

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

DATE: FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY 2025



Good morning,

Thank goodness for the change in weather this week! Whilst the snow can look pretty and, for the children, they get to play in it, it quickly turns into a big inconvenience. I'm sure many of you were just as pleased to hear rain on Sunday night and that this meant the journey to school on Monday was an easy one.

Next week, Years 3 and 4 begin their swimming sessions. This takes place over a two-week period, so please ensure the children have clean swimming costumes / shorts each day and a recognisable towel.

This week, the staff did some training on online safety and were shocked at some of the figures we saw about children accessing apps that they shouldn't be on, along with using AI for a variety of different reasons. Over the next few weeks, in the build up to our Cyber Café in the final week, we will be including parental information about AI and what you need to do, as parents, to ensure your child is safe online. We urge you to read it carefully and monitor what your children can access very carefully.

A message from your teachers

Class	Teachers	Message from your teachers
Nursery	Mrs Khan & Mrs Muhsen	Well done to Nursery for a wonderful week. The children have really settled in so well and going back into routine! This week was full of lots of learning and teamwork. We are so proud of how far they have come.
Reception	Mrs Shaw & Miss Humphries Miss Vassel & Ms Sobiecka	The children have been working hard this week in Literacy to write CVC words and sentences. In Maths we have been learning about counting and representing numbers 6, 7, 8. In Art this week we have been learning about using different types of lines to draw pictures. We learnt about the Artist Paul Klee and were inspired to create our own 'walk the line' pictures. We were so impressed with their work and the children had great fun creating their Artwork.
Year 1	Miss Mapother & Mrs Jones Mrs Kalsi	A good week this week Year 1 learning about the UK and you have really been enjoying our writing topic. Remember to keep doing Numbots at home, keep up the good work! Have a lovely weekend!
Year 2	Miss Elliot & Mrs Barnett	Year 2 have had a fantastic first full week back and have settled in brilliantly. They have really enjoyed starting their new history topic all about the Tudors.
Year 3	Mr Galligan & Mrs Deocades Mrs Kalsi	The year 3 class have worked really hard this week getting into the swing of things after a snowy first week back! The children have finished off their multiplication and division topic in maths, and they are thoroughly enjoying the new book we started in English called the Stone Age Boy. Next week is swimming, so please have that in mind with what you need to give to your child. Have a great weekend and remember daily homework!
Year 4	Mrs Mohan, Mrs Hickman Mrs Finnegan & Mrs Baxter	Well done Year 4 on a fantastic week. You have worked really hard this week, especially in English. You have written some very imaginative pieces. Remember that it is swimming every day for the next two weeks. You need to bring your swimming kit in daily. Continue with your daily TTRS and logging your daily reading on Boom reader.
Year 5	Mrs Hensman, Mrs Edgington & Miss Plant	Well done year 5 for another fabulous week. My knowledge of characters in Norse mythology is improving, thanks to your wonderful English work. You've also worked really hard in your RE lessons. Remember, you don't have forest school next week!
Year 6	Mr McNamara, Mr Clewer Mr Lahert & Mrs Baxter	Well done for another great week! This week's foundation focus was on South America; taking a deeper dive into the countries and the economy. Keep up the amazing work.
After School Clubs	Mr Read	An amazing start to Active 15 and our after-school clubs. The standout classes so far have been Year 5 and Year 6 – well done to everyone involved! There are still some places available for Tuesday's gymnastics club and Thursday's handball club.

Important information for the week ahead

Monday 19 th Jan	Tuesday 20 th Jan	Wednesday 21 st Jan	Thursday 22 nd Jan	Friday 23 rd Jan
Years 3 and 4 swimming all week				
		Year 2 Parent Workshop 8.45am in the hall	Year 1 Parent Workshop 8.45am in the hall	Celebration Assembly 8.45am in the hall

Stars of the Week



This week, the teachers have been looking out for children who have worked hard in their RE lessons. All the classes have been learning about the Christmas story. Early years begin with the nativity story and what happens, and this develops throughout the school with the children understanding the specific roles and feelings of the different people involved, along with the journeys that were taken during this time.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Hosea	Tofunmi	Romey	Ruhmone	Izavella	Vimbiso	Angel	Soela

The Book Fair is coming to St Rose

This book fair is arriving at St Rose on Tuesday 27th January, and you are all warmly invited to come and see the amazing books that they have available for you to buy.

The book fair has always been a successful event, and the children love seeing the wide ranges of books available to buy.

Remember, when buying books from the book fair, you are also helping the school to provide new books for your children.

Please note, this is a cashless event, and payment must be made by card.



Timetable for visiting the book fair in the hall

Tuesday 27th January (3.30pm – 4.00pm)
Children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2

Wednesday 28th January (3.30pm – 4.00pm)
Children in Years 3 & 4

Thursday 29th January (3.30pm – 4.00pm)
Children in Years 5 & 6

Catholic Life at St Rose

Catholic virtues for Spring 1

This half term, our Catholic Virtues are: **Curious and Active**

To be **curious**, means wanting to learn more about God, others and the world.

We want our children to ask thoughtful questions, show an interest in other people's lives and want to learn more about how they can be like Jesus in their own lives.

Being **active** means putting their faith and values into action. We want our children to help others without being asked, stand up for others by making kind and brave choices whilst also taking part in prayer enthusiastically.

These virtues are what makes children at St Rose so special.



Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word is available for you to access below. Click on the image to access this week's copy.

Prayer for parents



Lord,
Thank You for our children and the joy they bring. Help us guide them to be **curious**, eager to learn and discover Your world, and **active**, using their energy to love, serve, and grow. Bless our homes and schools with wisdom and peace.
Amen.

Our Lady & St Rose of Lima Parish Church News



8.45am:

Mass at St Peters **11.30am:** Mass at St Rose

Parish Newsletter

[Click here for the full parish newsletter](#)

Attendance at St Rose

Well done to Year 2 for having the highest attendance last week!

Here is the attendance for Spring 1 Week 1

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.9%	95.2%	93.9%	98.9%	89.4%	97.1%	93.3%	92.5%

Every day matters

For your child to make the progress they deserve, they need to be in school.

As a school, this is something we monitor closely and is a high priority for us each academic year. Whilst odd days off may not seem significant, they do impact your child's learning. Unless your child is really poorly, please ensure they are in school and ready to learn. This will give your child the best chance of achieving their full potential.

ATTENDANCE

Why is it so important?



Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The government states that every child's attendance should be at least 95%.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Absent
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons

Punctuality

Being on time for school is crucial for your child!

If your child is late, this will affect their overall attendance and results in them missing some key tasks that will help them practise skills they have been taught in their lessons.

- Our school day starts at 8.30am.
- The registers are taken at 8.40am.
- Anyone arriving after 8.40am is classed as late.

If your child arrives after this time, they will already have missed some crucial work in the morning.

Please allow sufficient time to get to school so that your child can get the best start to their school day!



Don't be late like the White Rabbit - be on time each day!

Our school day

Gates open at 8.25am
School starts at 8.30am
Registers close at 8.40am

EYFS school day finishes at 3.20pm
All other children finish at 3.30pm
Friday - school finishes at 1.00pm

Daily Homework

This year, we reduced the amount of daily homework expected of the children each night to ensure it was manageable for you, as parents, and the children. For most children, this now requires them to do a maximum of 10 minutes practising key maths skills and daily reading. Sadly, very few children are completing this on a regular basis.

Daily practise of either Numbots (KS1) and TTRS (KS2) will help your children to be fluent in their number facts and times tables, essential tools for their Maths lessons.

Daily reading will not only help your child become a fluent reader, but it will also instil a love of reading that provides them with a wider range of vocabulary and a more vivid imagination.

Class Statistics

To give you a better understanding, here are the numbers of children who completed **both** their maths and reading homework **every day** (4 sessions) this week in KS1 & KS2.

Year 1 – 0 children

Year 3 – 1 child

Year 2 – 0 children

Year 4 – 2 children

Year 5 – 16 children

Year 6 – 0 children

What daily homework does my child have?

Nursery & Reception:



Years 1 & 2



Daily Numbots (5 minutes) and daily reading

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6



Daily TTRS (10 minutes) and daily reading



All reading should be logged on Boom Reader



We need your help!

This homework amount to approximately 20 minutes each day, but that 20 minutes will really benefit your child.

For children in the lower classes, please help your child to complete their daily homework. For children in the upper classes, please remind them of what they need to do each day!

Internet Safety at St Rose



Wednesday
11th February

2.45pm - 3.30pm

As part of the Internet Safety Week, we will be hosting our first 'Cyber Café' in school. The café will take place from 2.45pm until 3.30pm in the school time.

This is the perfect opportunity for you to come to the hall to chat to myself, Mr Ingram or Mr Clewer about how to help make sure your children are safe online. Feel free to bring any devices you want to check or simply come and ask us questions about what apps are safe for your children to use.

We'll have some warm drinks for you, along with some helpful handouts and a listening ear.

Make a note in your diary, and we look forward to seeing you there!

After School Clubs - Spring 1



This half term's after school clubs have started again. Whilst the Wednesday Ball Skills Club is completely full, there are still places available for the other clubs. If you would like your child to attend any of the clubs below, please speak to the office to get a letter.

- Monday Mixed Football - **limited spaces**
- Tuesday Gymnastics - **limited spaces**
- Thursday Handball - **plenty of spaces**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
KS2 Mixed Football	KS1 Gymnastics	KS1 & KS2 Ball Skills	Years 4, 5 and 6 Handball
	Lighthouse Group		Choir

Important Information

Years 3 and 4

Swimming

It's the turn of Years 3 and 4 to go swimming this half term, and their swimming sessions start on

Monday 19th January

for two weeks.

The children will need to bring a swimming costume / shorts and a towel each day.

This is an essential part of the National Curriculum and is therefore not something you can opt out of.

Parent Workshops

This half term, the parent workshops focus on how we teach Maths in school. We focus heavily on the teaching of Big Maths in school, so this is an essential workshop for you to attend. Each workshop starts at 8.45am in the hall and lasts approximately 30 mins.

The dates are as follows:

Year 2: Wednesday 21st January

Year 1: Thursday 22nd January

Reception: Wednesday 28th January

Nursery: Thursday 29th January

Year 4: Wednesday 4th February*

*Please note to date change for Year 4

School Trips

This half term, Year 1 are visiting the 'Think Tank' on Thursday 29th January as part of their enrichment curriculum.

The details for the trip are on Parent Pay and letters have been sent out again to all parents. We kindly ask that you go onto Parent Pay and make the necessary for payments in advance of the trip date.

For all other classes, your class trips are now on Parent Pay so please consider making regular payments, rather than leaving it until the date of your trip.

School Uniform

We have noticed several children who are not wearing the correct footwear for school. Please can you ensure your child is wearing **PLAIN BLACK TRAINERS** for school. They should **NOT** have any other colours, logos or stripes and ensures they always look smart, and their uniform is in line with the school policy.

Winter Weather

Please ensure your child is dressed in a warm coat during the winter weather!



Have a wonderful weekend.
Mr Carroll & Mrs Hensman

Keeping your child safe online

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY



Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES



Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

IDEAS

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keefe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



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Spring Term Key Dates

January

Tuesday 6th January

- Children return to school at 8.30am

Wednesday 7th January

- Year 6 Parent Workshop

Thursday 8th January

- Year 5 Parent Workshop

Thursday 15th January

- Year 3 Parent Workshop

Wednesday 21st January

- Year 2 Parent Workshop

Thursday 22nd January

- Year 1 Parent Workshop

Wednesday 28th January

- Reception Parent Workshop

Thursday 29th January

- Year 1 Trip to the Think Tank Museum
- Nursery Parent Workshop

February

Wednesday 4th February

- Year 4 Parent Workshop

Thursday 5th February

- Year 6 Stay and Pray

Thursday 12th February

- Year 5 Stay and Pray

Friday 13th February

- Children break up at 1pm

Monday 23rd February

- Children return to school at 8.30am

Tuesday 24th February

- One Life Retreat Day

Thursday 26th February

- Year 4 Stay and Pray

Years 3 & 4 Swimming

Monday 19th - 22nd January AND

Monday 26th - 29th January



March

Thursday 5th March

- World Book Day

Thursday 12th March

- Year 3 Stay and Pray

Wednesday 11th March

- Parent Consultation Afternoon

Wednesday 18th March

- Year 5 Trip to Black Country Living Museum

Thursday 19th March

- Year 2 Stay and Pray

Thursday 26th March

- Year 1 Stay and Pray

Friday 27th March

- Children break up at 1pm

World Book Day

For World Book Day this year, EVERY child will need to bring in a **cheap** plain white t-shirt!



WORLD
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Summer Term Key Dates

April

Tuesday 14th April

- Children return to school at 8.30am

Thursday 16th April

- Year 2 Trip to Mount Pleasant Farm
- Year 6 Stay and Pray

Thursday 23rd April

- Reception Trip to Tamworth Castle
- Year 5 Stay and Pray

Thursday 30th April

- Year 4 Stay and Pray

Test Dates

- KS2 SATs: 11th - 14th May
- KS1 SATs: Throughout May
- Year 1 Phonics: w/c 8th June
- Year 4 Multiplication: w/c 1st June

Years 1 & 2 Swimming



Monday 13th - Friday 17th April AND
Monday 20th - Friday 24th April

May

Monday 4th May

- Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 7th May

- Election Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 14th May

- Year 4 Trip to Botanical Gardens
- Year 3 Stay and Pray

Tuesday 19th May

- Year 3 Trip to Warwick Castle

Thursday 21st May

- Year 2 Stay and Pray

Friday 22nd May

- Children break up at 1pm

Summer Fair



Thursday 9th July
ADVANCE NOTICE

School will close at 3pm to
allow all the staff to run stalls
at the Summer Fair

June

Monday 1st June

- Children return to school at 8.30am

Tuesday 2nd June

- KS2 Sports Day (TBC)

Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th June

- Year 5 & 6 Residential to Alton Castle

Thursday 11th June

- Year 1 Stay and Pray

Thursday 18th June

- Nursery Trip to Ash End Farm
- Reception Stay and Pray

July

Wednesday 1st July

- Transition Day

Thursday 2nd July

- Nursery Stay and Pray

Monday 6th - Friday 10th July

- Healthy Living Week

Wednesday 8th July

- Charity Day

Thursday 9th July

- EYFS Sports Day 9.00 - 10.00am
- KS1 Sports Day 10.30 - 11.30am
- Summer Fair 3.00 - 4.30pm

Wednesday 15th July

- Year 6 Leaver's Mass (TBC)

Thursday 16th July

- Year 6 Leaver's Performance 2.00pm

Friday 17th July

- Children break up at 1pm