

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



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Virtue to live by: Reflection

Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday was the second Sunday of Lent, a time of reflection, prayer and preparation as we journey towards Easter. This week's message reminds us of the importance of kindness, selflessness and supporting one another. As we continue through this season, let us take moments to reflect on our actions and embrace the spirit of giving and gratitude.

The whole school took part on Friday in the Big Lenten walk, the target of 200km was smashed as the combined total of each child was an incredible 966.896km! Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Just Giving Page.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Wishing all our families a very happy St. Patrick's Day! St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is remembered for bringing Christianity to the Irish people and for his kindness and teachings. We hope you enjoy celebrating this special day! We also celebrate the feast of St Joseph this week, two remarkable people of faith

A Big Well Done!

A huge well done to Miss Cassidy's class, our musicians and dancer for their wonderful assembly on Friday. Your hard work and enthusiasm truly shone through! A special thank you as well to all those who joined us for the St. Patrick's Day parade in Leeds yesterday – it was fantastic to see so many of our school community celebrating together.

Key Dates:

- 24th & 25th March: Parents evening
- 27th March: Reception's Mother's Day Assembly
- 28th March: National Child Measurement Programme Reception and Yr6
- 1st April: Easter Production 9:30am
Stations of the Cross pm
- 2nd April: Easter Production 2:30pm
- 3rd April: Class Photos
Easter Competitions
- 4th April: School closes at 1:15pm for Easter
Non uniform day
- 22nd April: School reopens

Please note dates may be subject to change, we will let you know if this happens

Lenten fundraising continues this week with the sale of raffle tickets.

19 March: Toast sale for Foundation and Key stage 1.

20 March: Juice and Biscuit sale for Key stage 2.

21 March: Non uniform-Children to bring a tin/can of food into school for Mini Vinnies Appeal.

Remembering David

This Saturday, a balloon release was held in memory of our past pupil, David, who tragically passed away at the start of the year. It was a deeply touching moment as we remembered him with love and prayers. Our thoughts remain with David's family during this difficult time.

Book Week Success!

Book Week was a fantastic success, and we would like to express our gratitude to everyone who contributed, especially our Secret Readers. It's not an easy task reading to a whole class, but you all did brilliantly! At our school, we value the importance of reading—not just for learning, but for the sheer joy of it. Thank you for helping us nurture a love of books in our children.

Football Update

Our football team put in an excellent effort in their recent match, despite a 2-1 loss. However, we are still through to the next round as St. Philips mistakenly fielded an under-11 team in what was meant to be an under-10 game. A great effort from our players—we are proud of you all!

Science Week Highlights

Science Week was a fantastic celebration of curiosity and discovery! The highlight was undoubtedly the Science Fair, where over 50 children presented their experiments. It was truly inspiring to see the creativity and hard work on display—who knows, we may have some future scientists among us! Well done to all who took part.

Exciting Visit from the Police Horses

Thursday brought a special visit from the Police Horses, organised by our very own PCSO Luke. The children loved meeting these magnificent animals and learning about their role in keeping our community safe. Thank you, PCSO Luke, for arranging such a wonderful experience!

Year 5's Adventure at Nell Bank

Year 5 had a brilliant time at Nell Bank last week! The children enjoyed every activity, from outdoor challenges to exploring nature. Of course, the highlight for many was the well-earned ice cream at the top of the Cow and Calf! A fantastic day of learning and adventure for all.

Parents' Evening – Booking System Open: Our **Parents' Evening booking system** is now live. If you have not yet booked your slot, please do so as soon as possible to ensure you have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.

Opportunity to join Leeds Cathedral Boys Choir

The **Cathedral Senior Boys Choir** has a limited number of places available from the summer term for boys in **Y5 and Y6**. It's an amazing free musical opportunity and a wonderful way to contribute to the life of the Church.

The choir rehearses and sings for Mass at the cathedral every Monday and Wednesday (4.30-6pm) and every other Sunday morning during term time. Free singing lessons are available as well as the opportunity to have piano and accordion lessons.

To find out more and to arrange an informal audition at the cathedral, please contact Tom Leech (Director of the Schools Singing Programme) at office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk / 0113 244 8634

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand

God Bless, Mrs Burns
Head Teacher

