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Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Baptism of Our Lord**

On Sunday, we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord. We have reflected upon this within school this week remembering that this special event and the New Year gives us an opportunity to discover the blessings received at Baptism. In this Gospel reading, Jesus begins his mission to the world when the Holy Spirit comes down upon him – the same Spirit that we receive through Baptism and Confirmation. Pope Francis reminds us that, "Faith is a gift which we receive in Baptism and which allows us to encounter God." Jesus came for everyone: to draw us all into his family so that we can become more like him and joyfully share in God's own life.



### **Sacramental Programme: Retreat Day**

A final reminder on behalf of Fr Andrew and the Parish Catechists that there is a Retreat Day for our Y3 pupils on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2025 from 11-4pm. This is for those children who are registered, preparing for, and receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year. Fr Andrew asks that all children preparing for their sacraments attend, along with at least one parent. Siblings are welcome to attend. Many thanks



### **After School Clubs**

There are still some limited places available for some of our after school club activities. Please see School Gateway and the LSC website for further detail.



### KS1 Knowsley Safari Park Visit

We are very excited about the forthcoming KS1 trip to Knowsley Safari Park which will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. Children are to come to school in their uniform and an appropriate, warm coat for this time of year. Packed lunches must be in a disposable bag with a disposable drinks bottle. Thank you to those parents/carers who have already made payment. If you haven't made the £15 payment, or given your consent, please do so via the School Gateway app before Monday 20th January.



### Pilgrims of Hope – Jubilee Year 2025

Every 25 years, the Catholic Church holds a Jubilee Year. All members of the global Church family are called by Pope Francis to participate in this special and Holy Year. It is a time when we are called to grow in our faith and our prayer life. It is a time too, to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. Key aspects of a Jubilee Year include how we treat one another and how we live out the mission of the Church in our everyday lives. In this year of 2025, we are called by Pope Francis to be 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Along with other members of the global Church family, we will be launching our special year towards the end of this month of January. We will start with assemblies and lessons that will help us to focus upon our mission as pilgrims. We will keep everyone up-to-date in the coming weeks.



5C are this week's 'Class Attendance Winners' with an excellent attendance of 100%!

<b>NurW</b> 97.3%	<b>Nur/RecW</b> 89.7%	<b>RecK</b> 97.7%	<b>1T</b> 96.2%	<b>1/2M</b> 97.9%	<b>2M</b> 94%
<b>3S</b> 97.3%	<b>3/4D</b> 97.9%	<b>4C</b> 96.7%	<b>5C</b> 100%	<b>5J</b> 94.8%	<b>6G</b> 94.5%
<b>6W</b> 90%					

### Dates to remember

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – KS1 trip to Knowsley Safari  
 Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February – LKS2 School trip to Chester  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term at 3.15pm  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – School Reopens at 8.45



# Our Amazing Work

1T are acting in role as characters from the story 'I Want My Hat Back!'



The children in 2M have been learning about coding, they have given commands to make a Bee-Bot move.



In Science, 3/4D have been exploring the properties of gas.



5C have recapped different gymnastic shapes and worked out how to move, jump and land safely.



6W have started a new topic in Computing on creating media, they have been exploring different features of a webpage.



# Star of the Week

Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week'



loving hopeful  
attentive learned curious  
faith-filled wise  
generous prophetic grateful  
eloquent discerning  
intentional compassionate  
truthful active

This half term we are growing to be **learned**, finding God in all things, and **wise** in the way we use our learning for the common good.

Well done to all of our pupils who showed these virtues over the week.





Congratulations to our Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars this week! Keep up the good work!



I hope you all have a lovely, restful weekend.

Take care and God bless!

Mr. Sutton  
Headteacher

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