



## Newsletter: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

What an end to the week – the Big Top is up on the field, the sun is out and The Circus has just started. I am so grateful to our hardworking PTA volunteers for all the work that has gone into organising this event, and everything else they do for our school. There was an amazing community atmosphere on the yard before the tent opened up. Thank you to all the staff who have stayed after school to help and to our kitchen team too!

We can't wait to share with you how much money this event has made. While we are talking about fundraising – you may want to join our weekly Lottery – [Click Here](#)



We are very proud of our Year Six children for the way they approached and worked through their SATs papers this week. We always say it is their time to shine – and I am sure they have. It was wonderful to see them today enjoying circus day and spending time with their Reception Buddies. They have also been planting willow on the field with Mr Brady. The willow has come from a project at St Vincents Visually Impaired School and we are very grateful to them for this gift. I read last week "A meaningful life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." Which made me think of all the future Christ the King Children who will sit in the shade under these trees – and maybe their own?

Our Reception children enjoyed a wonderful day out at the Blue Planet Aquarium, it was wonderful to hear about all the fish and the sharks they had seen. Thank you as always to the staff for organising this experience and to our parent volunteers who joined in the fun for the day and letting the day go ahead.

Last weekend our Year Four children celebrated their First Holy Communions, I was sorry that I was unable to join them but I am looking forward to the school celebration in June. Having spoken to the staff and Fr Colin I believe we had two wonderful celebrations and we are extremely proud of each and everyone of them. A huge thank you to our Parish Catechists for preparing the children so well throughout the year, their dedication to the programme is second to none.

You may have noticed that some small dragonfly models have appeared in the Peace Garden. These have been placed there as a prayer and reminder by children and staff to remember a loved one who has died. This is inspired by a poem that Mrs Quirk shared with me many years ago called "Waterbugs and Dragonflies : Explaining Death to Young Children" by Doris **Stickney**. The final line says ...and the dragonfly winged off happily into its wonderful new world of sun and air..... If you have a child who may need bereavement support, or if you need advice of how to approach the topic of death and dying with children please do not hesitate in talking to me – if you speak to me on the gate or contact the office.

Next week Year 6 will start their preparations for their end of year production – the play Miss White and Mr McLaughlin have chosen for this year looks like it will be another five star production. Year 6 will also take part in some personal safety lessons, as part of their secondary school transition. Year 5 have had their information letter about the Isle of Man residential they can take part in when they are in Year 6.

Looking towards next term, we have a full range of clubs and other activities taking place as usual. Please check the Arbor app for details. Please see the list at bottom of this newsletter for more details. Our Governors and Senior Leadership team will be meeting with representatives of the St



Joseph's MAT after the break, to discuss next steps and processes. I'll keep you up to date with relevant information after that.

Today we gathered as a school to celebrate Mary, Our Lady of Fatima. Mary reminds us that God's love is gentle, faithful and close to us. At Fatima, Mary appeared to three children and asked them to pray for peace. This is a powerful reminder for our children that they are never too young to make a difference. In our Celebration of the Word, we reflected on the words of Jesus: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." John 14:27

We thought about the peace Jesus gives us: peace in our hearts, peace in our families, peace in our school and peace between people and nations. Mary points us towards Jesus and encourages us to be people of prayer, kindness, forgiveness and hope.

***Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, help us to listen to Jesus and to bring his peace into the world.***

***Teach us to be kind, to forgive others, to care for those around us, and to pray for peace in our hearts, our homes, our school and across the world.***

***Hail Mary, full of grace...***

***Amen.***



This week, try to be a peacemaker. Choose one small way to bring peace: say sorry, forgive someone, include someone who is left out, speak kindly, or take a quiet moment to pray for peace in the world.

You will have seen in the email that was sent out that next week we have interviews for Class Teachers in school. It is always strange when you have to announce that someone is moving on to pastures new – we are really pleased for them and proud that they have been promoted to a new role as well as sad that they are leaving us. Mr Hints, who currently teaches Year 5 was successful in gaining a post at Hope School in Gateacre and will start there as Assistant Head in September. I am sure you will be able to congratulate him in person. He's been with us since he was a student completing his PGDE Mrs Rawlinson will be returning to us from maternity leave in July and when she does she will be with us for three days a week. You will receive information about new classes for 2026/7 towards the end of June. As usual we will have our moving up day in July when our Year 6 children go to visit their secondary schools.

We are welcoming our Inclusion Quality Mark assessor back in to school on Wednesday – he's coming to see the great practice and wonderful children as part of our ongoing Flagship school status. It is the same assessor as last year, I'm sure he'll be impressed with all that's going on and has changed in the last 12months.

- Children should come straight onto the school grounds when they arrive in the morning.
- We ask that everyone puts their phones away while they are on school grounds.
- Names on all items of uniform please.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May is an INSET day, only staff need to attend.
- We return to school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – there is no INSET day to start the term.

As always thank you for your ongoing support. To those who came to the Circus -thank you! I hope the weather stays like this all weekend and you have a great time.

David Delaney  
Head Teacher



### Summer Term 2026

Wed	20 <sup>th</sup>	May	IQM Assessment Day		School
Thu	21 <sup>st</sup>	May	Last day of half term	3:10/3:15pm	
Fri	22 <sup>nd</sup>	May	INSET	Staff only	School
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup>	June	Back to school	8:45am	
Mon	1 <sup>st</sup>	June	Mass	9:30am	Hall
Tue	2 <sup>nd</sup>	June	NSPPC Workshops	Y2, Y5, Y6	School
Wed	3 <sup>rd</sup>	June	NSPPC Workshops	Y2, Y5, Y6	School
Mon	8 <sup>th</sup>	June	Phonics Check	All Week	Y1&2
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	June	Sports Day	Am Time TBC	EYFS / KS1
Fri	12 <sup>th</sup>	June	Sports Day	Pm Time TBC	KS2
Mon	15 <sup>th</sup>	June	Catholic Athletics Comp		Wavertree
Mon	22 <sup>nd</sup>	June	First Holy Communion Celebration Mass	9:30am	Church
Thu	25 <sup>th</sup>	June	Y6 Parent Workshops – Transition	1:30pm	School
Fri	26 <sup>th</sup>	June	Y2 Trip	All day	Tatton Park
Mon	29 <sup>th</sup>	June	EYFS 26/7 Meet the Teacher appts.	All day	Online / F2F
Tue	30 <sup>th</sup>	June	EYFS 26/7 Meet the Teacher appts.	All day	Online / F2F
Wed	1 <sup>st</sup>	July	Transition / Moving up day		
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	July	Year 6 Play	4:00pm	Hall
Mon	6 <sup>th</sup>	July	Year 6 Residential	All Week	Isle of Man
Tue	7 <sup>th</sup>	July	EYFS Celebration Assembly	9:30am	Hall / Class
Tue	7 <sup>th</sup>	July	Year 4 Celebration Assembly	1:45pm	Hall / Class
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	July	Year 1 Celebration Assembly	9:30am	Hall / Class
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	July	Year 3 Celebration Assembly	1:45pm	Hall / Class
Thu	9 <sup>th</sup>	July	Year 2 Celebration Assembly	9:30am	Hall / Class
Thu	9 <sup>th</sup>	July	Year 5 Celebration Assembly	1:45pm	Hall / Class
Thu	9 <sup>th</sup>	July	Year 1 visit	All Day	Martin Mere
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup>	July	Rock Star Day	All Day	School
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup>	July	Reports out		Email
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	July	Parish Mass	9:30am	Hall
Tue	14 <sup>th</sup>	July	Leavers' Mass	1:30pm	School
Wed	15 <sup>th</sup>	July	Sports Day	RESERVE DAY	If needed
Thu	16 <sup>th</sup>	July	School BBQ Lunch / Picnic	Lunchtime	Field if poss
Thu	16 <sup>th</sup>	July	Y6 We Love Learning	1:30pm	Field
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	July	Last Day of School Year		
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	July	Guard of Honour for Y6	1:00pm	School Gates
Fri	17 <sup>th</sup>	July	End of Term R-Y5	1:30pm	Classrooms

Tue	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sept	Staff INSET DAY		
Wed	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sept	First Day of new school year		