



Newsletter: Friday 8th November 2024

It's been a busy first week back to school.

My prefects have been selling Poppies to raise funds for the Royal British Legion this week. We have called the local fundraiser, and she will be dropping off more items for us to sell. They will be on sale before school on Monday too and the prefects will visit the classrooms.

It is always good to see how our children who are taking part in the Bikeability sessions grow in confidence and independence with their bikes. I'm writing this newsletter before our Year 3s and 4s have been to their Indoor Athletics Competition. I'll update you next week to how they got on.

Year Six did a fantastic job as tour guides during last night's Open Evening for prospective families starting in September 2025. It is always so good to hear how proud they are of their school and all the different things that are so important to them as they explain what it is like to be part of our school family. We have one more Open Evening in January if you know any families who would like to join us in September 2025.

Anti-Bullying Week 2024 takes place from Monday 11th – Friday 15th November with the theme 'Choose Respect'. From playgrounds to parliament, our homes to our phones, this Anti-Bullying Week let's 'Choose Respect' and bring an end to bullying which negatively impacts millions of young lives. This year, we'll empower children and young people to not resort to bullying, even when we disagree and remind adults to lead by example, online and offline. **Imagine a world where respect and kindness thrives - it's not just a dream, it's in the choices we make. Join us this Anti-Bullying Week and commit to 'Choose Respect'. What will you choose?**

This year Odd Socks Day is taking place on the Tuesday of Anti-Bullying Week, to avoid a clash with Armistice Day. Odd Socks Day is a chance for schools to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in a positive way by asking pupils and staff to wear odd socks to school. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. All you need to do to take part is wear odd socks, it could not be simpler! Odd Socks Day will take place on the second day of Anti Bullying Week, **Tuesday 12th November** to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week.

We've had our first week of the School Street's enforcements being in place. Thank you for the way you have adapted your routines to include walking round to school. The difference it has made to the start of the school day is incredible – children are coming in calmer than before with lots of families commenting how safe they feel in the road and how clearer the pavements are to get up and down safely. Please remember that the Walking Bus leaves each morning at 8:45am from the front door of church.

On Monday we will stop and hold silence alongside the rest of the country at 11am. We will mark this with a simple prayer service. We invite you to join us in a prayer for peace at 11am on Monday wherever you may be. As this Sunday is Remembrance Sunday you may like to pray this prayer at home:

Look at your poppy in your hand.

Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: say thank you to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country.

Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm. Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others.



Place your whole hand over the poppy: poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love. Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy: ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend!

David Delaney
Head Teacher

Mon	11th	Nov	Parish Mass in School	9:30am	ALL	HALL
Tue	12 th	Nov	Odd Socks Day	All day	All	School
Tue	12 th	Nov	B Tales Anti-bullying play	Pm	Y2-6	Hall
Wed	13 th	Nov	School's Parliament Session	Am	Jr Leadership	
Thu	13 th	Nov	Anti-bullying week assembly	Am	All	Hall
Thu	14th	Nov	SKI 25 - Chill Factore	2pm - 7pm	SKI 25 Group	Chill Factore
Fri	15 th	Nov	EYFS Dinosaur Workshop	All day	YR	School
Fri	15 th	Nov	Year 3 World Museum Visit	All day	Y3	World Mus
Sun	24th	Nov	CTK Feast Day Parish Mass/Choir	9:30am	All Welcome	CHURCH
Mon	25th	Nov	CTK Feast Day School Mass	9:30am	YR-6	CHURCH
Wed	27th	Nov	First Holy Communion Session	4pm - 5pm	Y4	CHURCH
Fri	29th	Nov	Advent Retreat Afternoon	12pm - 3pm	YR-6	School