

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN









IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

DATE: FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2025



Good morning,
 A four week half term certainly flies by, and what a half term it has been!
 We've had a new Pope, taken a tour around Rome, began our 'Stay and Pray' sessions in school, some classes have enjoyed their trips, completed an Emmaus Walk, taken part in an aerial hoop and silk skills workshop and some children even completed a week of SATs. It's no wonder we're all tired!
 This week, Years 1 and 2 have completed their swimming lessons for the year and we've heard wonderful things about their behaviour and the progress they have made over the fortnight. Well done to all the children!
 In addition, all the children took part in an Emmaus Walk. This walk is part of our Jubilee Year of Hope programme, and the children did a scavenger hunt at the duck pond, followed by a friendship bracelet making session in the hall. It was heart warming to see the classes swapping friendship bracelets with their prayer and reading buddies and is another example of how special our school community is.
 As the half term holiday approaches, please be reminded to look out for Mr Carroll's newsletter, which gives details about what's been happening in each of the classes. Also, please look at the dates for the final half term, which are featured on the final page of this bulletin.
 And finally, the new Catholic Social Teaching Half Term Project is up and running for the holiday, details of which can be found in this bulletin.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CLASS TEACHERS

CLASS		TEACHERS	THEIR MESSAGE TO YOU
NURSERY		MRS KHAN & MRS MUHSEN	Well done on another great week! Nursery have been doing brilliantly. The children enjoyed their time yesterday during our Emmaus walk, especially taking partner in the scavenger hunt with year 5 and making friendship bracelets for year 3! A quick reminder as our Ash End Farm trip is on the first Tuesday back, please ensure all permission slips are returned by this week! Enjoy the half term holidays.
RECEPTION		MRS SHAW & MRS JONES	In Reception this week we have been focusing on writing captions and simple sentences. In Understanding of the world we have been identifying different animals and their young. In Art we have been inspired by Van Gogh to create sunflower pictures using chalk pastels. On Thursday the whole school took part in the Emmaus walk around the local area and Reception enjoyed created friendship bracelets for their prayer buddies in Year 4.
YEAR 1		MISS MURPHY & MISS CASHMORE	We are here at the end of another half term- these 4 weeks really have flown! Year One have finished their swimming lessons this week and the progress they have made has been huge- we are so proud of them all! We also enjoyed our Emmaus Walk to the duck pond this week and made friendship bracelets for Year Five. The children have also enjoyed reflecting on the message of the resurrection during their RE lessons. Year One will be completing their Phonics Screening Check in the week commencing 9 th June- please keep practising with them at home!
YEAR 2		MISS ELLIOT & MRS BARNETT	Year 2 have had another fantastic week! They completed their SATs papers with great effort and finished their swimming lessons brilliantly - we are so proud of them all!
YEAR 3		MR MCNAMARA MRS DECADES & MISS PLANT	Well done to year 3 on a fantastic week. This week the children's foundation topic has focused on Architecture and each child has produced some amazing art in relation to this. As a side note, the children had a wonderful time on our trip to Warick castle and made Our lady and St Rose of Lima proud. Keep up the great work and have a wonderful week off!
YEAR 4		MRS HICKMAN, MRS LEE-MOHAN & MRS FINNEGAN	Well for another week in a very busy half term in Year 4. We created some incredible work in English in our character description of Skeleton Keys. We were all very impressed. We went on the Emmaus walk which gave Year 4 the opportunity to stop and thank God for his creation and to be together as God's family. We have also been very busy with our practising our times tables. Can the children continue to do this at home too- thank you!
YEAR 5		MRS HENSMAN, MRS EDGINGTON & MISS HUMPREYS	Well done Year 5 for doing so well in your final week of this half term. You were brilliant, as always, during the Emmaus walk, and helped the Nursery children with their walking and the scavenger hunt. In addition, you were truly fabulous during the PE lesson where you created activities that were inventive and helped the others demonstrate the athletic skills we have learnt this half term. Have a great half term!
YEAR 6		MS ELSBY-ARNOLD, MISS MAPOTHER & MR LAHERT	We have been having a wonderful time in Year Six learning all about WW2. The children have really impressed us with their insights and understanding.
DAILY ACTIVE & AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS		MR READ	Well done to all the children who represented the school at the athletics competition held at Tudor Grange Stadium! You all performed brilliantly, showed incredible teamwork, and made us very proud by finishing third overall in the competition. Fantastic effort and achievement—congratulations to everyone involved!

CATHOLIC VIRTUES & CLASS WISH LUMINARIES

This week, we turn our thoughts to our Catholic Virtues and Class Wish Luminaries. These are the children that have demonstrated the values of Compassionate and Loving all half term and those that have fulfilled their class wishes. These children have been nominated by their teachers and are shining beacons within their year groups.



Week Celebration focus	Catholic Virtues Luminary	Class Wish Luminary
NURSERY	Arvy	Novah
RECEPTION	Irenosen	Abiel
YEAR 1	Roman	Jaida
YEAR 2	Wilcia	Mateo
YEAR 3	Allie	Leon
YEAR 4	Renaye	Neve
YEAR 5	Ebony	Derry
YEAR 6	Aaliyah	Tristan

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WEEK 1

DATE	CLASSES	EVENT
Monday 2 nd June	WHOLE SCHOOL	ALL CHILDREN RETURN BACK TO SCHOOL AT 8.30AM.
	EYFS & KS1	AERIAL HOOPS & SILK SKILLS WORKSHOP
Tuesday 3 rd June	KS2	KS2 SPORTS DAY AT TUDOR GRANGE (AM)
	NURSERY	NURSERY TRIP TO ASH END FARM
Thursday 5 th June	WHOLE SCHOOL	Whole class photographs.

STAY AND PRAY WITH US



Thank you so much to all the parents who have taken time out of their busy days to share time in prayer with our children.

Year 3 led the prayer and liturgy yesterday and it was lovely to see parents come and join them. The children are very proud of their prayer and liturgy sessions, so thank you for sharing your time with them. The next session will be on Thursday 12th June and will be led by Year 6.

Date	Year group
1 st May	Year 5
15 th May	Year 4
22 nd May	Year 3
12 th June	Year 6
26 th June	Year 2
3 rd July	Year 1

You are warmly invited to come and join any of the prayer sessions, regardless of whether your child is in that year group. It is an opportunity for you to join the children and staff in 10 minutes of prayer.

CATHOLIC LIFE AT ST ROSE

CATHOLIC VIRTUES FOR SUMMER 1

This half term, our Catholic Virtues are:
Compassionate and Loving.

Compassionate means to notice when someone is sad or hurting and want to help them. Jesus showed compassion to everyone - and He asks us to do the same by loving and helping others.

Loving means to care for others and show kindness with our words and actions. Jesus teaches us to love God, love others and love ourselves.

At the start of each half term, all the children think about how they live out the Catholic Virtues within their classes. These are shared as part of our liturgical assembly.

OUR PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen



MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY

As we continue through May, the month of Mary, we look at the Angelus prayer.

We are Compassionate when we:

- Treat everyone with love and kindness
- Understand that we are all equal and important
- Look after each other, especially when people are feeling sad or lonely
- Think of others before ourselves, just like Jesus did

Year 1

Compassionate



We are Loving when we:

- Are kind to each other with our words and actions
- Support and help each other
- look out for everyone and not just our friends
- Love our enemies and forgive them

Year 1

Loving



The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

and she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary... Holy Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

be it done to me according to your word.

Hail Mary... Holy Mary...

And the Word was made flesh:

and dwelt among us

Hail Mary... Holy Mary...

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:

that we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.





Catholic Social Teaching Half Term Project

Looking after the Earth

God gave our planet, our 'Common Home,' as a beautiful gift. It is up to us to take care of it.



The information below contains Bible verses, Bible stories and links to videos to support your conversations at home and help with the different activities shown on the back of this sheet.

Genesis 1:31
God saw all that he had made, and it was Good.

Psalm 24:1
The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.

Colossians 1:16-17
For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible... all things have been created through him and for him.



Bible stories

Click the image to be taken to an appropriate video version of the story.



Creation Story (Genesis 1-2)



Noah and the ark (Genesis 6-9)



People Who Have Championed Caring for the Earth

CATHOLIC ROLE MODELS

OTHER INSPIRING FIGURES

St. Francis of Assisi



Loved all creatures and saw the Earth as a gift from God

Pope Francis



Spoke and wrote about our duty to protect the planet

Sir David Attenborough



Showed the beauty of nature and warned of environmental harm

Greta Thunberg



Raised awareness about climate change at a young age

Links to online videos (click on the QR code to access)

About David Attenborough

Laudato Si

Greta Thunberg



Ideas for discussion and activities at home

Here are some activities that your child can do with you at home over the holiday. These activities are optional, so please feel free to select the ones that suit your child and what you can do at home. You can do as many or as little as you'd like. There are some Bible stories on the front of the sheet that you can share with your child and talk about after.



Time for talk

Why is it important to look after the Earth?

Chat about this as a family.

Make a Bird Feeder or Bug Hotel

God wants us to care for all his creatures.

Create a simple bird feeder (using pinecones, peanut butter, and seeds) or a bug hotel from sticks and leaves.

Nature Photo

Are you a budding photographer?

Take a photo of something that represents God's creation.

Make sure you really think about how you want the photo to look.

Planting

Plant flowers, herbs, or vegetables in the garden or in pots. Take a photo of you planting with your family.

As you plant, pray together that God will bless the growth and help you be good caretakers of His creation.

Litter Pick

Go out together with gloves and a bag to pick up litter in your neighbourhood or local park.

Make sure you are always with an adult and that you use gloves to protect your hands.

Nature Poster

Using natural materials, design a poster that celebrates something to do with God's creation.

Nature Walk

Go for a walk in a park or garden. As you walk, look for things God has made – flowers, trees, birds, clouds.

Thank You Prayer

Write a thank you prayer to God, thanking him for the wonderful world he has given us and how you will help to keep it special.

Share what you have done so we can celebrate your hard work!

Once you have completed your task, why not upload it to our Padlet. Simply upload a photo and write a few sentences describing what you do. Scan the QR code to access the page. Please note, once we have approved it, anything you upload will be public for others to see. We'll share the Padlet in celebration assembly and on our website so everyone can see what you've done.



TASTER EVENING



St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic School

Mon 30th June 2025, 5–7pm



Brief information talks | Fun activities | Refreshments | Tours

PLUS opportunities to meet academy board members, headteachers, staff and many children from STACS.

FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT

- Moving on from primary education and starting secondary school.
- Our high performing secondary school in the top 15% in the country.
- Our results - improving every year since 2018 and statistically significantly "well above" national average.
- Continuing your child's Catholic education from ages 3–19.
- A school that promotes equality and diversity, with strong behaviour.
- Our plethora of sporting and creative clubs.
- One of the first secondary schools in the country to be judged "outstanding in all areas" under the new Catholic Schools Inspectorate framework.
- Our unapologetically high ambitions for every pupil including provision for SEND pupils. (Ofsted, '24)
- An over-subscribed school.
- The Exemplary Leadership Programme funded by the DfE meaning leaders from up and down the country visit us annually to observe best practice.
- The clear evidence that children who attend a Lumen Christi primary school achieve exceptional GCSE outcomes at STACS.



Scan the QR code to book your free tickets.



St. Brigid's



St. Columba's



St. James'



St. Joseph's



St. Paul's



St. John Fisher



St. Thomas More



St. Peter's

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



WEEK	DATE		EVENT
Summer 2			
2	Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th June		Great Big green walk
	Tuesday 10 th June		YEAR 5 trip to the Black Country Living Museum
	Thursday 12 th June		Eco Day (upcycling and recycling)
		STAY AND PRAY — JOIN YEAR 6 FOR THEIR PRAYER AND LITURGY @ 8.45AM IN THE HALL	
3	Monday 17 th June		YEAR 1 trip to the Think Tank
	Thursday 19 th June		Indian Drumming Workshop
4	Thursday 26 th June		YEAR 6 Softball /Cricket tournament
			STAY AND PRAY — JOIN YEAR 2 FOR THEIR PRAYER AND LITURGY @ 8.45AM IN THE HALL
5	Monday 30 th June–Friday 4 th July		Assessment Week
	Monday 30 th June		YEAR 6 Trip to Ackers Trust
	Tuesday 1 st July		Switch off technology day
	Wednesday 2 nd July		Transition Day
	Thursday 3 rd July		STAY AND PRAY — JOIN YEAR 1 FOR THEIR PRAYER AND LITURGY @ 8.45AM IN THE HALL
		YEAR 6 Trip to Go Ape	
6	Monday 7 th - Friday 11 th July		Healthy Living Week
	Tuesday 8 th July		Charity Day for Cancer Research & Summer Fair
	Thursday 10 th July		EYFS & KS1 Sports Day
7	Monday 14 th –Wednesday 16 th July		IEP Meetings with Mrs Edgington and Class Teachers
	Wednesday 16 th July		Care Home Summer Day
	Thursday 17 th July		Year 6 performance to parents (after school)
	Friday 18 th July		Break up for the Summer Holidays at 1pm



**HAVE A WONDERFUL HALF TERM HOLIDAY!
MR CARROLL AND MRS HENSMAN**