



Love, learn and grow together

Christmas Fair

Thank you so much to everyone who helped to raise over £1,000 at our Fair last week. Proceeds will be used to fund extra equipment and special events for the children.

Raffles at the Infant Nativity raised £150, so many thanks to everyone who bought a ticket.

Posting Fun

Our Reception children have been writing letters to Father Christmas this week. They walked to the nearest postbox and posted them to the North Pole. They are now all eagerly awaiting a reply!

Joyous Nativity

Congratulations to the children who took part in our nativity play "Everyone Loves A Baby." They looked and sounded wonderful.

Many thanks to the staff who helped to prepare the children and to all the families who came along to watch.



Christmas Sing!

Over 40 of our children took part in the concert at St Helens Parish Church last night. They sang beautifully and with great confidence alongside choirs and musicians from across St Helens.

Many thanks to Ms Flaherty and Ms Dorries for preparing the children so well.



Ballet Dancers

Infant ballet dancers in the Carols by Candlelight "Hallelujah" dance will need white ankle socks and black school pumps for their performance on Monday 16th December. All dresses, shorts, tops and waistcoats will be provided by school. Junior ballet teachers may wear an outfit of choice.

Christmas Breakfast

If you would like to eat breakfast with Father Christmas on Thursday 19th December please buy your ticket from the school office for £2.50.

Photographs

Juniors will be having their photographs taken in costume on Monday, so please bring all items needed in to school after the weekend.

Infant nativity costume proofs were sent home earlier this week. As with all photo proofs, there is no obligation to buy. Parents are welcome to keep the proof whether purchased or not.

★	% Attendance	Number of Lates	Star of the week	Good Manners
Reception	93.1	2	Noah	Piper
Year 1	88.8	3	John	Reece
Year 2	99.0	2	Riley	Demi
Year 3	99.3	3	Derek-Jason	Penny
Year 4	95.5	2	Jenny	Jack
Year 5	90.0	2	Neena	Abigail
Year 6	95.7	1	Matthew	Oliva-Mae

Reading At Home

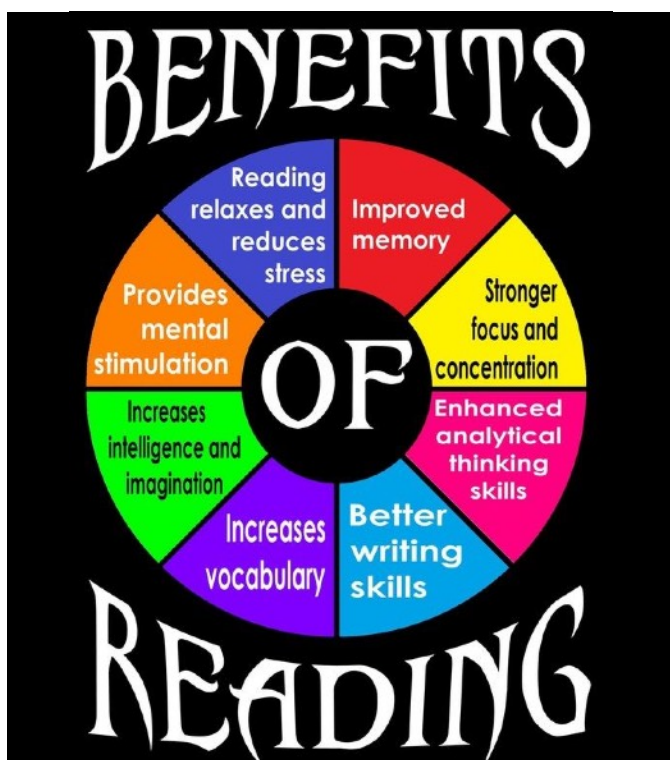
We read in school every day. It is also important that, at home, children are heard reading their reading-books from school at least three times a week.

Parents are asked to find time to look in book-bags and read together. Writing a comment in the reading record is always useful before sending it back to school.

Children may read library books, and books from home too, as well as comics, magazines and catalogues. All are beneficial.

Listening to others reading stories, poems and information texts is another good way of developing a child's reading ability.

Adults should take every opportunity to read aloud to children wherever possible.



House points	previous total for this half-term	points this week	new half-term total
Matthew	542	185	727
Mark	486	147	633
Luke	431	122	553
John	544	180	724

Dates for your Diary



Monday 9th December

- Costume call for all juniors 9.30am

Wednesday 11th December

- The Snow Queen - all juniors 2pm and 7pm

Thursday 12th December

- Polling Day - school is open!
- Turkey dinosaurs, chips, cookies and juice for hot dinner children, delivered to classrooms.
- Cathedral visit for 40 children in the afternoon

Monday 16th December

- Carols by Candlelight in church 7pm
- Choir, readers and ballet performance, all are welcome to come along and join in.

Wednesday 18th December

- Party Day - arrive wearing party clothes
- Food and drink paid for by fundraising friends
- Christmas Bingo 6pm All welcome!

Thursday 19th December

- Breakfast with Father Christmas 8am - book in advance by Monday 16th December please, so we know numbers for catering
- Christmas Dinner Day
- Christmas Film afternoon in school

Friday 20th December

- Mass 9.15am School finishes at 1.30pm

Monday 6th January

- School re-opens for staff and pupils

Thursday 16th January

- Holy Communion Meeting 6pm

Tuesday 21st January

- Refugee Awareness Talk for Year 6

Wednesday Word

All families should be receiving copies of the Catholic Schools magazine "The Wednesday Word."



The Sunday Gospel through School on Wednesday

Please look in book bags and read about all that is going on in the Catholic church and Sunday masses.

The magazine also includes some activities for children to do at home.