage Talent

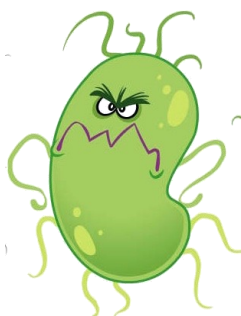
Book a Free one-to-one Music Lesson for children aged 4+ wishing to learn piano, guitar, ukulele or drums at our school.

Register by text :
07782503260 and include:
Child's Name, Age, Music Instrument
or register at:
www.stagetalent.co.uk/register



Sickness virus

A number of children have been absent due to a sickness bug. Can we please remind parents that children must remain off school following sickness (vomiting or diarrhea) for 48 hours. Thank you for your co operation. Please also remind your children about washing their hands regularly particularly at this time.



Year 5 class Mass

Thank you to all of the parents/ carers and families who came to Year 5's class Mass on Tuesday. What a wonderful celebration. Your attendance at such events makes it very special. Thank you also to Fr Brian for leading us in prayer.



Well done to Elizabeth, in Year 1, who wrote a story about mice for the BBC 500 word writing competition. Isn't it lovely to see one of our younger children being inspired to write? You should be very proud Elizabeth.



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Flu vaccinations

The date for the flu vaccination this year is the 29th November (this Wednesday). The Immunisation Team will offer the vaccination to all children from Reception to Year 6. Please complete the link on the letter which was sent to you via Parentpay by Sunday. If you are having any problems accessing the link please speak to Mrs Bryant.



St Catherine Feast Day

I would like to wish you all a very happy St Catherine Feast Day for tomorrow.

In Mass today the children, once more did you all proud with their singing and reading but the final rap was incredible!!!!

I have attached the rap to the newsletter and this is the link to the backing track. See if your children can rap it for you!!!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjWwR5FGj1k>

EYFS balance bike appeal

If you, your family or friends have any old balance bikes that are no longer being used we would love to have them in EYFS.

Please bring to EYFS before or after school.

Thanking you in advance.

Mrs Phaure and the EYFS team.



Chess queen!



Well done Sophia, in Year 5, who was Mrs Carter's chess player of the week for making enormous progress with her tactics and strategy.

This is a rap about Princess C

The greatest saint you ever did see

Born and raised in Egypts land

At A TIME WHEN CHRISTIANS WERE BANNED

Your beauty was beyond compare

With radiant skin and flowing hair

You turned down men who asked you out

And left them all in no doubt

That there was only one man in the queue

And his name was Jesus the one for you

Now princess c began to pray

All through the night and into day

Until the main man came to her

The rest they say was just a blur

He gave her a ring and she was taken

The Emperor was truly shakin

He wanted C to marry him

But she thought he was pretty grim With God on my side I'm not scared

So then they cut off Catherines head

And now alas she was dead

But don't be sad don't scream or faint

Princess C became a saint

She lived a life for god alone and now her name is etched in stone

So Saint Catherine we come to say

This is our rap on your special day.





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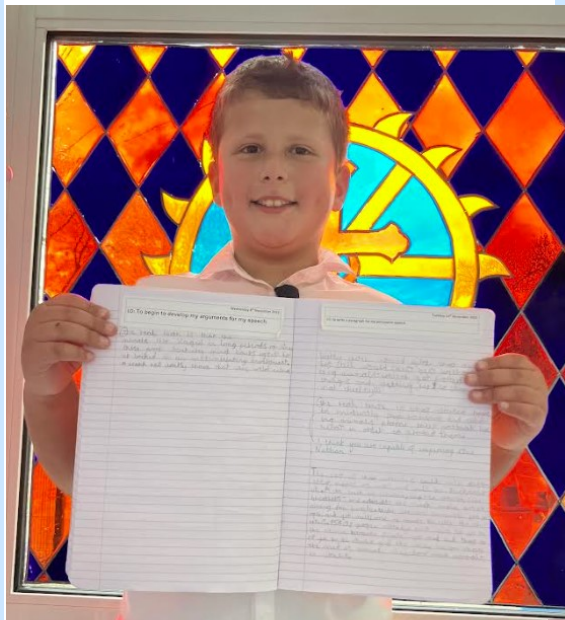
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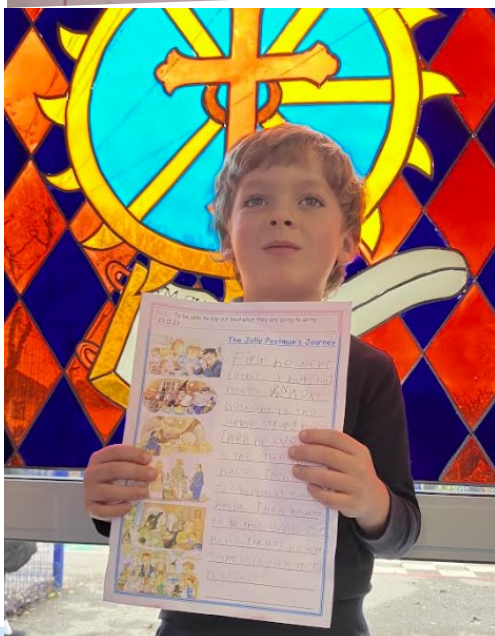
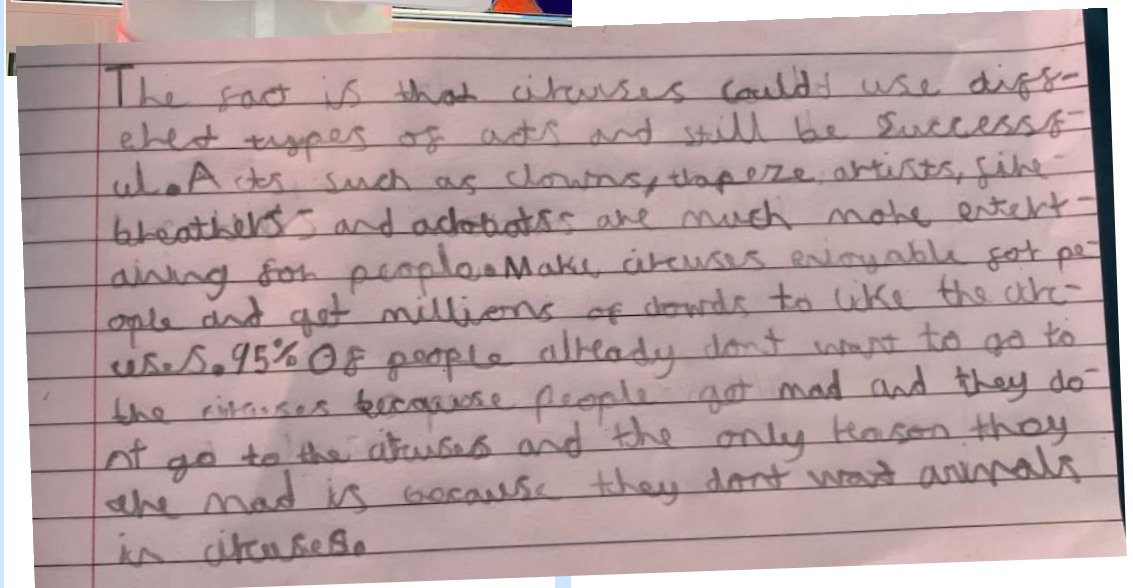
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Wonderful writing

Well done to Nathan for his outstanding efforts in writing this week. Year 5 have been learning about persuasive writing and Nathan is against the use of animals in the circus. It is so lovely to see children willing to edit and redraft their writing to improve it. No writer gets it right first time!



More amazing writing!

Well done to Kristian in Year 1, who was sent to see me with his amazing writing retelling the story of the Jolly Postman. He use super adjectives (and was able to recognise them) and time adverbs such as 'then', 'first' and 'next'. I was very impressed Kristian.



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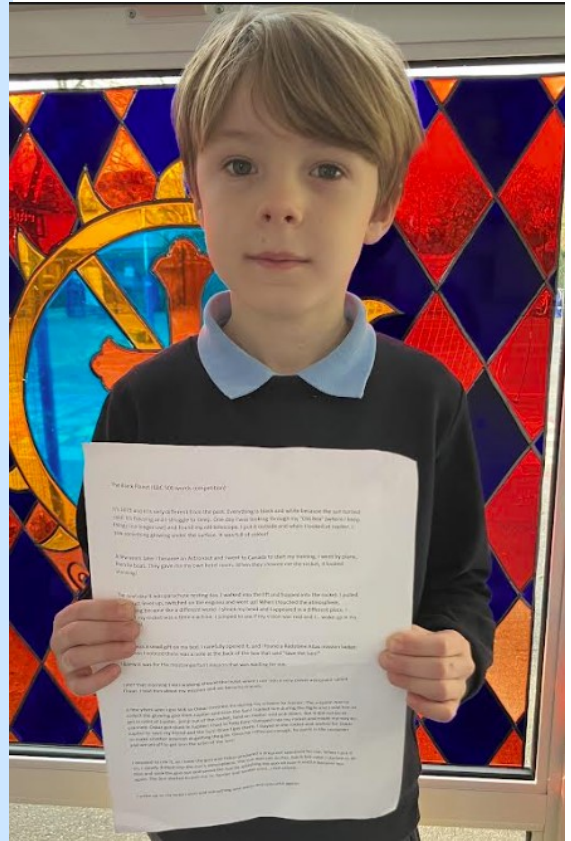
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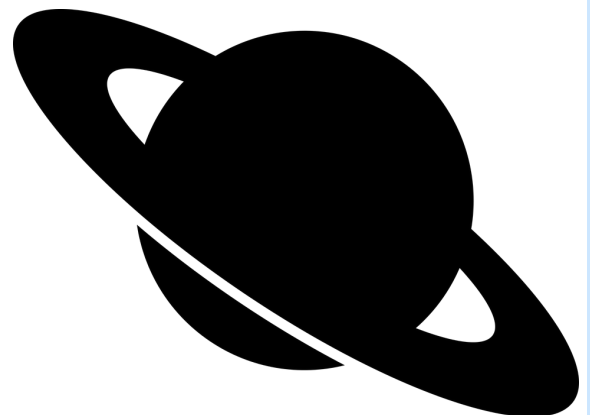


A huge well done to Jace who received two ARK awards in a week for helping somebody in his class. Both were the loveliest of gestures and shows what our school is about. Well done Jace for living your faith through your actions towards others.

Out of this world writing



Well Jokubas in Year 2 who came to show me his wonderful entry for the BBC 500 word writing competition. It was a futuristic piece called 'The black Planet' set in 2073. Amazing work!





What a lovely letter to receive this week from the House of Commons of all places! If any of the children have any more questions for Mr Tuckwell (MP) please give them to me on a piece of paper and I will send off.





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CHRISTMAS FAYRE



The Christmas fayre is NEXT WEEK Friday 1st December 3pm-5pm at the Parish Hall!! 

Tickets will be on sale in the playground from next Monday for the 100 squares and guessing game.

CAN YOU HELP??

We really NEED volunteers to run a stall at the Christmas fayre. 

We are also looking for volunteers to help with setting up and clearing away on the day. Please send a message on your class WhatsApp group, speak to your class rep or find a committee member on the playground if you can help.

We will be having our cake stall again & would love as many cake donations as possible please. Home-made or shop bought and can be dropped off at school on Friday morning or dropped off to the hall throughout the day.

We will be having a coffee morning on Thursday 30th November to start preparing for the fayre, please join us.

Thank you for all the chocolate donations today! 

Thanks in advance for your support and for helping us raise vital funds for our school.



Gift Day



Gift Day forms and money can be handed into the office from now until next Wednesday (29th November)



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Donation day-

Bottles - Friday 1st December 

Coffee morning - Thursday 30th November 

Christmas Fayre-

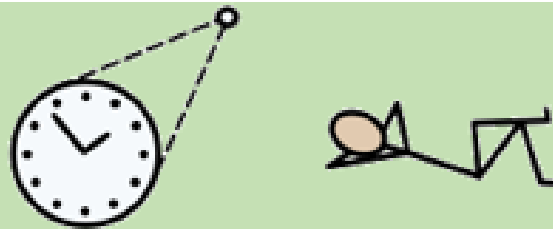
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Gift Day - Monday 11th December



Our prayer for November is the Eternal Rest prayer. In November we remember all those who have died. This is a beautiful prayer and one with which the children should be familiar. Please try to say this prayer at home with your children during the month of November.



Eternal rest



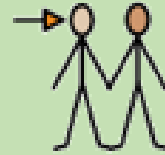
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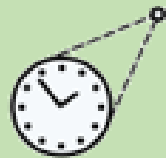
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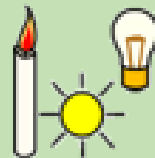


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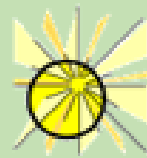


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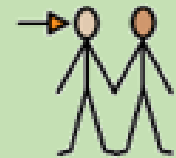


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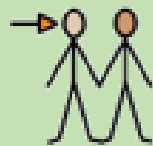


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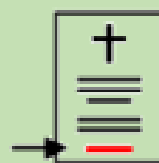


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Amen

Autumn term diary dates

Friday 1st December: Visit from Mrs Clemnents to Yrs 1-6 to talk about being a publisher

Friday 1st December: Bottle donation day for Christmas Fayre (children can wear own clothes)

Friday 1st December: Christmas Fayre in the Parish Hall

Sunday 3rd December: Start of Advent

Wednesday 6th December: School Advent Penitential for children and staff only

Monday 11th December: FSCS Gift Day

Tuesday 12th December: Nursery Christmas performance for parents at 9.15am in school hall

Tuesday 12th December: KS2 Carol Concert on playground at 6.30pm

Wednesday 13th December: Reception Nativity for parents at 9.15am in school hall

Wednesday 13th December: Pantomime at Beck Theatre for Years 3-6

Wednesday 13th December: Pantomime in school for Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2

Thursday 14th December: Reception Nativity for parents at 2pm in school hall

Thursday 14th December: Christmas Lunch day in school

Monday 18th December: School children singing at The Burroughs Care Home

Tuesday 19th December: 9.30am end of term Mass in Church

Wednesday 20th December: Last day of Autumn term. School finishes at 2pm (Accesorize day).

Monday 8th January: Staff Training day

Tuesday 9th January: First day of Spring Term

