



Holy Family News

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Hello everyone!

For the last 2 weeks we have welcomed Mr Flannery who volunteers for CAFOD into school to work with Key Stage 2 on Catholic Social Teaching principles and how we can use them in our day to day life. He also worked with Years 5 and 6 on the Jubilee Year to be Pilgrims of Hope.



Pope Francis has launched this special year in the church's calendar and has asked us all how we can be 'Pilgrims of Hope' by showing our love for each other and helping each other out. Like lots of Catholic Schools today, we launched the year with a special assembly and the children were able to say that our school values link to being pilgrims of hope.

Catholic Social Teaching

This half term our focused principle is SOLIDARITY—the children have been looking at this principle and know that they should look for the good in each other and that we are all equals and should love one another. We looked at the quote from St John's Gospel which said, ***'This is my commandment, love one another as I have loved you.'***

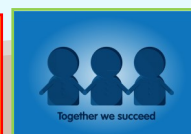
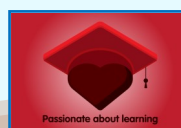
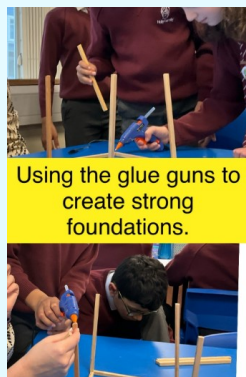
The children will be focusing on our focused principle and also aspects of the Jubilee year this half term.

First Forgiveness

Congratulations to the children who made their First Forgiveness with Father Stephen this week. They were so respectful as they went to meet with Father Stephen.

Please continue to keep the children in your prayers as they now prepare for their First Holy Communion.

Learning over the last couple of weeks



Diocesan Building Fund

As a Catholic School, our funding for building and maintenance projects work slightly differently than Community Schools. We have to pay in to buildings fund and then we will receive monies to go towards projects such as the toilet refurbishments, boilers, heating replacements etc.

We ask all parents to pay **£15 per child** each year to go towards this fund. Any money which isn't sent in has to be paid from our school budget. We are really struggling with our budget and we need the support of parents to pay the contribution.

This year we were asked to pay £3,217.50 and to date we have received £825 which covers 55 children. We have got to find £2,392.50 from our budget.

We would appreciate if you could pay your contribution to the Building Fund as we can then use our budget to purchase equipment to directly support your child's learning.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who has generously donated to the Rainbow Clinic on behalf of Mrs Hancock. We have currently raised over £300 for the clinic. We will close the donation page next week and get the money sent over to Wythenshawe Hospital.

Mrs Hancock is so grateful for your support and messages.

A prayer of hope

God, our loving Father,
in this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love creation.
Help us to work together
to replant, repair, and renew.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Jesus, our light,
In this Jubilee Year,
you remind us of our call to love
our neighbours
and to set free those who suffer.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity;
to be fair, forgiving and kind.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Holy Spirit, our inspiration,
in this Jubilee Year, you remind us of our
call to grow in faith and love.
Help us to hear you in scripture, to see
Jesus in others,
and to be united as God's global family.

**Guide us on our journey
as pilgrims of hope.**

Amen



Headlice

A reminder about headlice. As always we can give you advice on how to support, but we rely on you as parents to regularly check your child's hair and use the appropriate measures to reduce the spread of the headlice. Please look on the NHS link below for further details on how to check and treat for headlice.

[Head lice and nits - NHS](#)

SEND Parent Workshop

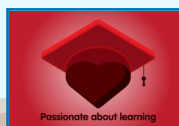
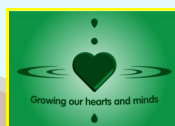
We have a SENDIASS workshop for parents on Tuesday 11th February at 2pm. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Trafford Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service (Trafford SENDIASS) provides impartial information, advice and support to children and young people with SEND, as well as their parents and carers.

ATTENDANCE

	This week's attendance 24/01/25	Last week's attendance 17/01/25	Week ending 10/01/25
Reception	96%	100%	98%
Year 1	98.35	97%	91.3%
Year 2	96.5%	99.6%	95.7%
Year 3	99.3%	95.7%	96.7%
Year 4	97.3%	96%	94%
Year 5	92.7%	96.3%	89%
Year 6	94.3%	90.7%	89%
Whole School	96.3%	95.9%	92.8%

We are seeing an improvement in attendance from the first week back. We understand that children have bugs, but if your child can be in school, then they should be in school. We will work with you on attendance and where possible we will administer medication including Paracetamol and prescribed antibiotics to help your child through the day.



I'm a Parent... *Get me out of here!*

A 6 week course for parents with children 11+
Fully funded for parents and carers of children attending
Trafford Schools.

Have an understanding
of where your child is
developmentally

Learn skills to apply
in any situation

Understand the
importance of
self-care

Discover how to
listen to
your teenager

Appreciate the affects of
gender differences as teens

Have an understanding of
the development of the
teenage brain

Learn to 'let go' whilst still
maintaining boundaries

Join us from 24.01.2025 - 07.03.2025 (Fridays)

At the Counselling & Family Centre
40 Mayors Road Altrincham WA15 9RP
10.30am - 12.30pm

Book online to secure your place:
www.thecfc.org.uk/parents



**Some parenting courses
which maybe of use.**

Starting Strong...



Support and Guidance for Parents and Carers of children aged 5+ with emerging
special education needs, who are not already accessing family support.

An interactive fully funded 6 week course

Healthy
Mind Platter

Coping with
Overwhelm &
Communication

It's OK to
Say No!

Self Care &
Dealing with
Critical Thought

Managing
Anxiety &
Your Child's
Wellbeing

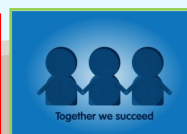
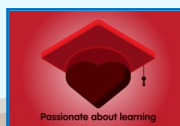
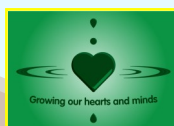
The
Importance
of Smaller
Steps

Join us from 05.02.2025 - 19.03.2025 from 12.30 - 2.30pm
(Wednesdays)

or 11.01.2025 - 15.02.2025 from 9am - 11am
(Saturdays)

Online from the comfort of your own home

Book online to secure your place:
www.thecfc.org.uk/sendparents



Dates for the Spring term —dates are subject to change

JANUARY 2025

- 16th 9.30am Year 3 at mass
- 20th First Forgiveness Service in school
- 23rd 9.30am Year 6 at mass
- 30th 9.30am Year 5 at mass

FEBRUARY

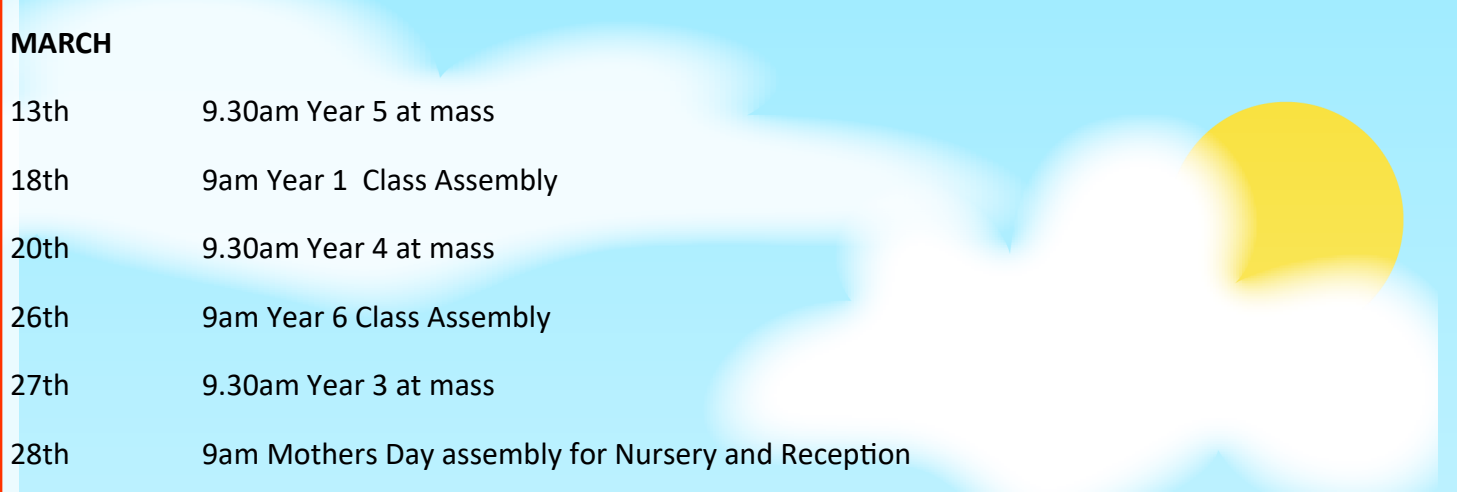
- 6th 9.30am Year 4 at mass
- 7th NSPCC Number day
- 11th Safer Internet day
- 13th 9.30am Year 3 at mass
- 14th 2.30pm Parents invited to Values Assembly
- School breaks for half term
- 24th School reopens
- 27th 9.30am Year 6 at mass
- 6pm Phonics evening for Year 1 parents

MARCH

- 3rd 3.30pm—4.30pm Book looks for all parents
- 4th 9am Year 5 Class Assembly
- 5th Ash Wednesday
- 3.30pm—4.30pm Book looks for all parents
- 6th World Book Day
- 10th 3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Evening for Early Years and Key Stage 1
- 12th 3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Evening for Key Stage 1

Dates for the Autumn term continued—dates are subject to change

MARCH



13th	9.30am Year 5 at mass
18th	9am Year 1 Class Assembly
20th	9.30am Year 4 at mass
26th	9am Year 6 Class Assembly
27th	9.30am Year 3 at mass
28th	9am Mothers Day assembly for Nursery and Reception

APRIL

2nd	3.30pm—6.30pm Key Stage 2 Parents Evening
3rd	9.30am Year 6 at mass
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10th	9.30am Whole School Lenten Mass in church
11th	2.30pm Parents invited to Values Assembly
14th	6.30pm Easter Story production
15th	School closes for Easter at 3.15pm
28th	School reopens

MAY

1st	9.30am Year 5 at mass
5th	BANK HOLIDAY—School closed
8th	9.30am Year 4 at mass
12th	Year 6 SATs all week
17th	10am First Holy Communion Mass at St Joseph's Church
21st	Year 6 Residential to Kingswood
22nd	9.30am Going Forth Mass at church—celebrating children who made their Holy Communion
23rd	2.30pm Parents invited to Values Assembly

BREAK UP for Half Term