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CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

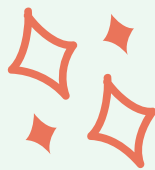
As we reach the end of another busy and successful school year, I am delighted to share with you the highlights and achievements of our wonderful children in this special summer edition of our newsletter.

This term has been packed with memorable events, exciting trips, inspiring projects, and plenty of opportunities for our children to shine — both in their learning and in the way they live out our school values each and every day. From thought-provoking workshops and environmental action to creative performances and sporting triumphs, there is so much to celebrate and be proud of.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership throughout the year. Together, we make a real difference to the lives of our children, helping them grow into caring, confident, and capable individuals.

I hope you enjoy reading about just some of the fantastic things that have been happening this term. On behalf of all the staff and governors, I wish you and your families a happy, safe, and restful summer break.

Mrs Salters



WHAT'S HAPPENED THIS TERM?



PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Living Our Mission: CAFOD Jubilee Workshop

We began the summer term with a meaningful visit from CAFOD on 25th April 2025, who led us in reflecting on this special Jubilee Year. The day started with a whole-school assembly, inspiring us to think about how we can bring hope to others by serving those in need. This was followed by interactive workshops for the children, helping them to explore practical ways they can live out this mission and make a difference.

The key message was clear: even the smallest act of kindness can mean so much to someone else. As a school community, we remain committed to reaching out with compassion and hope to those who need our help and support — living out our Gospel values and our school mission every day.

This work also forms part of our journey towards achieving the CAFOD Live Simply Award, as we continue to live simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with others — putting faith into action for the good of our world and its people.



Holy Communicants visit to Blessed Carlo Acutis exhibition and St Edmund Arrowsmiths Holy Hand



Our Year 4 First Holy Communicants enjoyed a special visit to St. Oswald and St. Edmund Arrowsmith Church in Ashton-in-Makerfield with myself on 29th April 2025. Here, we were warmly welcomed by Rev Canon John Gorman, who spoke about the life of St Edmund Arrowsmith and the importance of staying strong in faith. He shared the story of the Holy Hand – the preserved hand of the saint – which reminds us of his bravery in standing up for his beliefs, even when it was difficult. The children were blessed with the Holy Hand, making the moment extra special and memorable. They also explored the inspiring Carlo Acutis exhibition on Eucharistic Miracles, learning how this young boy used technology to help others grow closer to Jesus. Carlo famously said that “the Eucharist is our highway to heaven”, helping the children understand the importance of recognising that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. The visit ended with a quiet time of prayer at the newly developed Our Lady shrine. The Missionaries of Charity Sisters accompanied the group, offering additional support and guidance throughout this meaningful and faith-filled experience.

Year 4 First Holy Communion Celebration



We were delighted to celebrate such a special occasion with our Holy Communicants from Year 4 this term as they received their First Holy Communion. The day began beautifully with a reverent and joyful Mass led by Fr Terry, where the children showed such pride and devotion as they received the Eucharist for the first time.

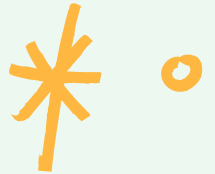
After Mass, the Holy Communicants and the whole Year 4 class continued the celebration back at school, joined by their families, staff, and friends. It was a truly memorable occasion, filled with a sense of community, faith, and joy. We were so impressed by the reverence and maturity the Holy Communicants showed throughout, and how proud they were to take this important step in their faith journey.



I would also like to thank Fr Mose for leading the With You Always preparation programme, working with the children and their parents after school in the months leading up to this special day. A heartfelt thank you as well to the Sisters from the Missionaries of Charity, who have supported the children so kindly through in-school faith sessions, helping them deepen their understanding and love of their faith.

We pray that the children will continue to grow in faith and keep Jesus close in their hearts.

EYFS 'LEARNING ABOUT FAITH'



This term, the EYFS have deepened their understanding of faith through the RE Branch 6 curriculum.

- Fr Moses visited Nursery to share some scripture with the children, explaining how Jesus loves everyone all over the world and answering their thoughtful questions.
- We also welcomed Miss Bammer (Year 2), who shared aspects of her Islamic faith. She brought some beautiful artefacts, including her prayer mat, and read a short passage from the Qur'an. She also talked with the children about the similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity, encouraging respect and understanding.

YR 1 PILGRIMS OF HOPE MASS AT THE METROPOLITAN CATHEDRAL

We were delighted to see our younger children take part in the Pilgrims of Hope Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral. They sang the hymns they had been practising so beautifully and read with confidence during the readings — a truly moving moment for all who attended. The theme of being Pilgrims of Hope gave the children a chance to reflect on their own journey of faith, learning that even at a young age they can bring hope, kindness, and joy to others through their words and actions. Taking part in this special Mass helped them feel connected to the wider Catholic community and reminded them that they are part of God's loving family, always walking together in faith and hope.



LIVING OUR GOSPEL VALUES ON TRANSITION DAY

As part of our whole-school Transition Day — when children spent time with their new class teachers and began looking forward to the year ahead — we also took the opportunity to celebrate our Gospel Values.

Each class explored one of the core Gospel values that shape our school community:

Love, Wisdom, Hope, Respect, Fairness, Fellowship, Service, and Courage.

The children reflected on what their class's value means in everyday life and how we can live it out in our school, at home, and in the wider world. They took part in thoughtful discussions, creative activities, and shared their ideas about how these values help us follow our mission:

“Serving with love, Striving for excellence.”

In the afternoon, we gathered as a whole school for a special assembly, where each class shared what they had learned about their Gospel value and how it can inspire us all to grow in faith, kindness, and character. It was a wonderful way to prepare for the new school year — meeting new teachers, settling into new classes, and remembering the Gospel values that guide everything we do as a school family.



YEAR 1 MUSEUM TRIP — LITTLE LIVERPOOL

Our Year 1 children enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Little Liverpool gallery to bring their Geography and History lessons to life. They discovered more about Liverpool's rich heritage, exploring famous city landmarks and deepening their understanding of the place they call home. A highlight of the day was the hands-on experience of transporting boats through the “little Mersey,” which helped them to see how the city's waterfront and docks have played an important role throughout history. What an exciting way to learn!





🇬🇧 VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 🇬🇧

On 8th May 2025, our whole school came together to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a joyful street party celebration. Beautifully planned, prepared, and organised by Miss Rowe, the event was a fitting tribute to this important moment in history, and a wonderful time was had by all as we paused to remember those who bravely fought for our country.

We reflected on the courage, dedication, and hope shown by those who served — values rooted in love for others, and central to our own school mission. This commemoration held great meaning for our school family, as we honoured their sacrifice and celebrated the moment the war finally came to an end.

"We remember. We celebrate. We carry hope."

🎯 CAREER CONVERSATIONS: INSPIRING FUTURES 🎯

This year we launched our Career Conversations initiative, led by Mr Allen, to help children start thinking about their futures and the many possibilities ahead of them. Through trips, guest speakers, workshops, and behind-the-scenes experiences, pupils have the chance to discover a wide variety of jobs and careers — many they may never have thought about before.

The aim is simple: to show our children that their learning today connects to real opportunities tomorrow, and to encourage them to dream big, ask questions, and start thinking about the kind of difference they want to make in the world.

“Dream big. Ask questions. Start the conversation.”

🔬 EUREKA SCIENCE MUSEUM VISIT: CAREER CONVERSATIONS IN ACTION 🔬



Year 4's visit to the Eureka Science Museum in Wallasey was another fantastic opportunity to get hands-on with learning — and to inspire future aspirations as part of this new initiative.

As well as taking part in an interactive science workshop and exploring the museum's exciting exhibits — including bodies, homes, nature, and the creative “make and create” area where they built and designed their own scientific creations — the children also had the unique opportunity to go behind the scenes. They met the museum's CEO and discovered some of the many different careers that help keep Eureka running, from technicians, workshop leaders, and scientists to groundskeepers and other essential roles.

It was a memorable day that not only brought science to life but also opened the children's eyes to the wide range of jobs and pathways they might aspire to in the future.



🏛️ YEAR 4 ROMAN CHESTER TRIP 🏛️



Year 4 enjoyed an unforgettable day stepping back in time to explore the rich history of the Romans in Chester. Their visit began at the fascinating Grosvenor Roman Museum, where they examined real Roman artefacts and took part in an interactive, hands-on workshop that brought their learning to life.

After lunch, the children donned their shields and marched proudly through the city centre — just like true Roman soldiers — before heading to the amphitheatre for an epic mock battle to round off the day. It was a fantastic experience, making history truly memorable and meaningful for all involved.

🏃♂️ KINGS CAMPS ACTIVE PLAY DAY: A WHOLE-SCHOOL SUCCESS! 🏃♀️

We were delighted to welcome the team from Kings Camps to lead a special Active Play Day for the whole school. Throughout the day, every class took part in energetic, fun-filled sessions designed to get everyone moving, working together, and building confidence through physical activity. The experienced Kings Camps coaches brought fantastic energy and enthusiasm, leading the children in a variety of games and challenges that encouraged teamwork, resilience, and above all, enjoyment.

It was wonderful to see every child so engaged and enthusiastic, discovering how being active can be both healthy and fun. A huge thank you to the Kings Camps team for delivering such a positive, memorable experience and helping to inspire our pupils to lead more active lifestyles.

THE IMPACT OF OUR FOREST SCHOOL AREA

This year, we are proud to reflect on the incredible impact that our investment in Forest School training has had on the whole school community. From its creation, this outdoor space was designed to give every child the opportunity to explore, learn, and grow in nature — and it has truly become a much-loved part of school life.

A key part of making Forest School a success was investing in our staff. We are delighted that 10 members of staff have now trained as Forest School Leads, giving us a highly skilled and enthusiastic team who can safely and confidently deliver high-quality sessions for all year groups. This training has allowed us to embed Forest School into our provision in a meaningful and sustainable way.

Over the year, every year group has accessed the Forest School area, from our youngest children in Reception to our oldest in Year 6. The space has been used for a wide range of activities designed to develop confidence, teamwork, resilience, and respect for nature.

Some of the highlights include:

- Building dens and shelters using natural materials.
- Learning how to safely light and manage a fire in the dedicated fire pit area, and even toasting marshmallows!
- Using tools and developing practical outdoor skills under close supervision.
- Nature-based art and craft activities, inspired by the seasons.
- Mindfulness and quiet reflection, helping children to develop a sense of peace and well-being.

We have further enhanced this provision by inviting other professionals into school to lead and inspire both staff and children in our Forest School area. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Cameron, Senior Lecturer from Liverpool John Moores University, who shared her expertise and passion for outdoor learning. We also had a fantastic visit from Mr Rowe, a specialist outdoor teacher, who brought new ideas and activities to engage the children. You can read more about his inspiring visit on the next page.

The benefits for our children have been evident:

- Improved confidence and independence, especially for those who find the classroom challenging.
- Opportunities to develop teamwork and communication skills.
- A deeper appreciation of the natural world and the importance of caring for our environment.
- Enhanced emotional well-being, with many children describing Forest School as their “favourite part of the week.”

We are thrilled that this provision has been embraced so wholeheartedly by children and staff alike, and we look forward to continuing to develop our Forest School programme in the years to come. We would like to thank our Forest School Leads, visiting professionals, and everyone involved in making this vision a reality.



“I love Forest School because I can just be myself and try things I’ve never done before. I feel really proud when I build something or make a fire with my group.” – Year 5 pupil



FOREST SCHOOL FUN WITH MR ROWE!



Forest School Fun with Mr Rowe!



This term we were thrilled to welcome Mr Rowe, a forest school and mountaineering expert — and Miss Rowe's older brother — who works as an outdoor lead at a school in Yorkshire. He spent the day delivering exciting forest school sessions to classes across the school.



Children in Years 2, 5 and 6 learned how to filter water using simple, everyday household items — a handy survival skill — and discussed how to stay safe near water as we head into the summer holidays. The children also got the chance to explore a range of climbing equipment, from helmets and harnesses to outdoor rucksacks, and even try some of it on. It was a fantastic, hands-on experience that inspired the children to enjoy and respect the great outdoors!

Mr Rowe said how much he enjoyed working with our pupils and hopes to return in the future to deliver even more outdoor adventures.



KS2 PALM OIL PROJECT



✨ KEY STAGE 2 PALM OIL PROJECT WITH CHESTER ZOO: A WILD SUCCESS! ✨🌴

We are proud to share the success of our Key Stage 2 Sustainable Palm Oil Challenge, a fantastic conservation project run in partnership with Chester Zoo.

Earlier this year, our school was specially invited by Jenny, a Conservation Education Officer from Chester Zoo, to take part in one of their limited and highly regarded outreach programmes. We were thrilled to accept and chose the Sustainable Palm Oil Challenge, which focused on the impact of palm oil production on rainforests and wildlife — and how small, informed choices can help protect these precious habitats.

The project began with a staff kickstarter meeting to help embed the topic across the curriculum. Then, over three days, Chester Zoo's Conservation Education Officers delivered interactive, thought-provoking workshops to all of our Year 3–6 classes. The sessions sparked meaningful discussions and gave our KS2 children a deeper understanding of how our everyday decisions affect the wider world.

The highlight of the project was an exciting visit to Chester Zoo, where our Year 3–6 children were able to see conservation in action, explore the rainforest habitats, and take part in activities linked to the palm oil challenge. One activity focused on how hornbills cleverly build their nests and why protecting their habitats is so important. Afterwards, the children explored the zoo and marvelled at the incredible wildlife, spotting tigers, elephants, giraffes, flamingos — and even venturing into the butterfly house and the bat cave! It was a truly memorable and inspiring experience, bringing their learning to life and showing them how their actions can make a real difference.

We feel privileged to have been one of only a small number of schools chosen to take part in this initiative. The Sustainable Palm Oil Challenge has strengthened our commitment to the CAFOD Live Simply Award, encouraging us all to live simply, sustainably, and in solidarity with others.

A huge well done to our Key Stage 2 children for their engagement, teamwork and thoughtful contributions throughout the project — you really are making a difference for our planet and its wildlife!



ECO WEEK 2025:

LIVERPOOL CHILDREN UNITED FOR OUR CITY AND PLANET!

We had an incredible Eco Week, held from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd May 2025, as part of the Liverpool Schools Parliament – “Liverpool Children Unite to Make a Difference for Our City and Our Planet.”








The week was a truly inspiring celebration of how we can all care for our common home, and it was amazing to see the creativity, enthusiasm and teamwork of our children as they worked on their eco projects. Our visitors were so impressed by the children’s knowledge, passion and the positive message they shared – a real credit to the whole school community and a shining example of how we are living out the values of the CAFOD Live Simply Award.

We were honoured to welcome a team of visitors from Liverpool City Council, led by Caroline O’Neill, Families Programme Manager and Child Friendly City Coordinator. Joining her were colleagues Caroline Scott, Sian McCosh, and Barney Konneh, who came to observe and celebrate the children’s fantastic work and activities. In the run-up to Eco Week, the team got in touch to say:

“Thank you for sharing your plans for Eco Week at your school. They really stood out and we would love to visit and capture the children’s work to incorporate into our celebrations.”

Their kind words and enthusiasm were a testament to how amazing our school community is and how hard Mrs Cotter had worked to plan such an impactful week - we were delighted to invite them into St Vincent’s!

Mrs Cotter launched the week with a whole-school assembly on Monday afternoon, setting the scene and challenging each class with a special eco task to complete. On Wednesday, the school was a sea of green as children and staff dressed in green to show their support for the planet while completing their tasks. It was a fantastic day for teamwork, learning and plenty of photo opportunities! Here’s what each class achieved:

-  EYFS & Year 6 – Litter picked around the school grounds, leaving the area clean and tidy
-  Year 1 – Built wonderful bug houses for Forest School, creating homes for wildlife
-  Year 2 – Revitalised the mud kitchen with fresh soil, herbs and organisation
-  Year 3 – Litter picked and planted around the school grounds
-  Year 4 – Took responsibility for litter picking around the school perimeter
-  Year 5 – Made and hung bird feeders and installed solitary bee houses
-  Year 6 – Created fantastic posters and videos encouraging recycling, which will now be displayed in school and around the local area

We also launched a whole-school home challenge, encouraging families to create junk art from recyclable materials – the creativity and effort put into these projects were wonderful to see. Meanwhile, our Mini Vinnies began an exciting new mission that will continue into next year. As part of a joint project with the local council, they visited and carried out a planning session for repurposing a neglected green space on Argyle Street, which is currently used as a waste area. This first site visit and discussion marked the start of what promises to be a truly transformative project – and a powerful example of living out the values of the CAFOD Live Simply Award, by caring for our local environment and working in solidarity with our community. We look forward to seeing their plans come to life next year!

Eco Week was a powerful reminder that together we can make a real difference – and it was clear to all our visitors how much our children care about making our world a better place. Thank you to everyone – staff, families, pupils and visitors – and especially Mrs Cotter who made it such a memorable and meaningful week.

TELLING TALES OR ASKING FOR HELP PROJECT



This term, our Year 2 children were very fortunate to help pilot the Ariel Trust's brand-new Key Stage 1 resource: Telling Tales or Asking for Help. These special sessions explored how to ask for help in the best way, encouraging children to develop help-seeking behaviours from an early age. The aim is to protect children and equip them to deal with uncomfortable or potentially dangerous situations, such as bullying, online dangers and, in the future, even grooming.

The resource is being trialled and adapted based on feedback from schools during the spring and summer terms to ensure it is as effective and age-appropriate as possible. In our sessions, the story focused on bullying, helping the children learn when and how to ask for help, what language to use, and the difference between telling tales and seeking help. They also practised managing emotions, understanding the role of a bystander, and active listening.

The sessions were highly interactive, using games, freeze frames, roleplays and forum theatre to help children practise these important skills. As part of the project, three of our children were chosen to record voice-overs for the three main characters in the lesson scenario videos — and even Miss R got to join in as the teacher!

Well done to all the children for engaging so brilliantly with this important pilot and helping shape the final resource. A big well done to Grace, Olivia and Abel for your amazing acting skills!

KNIFE CRIME ASSEMBLY AND WORKSHOP

We were really pleased to welcome Izzy into school recently to deliver an important assembly and workshop for our Year 5 and 6 pupils. The focus of the session was on making positive choices, with a particular emphasis on the sensitive topic of knife crime.

The workshop was carefully put together, using real-life scenarios to show both the positive and negative outcomes of different choices. This really helped the children to understand how their actions can have serious consequences in a way that felt relatable and meaningful.

The children were fully engaged throughout and left with lots to think about. It sparked some really thoughtful discussions and gave them confidence to make safer and more informed choices. Through interactive activities and open conversations, they explored how to handle difficult situations and make the right decisions.

A huge thank you to Izzy, who was fantastic. She was down-to-earth, approachable and really connected with the children. Her empathy and the way she made every child feel included made a big impression — even she commented on how engaged and mature the children were during the session!

OUT OF THE BLUE



The Bluecoat Out of the Blue project is an exciting and creative after-school experience for some of our Y4 and Y5 children. They children have been working with artists to explore a variety of art forms, including drawing, painting, and sculpture. The project has encouraged them to express themselves creatively and develop new artistic skills. Through engaging workshops and group activities, the children are learning how to communicate ideas and emotions through art. They have shown great enthusiasm and imagination throughout the sessions and this will continue into the new school year. The project will culminate in a special exhibition, where the children will proudly share their work with parents and the wider community.

ROBINWOOD RESIDENTIAL

Our recent residential trip to Robinwood was an unforgettable experience filled with adventure, teamwork, and personal growth. Over three action-packed days, some of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in a variety of exciting activities including canoeing, climbing, the giant swing, and the legendary Piranha Pool challenge. The staff at Robinwood were enthusiastic, supportive, and made everyone feel safe and encouraged. It was wonderful to see students challenge themselves, build confidence, and work together. The food was great, the accommodation was comfortable, and the memories made will last a lifetime. A huge thank you to everyone who helped make this trip such a success!



EYFS – PEOPLE WHO HELP US

This term, in the EYFS the main topic was ‘People Who Help Us’, and they were lucky to have some exciting visitors come and talk to the children about their roles in the community.

- They welcomed officers from Merseyside Police, who let the children try on some police hats and explore their police car – the sirens were a big hit!
- The local fire brigade visited, giving everyone the chance to sit inside the fire engine and even have a go at using the big fire hose to spray water across the yard – what a memorable experience!



They also learned about how to look after their teeth with a visit from the community dentist, who demonstrated the best way to brush and explained why it's important to keep our smiles healthy!

GROWING AND CHANGING



Alongside their main topic, they also learned about ‘Growing and Changing’. Miss Pia worked with the children to plant a variety of vegetables in our Early Years garden. The children loved getting their hands dirty planting seeds and watching the plants grow over the weeks. They are so proud of their little patch of garden, which is now full of life and colour.

SEASONS AND SUMMER FUN

The EYFS children have also been keeping a close eye on the world around us and noticing how the seasons have changed. The children took a lovely summer walk around the school grounds, spotting flowers, bugs, and signs of summer. To celebrate the end of their fantastic year, they held a teddy bears’ picnic in the sunshine, enjoying snacks and games outdoors with their favourite cuddly friends.



🔥 THE EYFS FIRE PIT

We are thrilled that the final stage of our Early Years garden is now complete, including our cosy fire pit area. The children have really enjoyed visiting the fire pit this term, where they toasted marshmallows, listened to stories, and shared time together in this special space.



THE TEDDY BEARS PICNIC



If you went down to St Vincent's garden today... you were sure of a big surprise! 🍷 Our EYFS children invited their favourite teddy bears to join them for a magical teddy bear picnic. Everyone enjoyed teddy bear-themed sandwiches, cakes and crisps, and played lots of fun games in the sunshine. The children even helped to make and hang beautiful decorations to make the picnic area extra special. It was a wonderful day full of smiles, laughter and plenty of cuddly bears! 😊

KEY STAGE 2 ATHLETICS CLUB



This year, members of Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Liverpool District Athletics Championships at Wavertree Track, making it our biggest turn out to date! All of these children have attended the school running club and competed in the Liverpool Cross Country competitions throughout the school year.

The girls and boys competed in the 75m sprint, 150m sprint and the mammoth 800m race. Annabel (Y6) also tried her hand at high jump and scored her personal best height!

We prepared the children during PE lessons in the Spring term with Coach Kate, as well as developing speed, stamina and sportsmanship during running club to ensure they approached these events with skill and determination.

Every child performed incredibly well in their events, and Miss Brie and Miss Spence were blown away by their team spirit and resilience. The children had a great time (as did the staff) and we even got to celebrate two of our own, Year 5's Tavenashe and Megan, getting 4th place in the 75m race and 4th in the 800m race respectively. This meant that Tave competed in the semi-final heat later that evening, and Megan attended the Liverpool Athletics' Championships on Monday 7th July, where she placed 7th!

Both children showed what being a true St Vincent pupil entails and we could not be prouder!

We could not have done this without the time and effort the parents and children put into running and athletics this year, so a huge thank you to all!

Once again a BIG WELL DONE, to Annabel, Tave, Megan, Sage, Evie, Alana, Julietta, Joshua, Royan, Oliver, Karol and Max- you should all be so proud!



LIBRARY CLUB

This term we introduced our brand new 'Library Club' which is open to Years 2-6.

We have been fortunate enough to be enrolled on the National Literacy Trust's Libraries for Primaries initiative, which has allowed access to high quality staff training, as well as a gigantic selection of new books, including a Yoto player (audiobooks) and some additional furniture.

This has inspired a library refresh to take place ready for September, when we will raise the profile of reading for pleasure across the school. This is obviously a mammoth job, and so Miss Brie wanted to enlist the help of some of our pupils, in the form of Pupil Librarians.

The children wrote a letter of application for the role of pupil librarian, explaining their love of books and reading and how they would contribute positively to our school community. Those selected demonstrated great enthusiasm and thoughtful ideas for the role.

We then went on an amazing trip to Liverpool Central Library! This was a delightful morning, where the children found out the history of our magnificent city library, as well as what goes into being a good librarian. We even got to view some of the books in the archive, and saw a letter from an astronaut, as well as the most expensive book in the library (worth millions) and the tiniest book (a version of the Lords Prayer).

The children were so inquisitive and engaged during the session and really represented our school in the best light. We then returned back to school ready to implement some of the ideas we had learnt that day, as well as develop those key librarian skills such as organisation, independence and team work and social and communication skills. The librarians will continue their work during our after-school club next year, and will help St Vincent de Paul become a hub of book talk and reading for pleasure!



CHESS CLUB & COMPUTING CLUB



This term, our Chess Club players have been developing their strategic thinking and honing their chess skills each week.

A group of children were also specially selected to represent the school at the prestigious St George's Annual CSC Chess Tournament. They showed great concentration, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event — well done to Kristians, Matvii, Norchi, Zlata, Mawlfa and Paco!



This term in Computing Club, the children have been busy exploring a range of exciting digital skills and technologies. They learned how to create and follow algorithms to solve problems step by step, designed and printed their own creations using a 3D printer, and even began developing a website! It's been fantastic to see their creativity, problem-solving and teamwork shine through as they discover the world of computing.

CHOIR CLUB



This term in Choir, the children have been working hard to perfect their musical skills and develop their singing voices. Pupils from Year 1 to Year 5 have enjoyed learning and performing a wide variety of songs — from traditional tunes and uplifting hymns to modern hits from films and their favourite artists. What an amazing term of singing it has been, filled with enthusiasm, harmony and joy!

YEAR 6 PILGRIM DAY

Our Year 6 children recently took part in a very special Pilgrim Day — a wonderful opportunity to deepen their faith, reflect, and prepare for the next stage of their journey as they move on from primary school.

In the Catholic tradition, a pilgrimage is more than just a journey to a holy place — it is a spiritual experience, a time to pray, reflect, and grow closer to God. Pilgrimages help us to step away from our busy lives and focus on our relationship with Him, following in the footsteps of the saints and learning from their example.

The children began their day with a visit to St Oswald's and St Edmund Arrowsmith Church, where they were welcomed by Fr John. He shared with them the inspiring story of the Holy Hand of St Edmund Arrowsmith, one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, who gave his life for his faith. The children also learned about Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young boy who used his computer skills to document Eucharistic Miracles around the world, showing his great love for the Eucharist.

The children explored the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition, and they were given the special opportunity to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration, quietly praying and reflecting before the Blessed Sacrament — a moment of real peace and connection with God.

In the afternoon, the group travelled to St Joseph's Retreat Centre in Formby. Here, the children enjoyed outdoor games and creative art activities inspired by nature and the work of artist Andy Goldsworthy. They also had the chance to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Moses, reflecting on forgiveness, healing, and the gift of new beginnings.

The day ended beautifully with the Year 6 Leavers' Mass, celebrated in St Vincent de Paul Church by Fr Terry, joined by the children's families. This final moment together was a wonderful way to give thanks to God for the children's time in our school, to bless them as they take their next steps, and to celebrate everything they have achieved during their years with us. Involving families in this celebration reminds us that faith is a journey we share as a community, supporting one another in love and prayer.

We are so proud of our Year 6 children and all they have learned and contributed during their time here — they will always be part of our school family.

“Christ has no body now on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion on this world.”

— St Teresa of Ávila



SVP SUMMER FESTIVAL

FUN



What a fantastic afternoon we had at this year's SVP Summer Festival! Families and children of all ages came together to enjoy a sunny day packed with fun and laughter. There was something for everyone — from the ever-popular tombola and exciting donkey rides, to the lively children's discos and refreshing ice creams. The face painting stall was a big hit, transforming children into colourful butterflies, rainbows and more!

The fun didn't stop there — families tried their luck at the many game stalls, while the children loved discovering the surprises packed into their special festival boxes full of goodies. It was wonderful to see so many smiles as everyone explored the games, food and entertainment on offer. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the festival such a memorable event!

A very big THANK YOU to all the organisers - a special THANK YOU to Ms Wenton, Mrs Campbell and our amazing parent helpers!

YEAR 6 LEAVERS MASS

We came together as a school community for our Year 6 Leavers' Mass, a special time to give thanks for the children's journey through our school and to celebrate how much they have grown — in knowledge, faith and friendship. We also took the opportunity to pray for them as they move on to the next exciting chapter in their lives.

The Mass was led by Fr Terry and after each child was presented with a gift. we were then treated to the amazing Year 6 song — written by our very own Head Girl and performed by the whole class. What a talented and inspiring group they are!

We are so proud of each and every one of you and all that you have achieved during your time at our school. We wish you the very best of luck for the future — may you continue to grow, shine brightly, and always carry our mission in your hearts.

SUMMER GOLDEN ASSEMBLY – LIVING THE MISSION AWARDS



We ended the school year with our Summer Golden Assembly, celebrating the Living the Mission Awards. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents to join us for this special event, which truly felt like a celebration of our whole school community. The Early Years children melted everyone's hearts with their adorable singing, and the Choir impressed us all with their amazing performance.

Fr Mose opened the assembly with a beautiful prayer, reminding us of the importance of our mission in daily life — Serving with Love, Striving for Excellence. The children celebrated the ways they have lived out our mission throughout the year. It was the perfect way to end the term, bringing everyone together and leaving us all with a smile!

“Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.”

– Saint Teresa of Calcutta

I wish you all a wonderful summer break. Mrs Salters