

2nd October 2026



St Mary Magdalen's CPS

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." - Matthew 7:12



Nurturing hearts & minds



Today, pupils have all come in to school dressed in Fairtrade colours - green, blue and black to celebrate FairTrade Fortnight. You have raised an incredible £225.50! This idea came from our Mini-Vinnies and Arthur, Xavier and Olivia explained in assembly today, how our fund raising will be sent to Transform Trade - an organisation who work alongside farmers, workers, families and communities to challenge unfairness in global trade. As a Catholic School, it has reminded us of our responsibility to think about justice, fairness and the dignity of every person.

Also, in assembly, we have launched our Black History Month - every year we change our focus, but the golden thread is that we educate to ensure that we have a sense of fairness and equality. This year, our focus is around 'Nigeria' - as we have an increasing number of families with Nigerian heritage. It is going to be really exciting to find out more about this vibrant country!

This week we had our first Inter-School sporting event of the academic year, with 4 of our Year 4 pupils attending and representing our school excellently. Thank you - and to Mr Niblock, who was supporting them!

The eagle eyed of you will have noticed our new pupils as you come onto the school playground - created by our Food for Life Tuesday group, aided by Becky, our new scarecrows have been a raring success - so much so that Year 5 have persuaded Mrs McGar to make mini-scarecros in the planters at the front of school!

Today is International Poetry Day - so we end today with an excerpt from Maya Angelou's 'Still I rise':

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,
Weakened by my soulful cries?
You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for the food we have each day
and for all the people who help provide it.
Help us to share with others and care about
those who do not have enough.
Guide us to work together, so that everyone
can have access to healthy and nutritious
food.

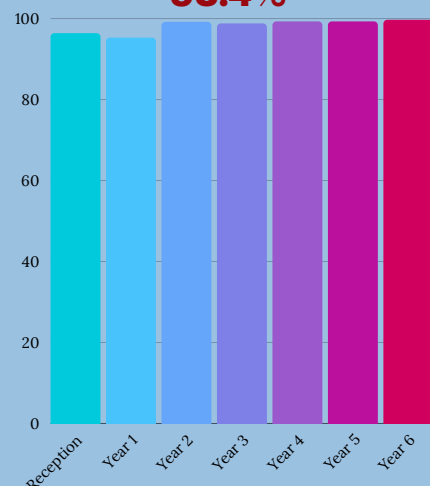
Amen.

REFLECTION

What we eat at school is shaped by many opinions,
choices and responsibilities, each bringing
something important to what we eat.



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK: 98.4%



Saint of the Week:

St Therese de Lisieux



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Our Week in Photos....



Mobile Phones:

You may have noticed that within school we ask that all visitors with mobile phones turn them off - this is a directive from the Department of Education as part of their new Mobile Phone Guidance for schools.

You may also notice that many of our photographs within school are of the back of children's heads - again this is new guidance regarding AI, which can manipulate photographs. Within the School Jotter App, we are able to send out photographs securely so try to do our best. Our school website has also had a facelift and many photographs have been replaced.

Online Safety :

Our monthly 'How to' video this month reminds us, as we return to school, how to set up our family rules around tech. You'd be amazed at the number of young children who tell us they are tired because they have stayed up to play online!

Every child is learning how to use hardware and software safely - as we are - so this monthly newsletter, written by Knowsley's technical support, who look after our IT provision, is invaluable - full details are available on [our school website](#)



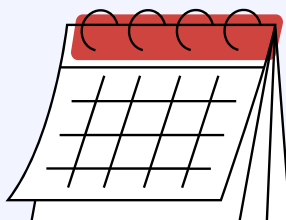
This month's newsletter highlights the guidance changes due to AI being able to manipulate images of children - PLEASE READ!



Clubs this half term:

Dates for your Diary:

7-9 Oct Y6 Robinwood
12-14 Oct Y5 CHET
21 Oct Parents' Evening
23 Oct Non-Uniform day - foodbank/CAFOD
23 Oct Finish for Half term (3:20)
2 Nov restart for Autumn2



DAY	TIME	CLUB	YEAR GROUPS	COST	WEEKS	CAPACITY
Monday	3.20pm to 4.20pm	Active Computing	Y1, Y2 & Y3	£24	14/09 - 19/10	12
Monday	3.20pm to 4.20pm	Art/DT	Y4, Y5 & Y6	£24	14/09 - 19/10	12
Tuesday	3.20pm to 4.20pm	Multi sports	Y1, Y2 & Y3	£24	15/09 - 20/10	30
Tuesday	3.20pm to 4.20pm	Crafts	Y4, Y5 & Y6	£24	15/09 - 20/10	12
Wednesday	2.00pm to 2.25pm	Gym to Platform	Y1-6	£24	14/09 - 20/10	30
Wednesday	3.20pm to 4.20pm	BMX - Dodgeball	Y1, Y2 & Y3	Free	14/09 - 14/10	18
Wednesday	3.20pm to 4.20pm	Invasion Games	Y4, Y5 & Y6	£24	14/09 - 20/10	12
Thursday	3.00pm to 3.45pm	Sport Dance	Y1-6	£24	17/09 - 22/10	30
Thursday	3.20pm to 4.20pm	Basketball	Y4, Y5 & Y6	£24	17/09 - 22/10	30
Thursday	3.20pm to 4.20pm	BMX - Gymnastics & Strength	Y5 & Y6	Free	17/09 - 15/10	16
Friday	3.20pm to 4.20pm	Football	Y1, Y4, Y5 & Y6	£24	11/09 - 15/10	32