



# The Holy Spirit Newsletter



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**“Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?”**

Mark 4:35-41

Spring Term - Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

READY		RESPECTFUL			SAFE
Our Holy Spirit Values					
Forgiveness	Love	Honesty	Teamwork	Responsibility	Mutual Respect
Love - Believe - Achieve - Thrive					

### In School this week:

- \* A big 'Thank you' to our school nurse Claire Snook, who had an open morning this week to support our families. Claire will be back to school for a coffee afternoon on Wednesday, 28/2 from 3pm. All are welcome!
- \* Also, many thanks to the NSPCC volunteers, who led the 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' workshops.
- \* Thanks to Jon Barton, we are shining brightly with our vocal exercises, musical knowledge, hymn singing etc.
- \* Well done to our Y6 children for their commitment to the SATs booster sessions - every Thursday.
- \* Many of our children have been busy working on their Eco-themed ART projects, participating in a large multi-school display, which will be on show in Shopping City from 5/2/24 to 23/2/24.

### Diary Dates Reminders

- Tuesday, 6/2 - Film Night - please return the reply slips by Friday, 2/2
- Wednesday, 7/2 - Dental care sessions for Year R, Year 2 and Year 5 children
- Thursday, 8/2 - Children of Halton Sing (details to follow).
- \*Please note that Parents' Evening will be rearranged for Spring 2
- Friday, 9/2 - Break up at 3.15pm
- \*Wednesday, 14/2 - Ash Wednesday Mass at The Holy Spirit Church from 9.30am (school holiday)
- Monday, 19/2 - School re-opens at 8.45am
- WB Monday, 19/2 - First week of Lent
- Tuesday, 20/2 - World day of Social Justice - CAFOD Workshop
- Monday, 26/2 - Fairtrade Fortnight begins
- Thursday, 7/3 - World Book Day (details to follow)

Virtue Stars	Achievement Stars	Overall Attendance – 94.06%
 <p>We are so proud of you!</p> <p>Diamonds – Bella-Rose Emeralds – David Sapphires – Influence Amethysts – Livingstone Topaz – Bobbi</p>	 <p>Diamonds – Issac F Emeralds – Jorgie Sapphires – Leela Amethysts – Heidi Topaz – Maisie</p>	<p>Congratulations to this week's winners <b>Diamonds - 97%</b> Thank you to all our families, who keep their attendance and punctuality up to an excellent standard!</p> <p>Emeralds – 94% Sapphires – 95% Amethysts &amp; Topaz – 85%</p> 

### Snack Money

Thank you to all our parents, who ensure that children's snack accounts are topped up on time every week. Just a polite reminder that snack money for the Diamonds class, £1 per week, is paid directly to the class teachers weekly or half-termly. This includes, toast, milk, cereal and occasional tasting of international food, as part of cultural celebrations like Chinese New Year, Diwali etc.

### Maximillian Kolbe Parish

Please click on the link to access Fr Peter's Parish Newsletter: <http://www.saint-maximilian-kolbe.org/blog/weekly-newsletter/>

### Reading & Homework

Thank you to all parents, who ensure that children read at home every day, whether paper books or online through Bug Club, Oxford Reading Buddy and Collins. In KS1, children should read at a 90 words per minute pace and at KS2 at 110 words per minute. Daily reading helps children improve their fluency and comprehension skills, greatly. If you can spare an hour or so a week, we are looking for volunteers to read with our children. If interested, please let the office know.

### Birthdays

A very happy birthday to Ellie-Grace this week. Have a lovely day and enjoy your reading book.

### Polite Notices

Please ensure your child comes to school with a book bag and their reading book, every day.  
Thank you to all our families, who are parking in a way that doesn't obstruct the local residents' access.  
Thank you to PCSO Paul and the Amethysts for working hard on their 'No Parking' posters.