

*The
Catholic
Life of Our
School
2024-2025*



**ENDSLEIGH
HOLY CHILD**

VC ACADEMY



St Cuthbert's
ROMAN CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST

This is our school,
Let peace live here.
Let the rooms be full of
happiness.

Let love be all around:
Love of one another,
Love of all people,
Love of life and living.

Amen





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Autumn Term 2024



As we begin a new school year the Catholic Life of our school continues.
We continue to find new and creative ways to worship together.
We pray for our wider school community and look forward to spreading God's
love with all we meet.

An Overview of the Autumn Term

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Staff across our academy trust shared in a staff liturgy for the new school year

Staff Prayers New School Year

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

I have seen what difficult things God demands of us.
He has made everything beautiful in its time.
He has also set eternity in the human heart.
God makes everything happen at the right time.
Yet none of us can ever fully understand all He has done,
and He puts questions in our minds about the past and the future.
I know the best thing we can do is to always enjoy life,
because God's gift to us is the happiness we get
from our food and drink and from the work we do.
Everything God has done will last forever; nothing can be added to it,
and nothing taken from it.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Be strong and courageous.
Do not fear or be in dread,
for the Lord your God
goes with you.
He will not leave you
or forsake you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

We pray
Loving God,
Be with us this year,
In our coming and our going
In our sadness and our joy
In our certainty and our doubt
Be with us this year,
As we discern your path
And help us always to know that
Your plan is "to prosper us and not to harm us"
We ask this through your son and our brother,
Jesus, the Christ
Amen

I have plans
to prosper you,
not to harm
you, says
the Lord.

JEREMIAH 29:11

GROWTH IS
THE ONLY
EVIDENCE
OF LIFE

- JOHN HENRY NEWMAN



All:

**Lord, accept the work of this day and of this year.
Be with us in all we do, in all we say;
In our coming and our going
in the good days
and in those days which challenge us.
We trust ourselves to you
and dedicate ourselves to our students,
to their families, to our parishes and to each other.
May your Spirit be our guide.
Amen.**

A Celebration of New Beginnings



New School Year

September 2024


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We Listen to the Word
A reading from the second letter of
St. Paul to the Corinthians.
'Therefore if anyone is in Christ he is a
new creation;
The old things passed away;
Behold new things have come.'
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God



St. Paul explains how believing in Jesus makes us a new creation. Jesus reminds us to let go of our old ways and to make a **new beginning**...

With this in mind, Let us begin this new school year afresh like Jesus, with hearts full of love for God and love for one another.

We Reflect

To help us do this, we take a moment to reflect...
Close your eyes and think of one thing that will be your
new beginning this year...

It could be taking up a new hobby, reading more often
or working hard on your spellings...
Or it might be looking out for someone special who needs
a friend, or being more patient with your family...
the list is endless!

What will your new beginning be?
Ask God to help you begin again...

Closing Prayer

God of new beginnings,
Thank you that we can start
afresh this year.
May we make the most of the
opportunities we have been given
to begin again; so, we too
may become a new creation in Jesus' name.
Amen.



In the name of the Father... Amen

Our worship for the New School Year

Therefore if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation;
the old things passed away;
behold, new things have come

2 Corinthians 5:17



The start of a new school year is all about
new beginnings...
Not only a new term, but a new class, with new learning...
and perhaps with a new teacher.

New beginnings can be very exciting...
but they can also be a little tricky ...
I wonder how Jesus helps us begin again?





Weekly Staff Prayers

Our SLT team deliver prayers developed by the Chaplaincy Team which have a different theme each week.



At this time of year, we reflect on the beauty of God's gifts... Those shiny seeds, full of promise, just waiting to burst forth and grow ... especially, those seeds we sow in our children as we wait for the harvest...

WE REFLECT ON THE WORD... We plant seeds every day with every word we speak and every action we take... Some of what we say and do will bear fruit, producing results with almost immediate effect... But for some, it may take years before the results are evident... Some, so long that it may not even happen in our lifetime... The Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us of this, telling us to...

"Keep planting seeds, you never know what may take root..."
(Ecclesiastes 11:6)

And in the words of one who sowed seeds of the most transformational growth, we hear our very own William Wilberforce saying ...

*"Things great have small beginnings.
Every downpour is just a raindrop;
every fire is just a spark;
every harvest is just a seed;
every journey is just a step ...
because without that step
there will be no journey;
without that raindrop
there can be no shower;
without that seed
there can be no harvest."*



William Wilberforce

I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST
Philippians 4:13



IMAGE OF GOD... This week, we reflect on how we were created in the image of God... But what is this 'image of God'? The term has its roots in Genesis 1:27, where we hear how "God created man in his own image.." This does not mean that God is in human form, but rather, we were created to reflect God's image - morally, spiritually, and intellectually.

WE REFLECT ON THE WORD... But because we are human, we often fail to live up to this image... and this is why God sent His only Son as a perfect example of Himself ... God made man in perfect form... Something St Matthew reminds us of in his gospel



Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
~JESUS



I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things.
— Mother Teresa —

AZ QUOTES



Gospel Acts of Worship

Our Statement of Belief:

I can say
how I
feel.



We continue to share in Acts of
Worship based on the Sunday
Gospel & the liturgical year, feast
days and seasonal celebrations.

We also explore what the Bible
teaches us about how we should
live our lives in today's world
through 'Statements to live by'.



Statements to live by



Weekly Acts of Kindness

Reminding us of the work of the Mini Vinnies and the importance of kindness, we continue to share special 'Acts of Kindness' linked to the Gospel themes.

Help people in need.

Be like the first son
... It's never too late
to change and help
others!!!

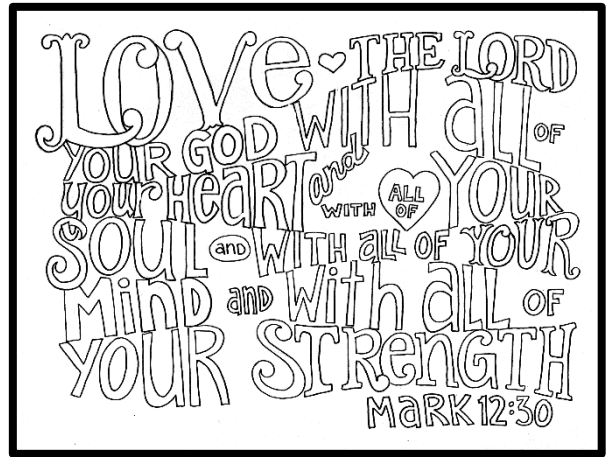


Offer to help at home.

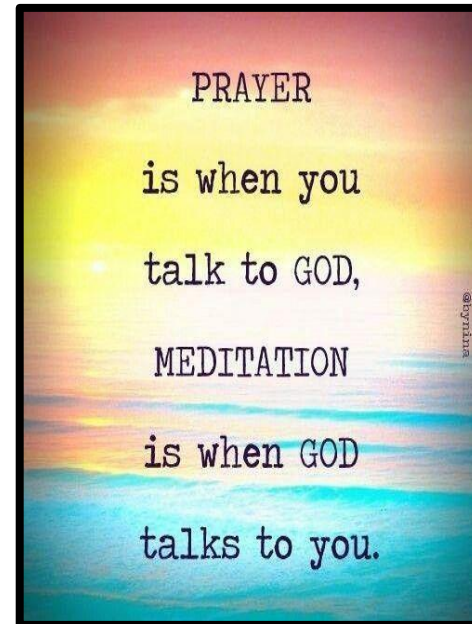
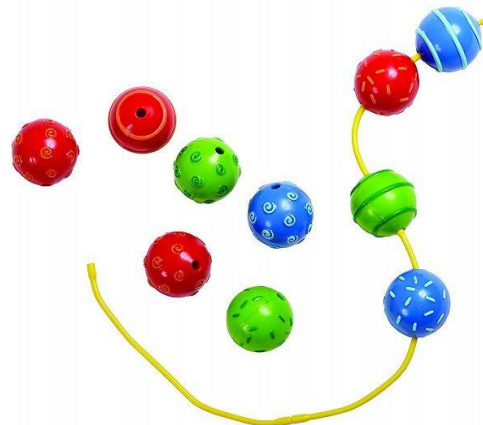




Different Ways to Pray



Our prayer box resources provide opportunities to pray in different ways. Some of these include: cairn & ribbon reflections; prayerful meditations, scripture doodles, spiritual scrabble & prayer beads.





Class Acts of Worship

Classes plan and lead their weekly class prayers. The focus varies based on the children's personal encounters with Christ, events in their lives and the way they choose to respond. Classes also plan and hold liturgies to reflect on their 'Come & See' topics.



Our classes invite their families to celebrate a "Stay and Pray" worship each term. These opportunities to pray together help build our school community and share our developing faith and mission.

Stay and Prays





Remembering Family Fast Day

Praise be to you, O God,
source of life and goodness.
You fill the earth with abundance
and love all that you have made.
As we join creation in singing your glory,
teach us to care for our common home.

Praise be to you, O God,
revealed in Jesus, God with us.
We hear the call of the Carpenter,
to carve a path to a better future.
Guide our hands to repair what's broken,
to build a just and peaceful world.

CAFOD

Family Fast Day



Praise be to you, O God,
who enfolds us with the Spirit,
to call us deeper into the heart of love,
to comfort and disturb.
Give us strength and courage
to work with you to make all things new.

Amen.

Our Family Fast Day reflection...
Just like Jesus cares for us all, he asks us to care for one another. Not just the people we know, our friends and our family, but for all people around the world and to show our love and care for others in everything that we do.

Junior Chaplaincy Commissioning Day

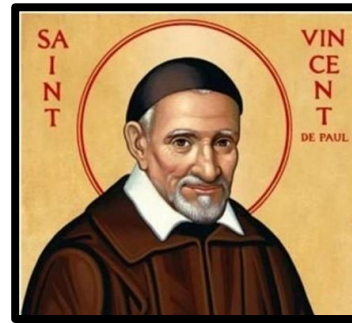
Junior Chaplaincy Team Responsibilities.

Be aware of and care for everyone in our school

Share God's Word through prayer and worship

Monitor the quality of Sacred Spaces & ensure the Catholic life of our school is visible to everyone

Remember you are God's hands and feet
in our school



On October 10th our Junior Chaplains joined other teams from across the trust to share in a 'Commissioning Day'. This provided us with a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the role of junior chaplaincy in our schools.

Then, using prayer, scripture, song and games, we explored the qualities we will need to be the 'hands and feet' of Christ before we are sent out into the world to do His work.

On October 10th our Mini Vinnies joined other teams from across the trust to share in a 'Formation Day'. This provided us with a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the role of Mini Vinnies in our schools. They learnt about the lives of St. Vincent de Paul, Rosalie Rendu and Frederic Ozanam. Then, using prayer, scripture, song and games, we explored how 'kindness is the key to hearts'.

Mini Vinnie Formation Day

We celebrated our first whole school Mass of the academic year at Our Lady of Lourdes on 16th October. The Junior Chaplaincy Team and Mini Vinnies helped to lead the Mass.

Welcome Mass



Junior Chaplaincy Team



Junior Chaplains need to be:

- good at understanding God's Word
- attentive listeners & confident speakers
- kind & compassionate
- patient & generous
- able to work well with others



Like Martin de Tours, the first chaplain, our Junior Chaplains help to support the Catholic Life of our school by sharing God's Word in liturgies and Masses and notably supporting their peers in planning and leading class liturgies.



All our junior chaplains were given a green lanyard during our All Saints Celebration



Junior Chaplains

Joshua Tusiime

Sophia Jackson

Abigail Sikanku

Hendrix Graham

Zachary Wheeldon-Miller

Maria Oros



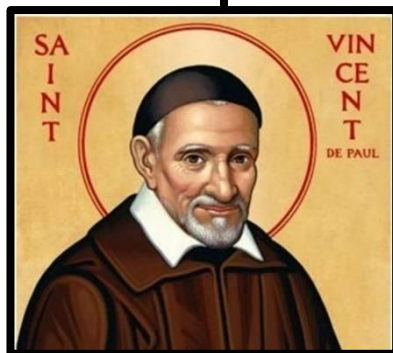
Mini Vinnie Team



Our Mini Vinnies help to lead their peers in supporting the charitable life of our school. Following in the footsteps of St Vincent de Paul, these children look for opportunities to put concern into action, including promoting our weekly Acts of Kindness linked to the Gospel message; and planning fundraising & awareness raising activities to help those in need.

Mini Vinnies need to be:

- kind & compassionate
- patient & generous
- creative & organized
- selfless & supportive
- able to work well with others



All our Mini Vinnies were given a red lanyard during our All Saints celebration.



Class 3	Kaya Starzynska
Class 3/4	Annie Drury
Class 4	Frank Banczyk
Class 5	Emily Butler
Class 5/6	Omega Onoh
Class 6	Ava Peach

Harvest for the Hungry



On 23rd October, we held a Harvest Celebration for the school. Children from every year group help to lead the celebration and they led the worship beautifully.

Thanks to our generous families, we also donated a range of foods to help feed hungry. Our Mini Vinnies helped to collect food donations ready for delivery to the foodbank at Hull Community Church.





Harvest Festival



Cauliflowers
Fluffy



*The apples are
ripe, and the plums
are red,*

*The broadbeans
are sleeping in the
blankety bed.*

We loved singing our favourite harvest hymns! Our families were very generous this year! Miss Rollinson delivered the donations to the Oasis Community Church Food Bank.



Our Whole School Rosary



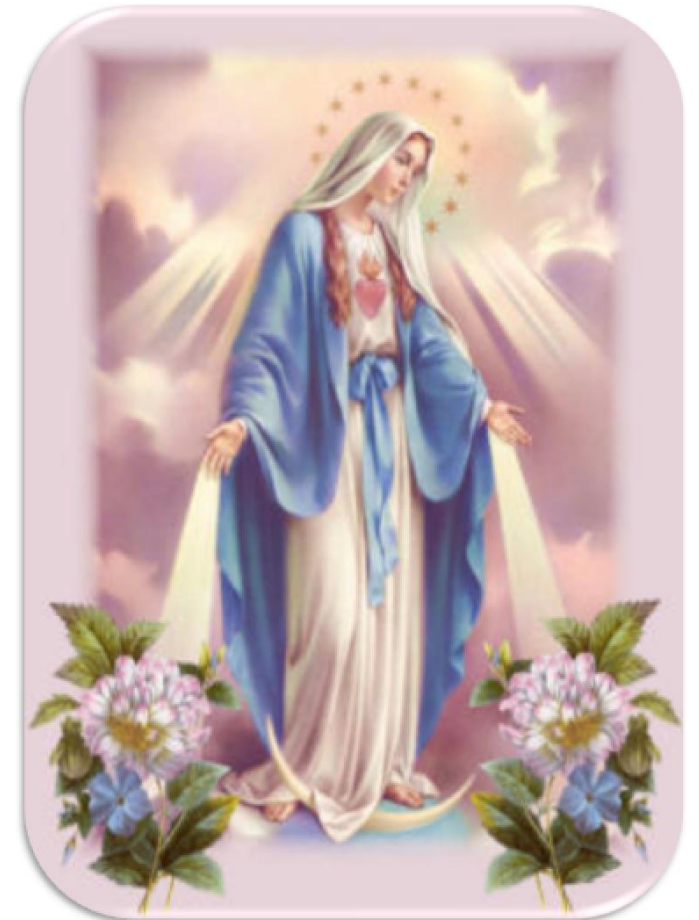
On 25th October, the school gathered to say the rosary reflecting on the Joyful Mysteries and finishing with Hail Holy Queen- a new prayer for the children to learn to honour of our Mother Mary.

Praying the Rosary

We call the events in the life of Jesus a mystery. Today we are going to reflect on the Joyful Mysteries which are the memories of Jesus' childhood.



The Joyful Mysteries



Our Saintry Stars

On 27th October, children were invited to take part in a class led prayer session where they reflected on their contribution to the life and mission of our school.

'you shine like lights in the world'

What makes you shine?

As you consider the question write your name across the middle of your star.

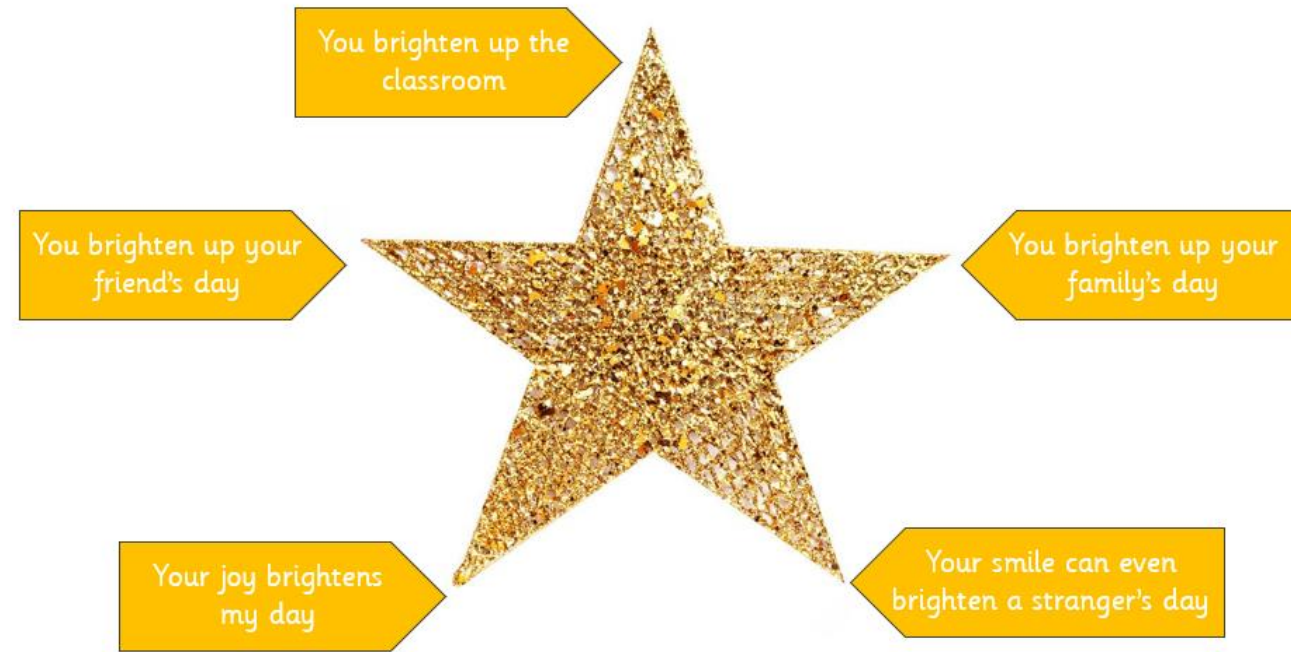


What helps you to stay faithful to Jesus?

'keep hold, determinedly to the word of life'

As you consider the question decorate your star with images that remind you to remain faithful to Jesus.

You are a star in so many ways. Think of how you shine!



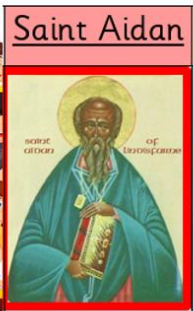
Lord,
Help us to always listen to your words so that we may know you and love you through them. Help us to follow those words so that we may shine like a light in the world for everyone we meet.
Amen

Our Team Saints Competition

Over half term, children were tasked with creating a creative piece of work about their team's saint with the promise of prizes for the best entries and the winning team. Prizes were awarded during our All Saints worship alongside appointment of our Saint Team Captains and Saintly Helpers.



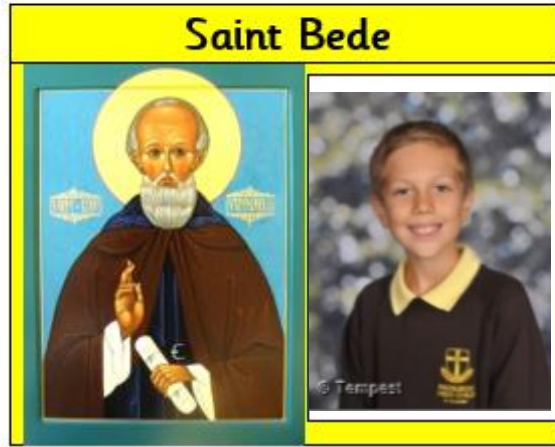
Winners of the half term saints competition



Non-uniform day for St Aidan and St Hilda !!!

Our Saint Team Captains

Over half term, our Year 6 children were invited to apply for the position of Saint Captains. After very careful consideration of the letters of application, we appointed, announced and presented to the school 4 brilliant role models to be captain of our saint's teams and role models for all our Endsleigh saints.



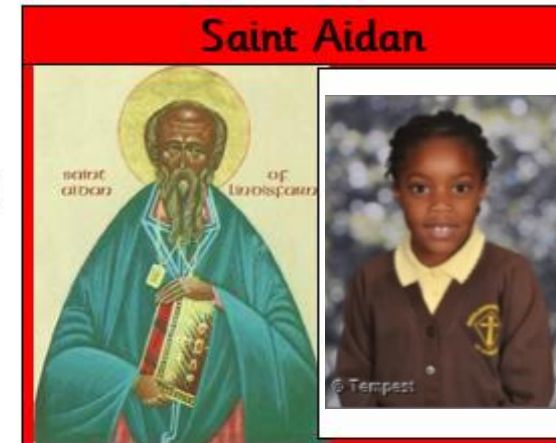
Our Team Captains

- Follow in the footsteps of Jesus
 - Are prayerful and reverent
- Value everyone's unique gifts and talents
 - Lead by example
- Develop the school to grow in faith
- Dedicate their time to saintly actions
- Motivate their team to participate
- Drive their team to make changes
- Praise their team for all their efforts
 - Share and celebrate successes
 - Grow and learn from experience
- Foster love and passion for worship
- Encourage and uphold all team's values
- Share their faith with the local community
 - Are charitable and loving



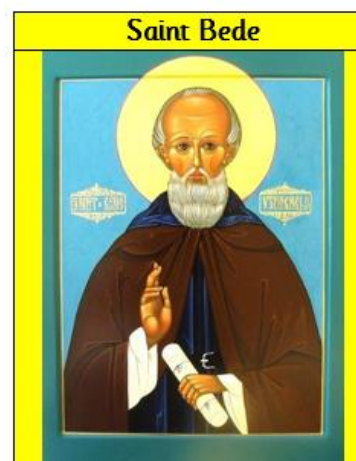
Key statement

We are called to work for the good of each and of all.



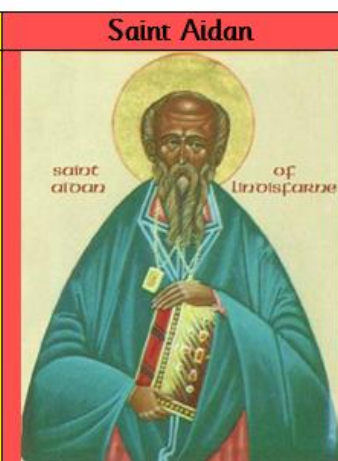
Our Sainly Helpers

All year 5 children were invited to apply for Sainly Helper roles. After very careful consideration of the letters of application, we appointed each child to a role that best suited their unique talents and skills so that they could live out their faith and develop their sense of vocation by serving the school community. Children were provided lanyards during our All Saints Celebration Worship.



Play Leaders

Aaron
Evie
Caleb
William
Shiyylaha
Cole
Dillon
Kacper
Kailen
Martha
Rupert
Andrea



Caring Helpers

Zachary
Anjola
Clowie
Charlotte
Finley
Frankie
Hendrix
Maddie
Maija
Sam M



Creation Leaders

Olivia
Sam B
Felicity
Emily
Jaxon
Allen
Jacob
Jamie
Porshia



Harmony Leaders

Omega
Maria
Ananya
Yuqi
Arthur
Ava
Faith
Hennessy
Lenny
Livia
Neakail
Theo
Eden

Creation Leaders



EHC Saintly Helper



Key statement
We are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the wellbeing of our planet.

Every lunchtime, we will come to collect your recycling. Please check your bin is ready for collection.

George Penrose

Olivia	Jaxon
Charlotte	Allen
Sam B	Jacob
Felicity	Jamie
Emily	Porshia



Saint Aelred
Vanessa Gawron
Captain



Key statement
We are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the wellbeing of our planet.

Care for Creation

Saint Bede's Play Leaders



EHC Saintly Helper



Key statement
Everyone should have access to their fair share of resources.

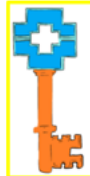
We will be there to organise games that you can play on the playground at lunchtime.

Otilia Teodor

Aaron	Cole
Evie	Dillon
Caleb	Kacper
William	Kailen
Shiyylaha	Martha
Rupert	Andrea



Saint Bede
Sebastian Paddock
Captain



Key statement
Everyone should have access to their fair share of resources.

Community & Participation

Caring Helpers



EHC Saintly Helper

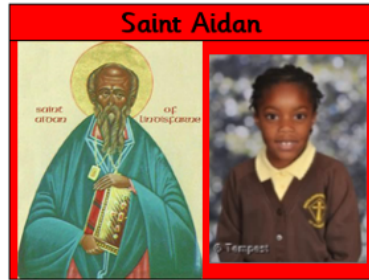


Key statement
God created us as one global family called to support our brothers and sisters.

In KS1, we will be there to read with you after lunch and to help your teachers with any jobs

Florence Wardell

Zachary	Frankie
Anjola	Hendrix
Clowie	Maddie
Ivy	Maija
Finley	Sam M



Saint Aidan
Dellali Sikanku
Captain



Key statement
God created us as one global family called to support our brothers and sisters.

Solidarity

Harmony Leaders



EHC Saintly Helper



Key statement
We can be God's instruments of peace through seeking justice.

We will be ready with reminders to make sure everyone is moving around the school and playing safely.

Omega

Maria	Ava
Ananya	Faith
Yuqi	Hennessy
Arthur	Lenny
Neakail	Livia
	Theo



Saint Hilda
Tevya Gamage
Captain



Key statement
We are called to empower communities, to let everyone have a say

Rights and Responsibilities

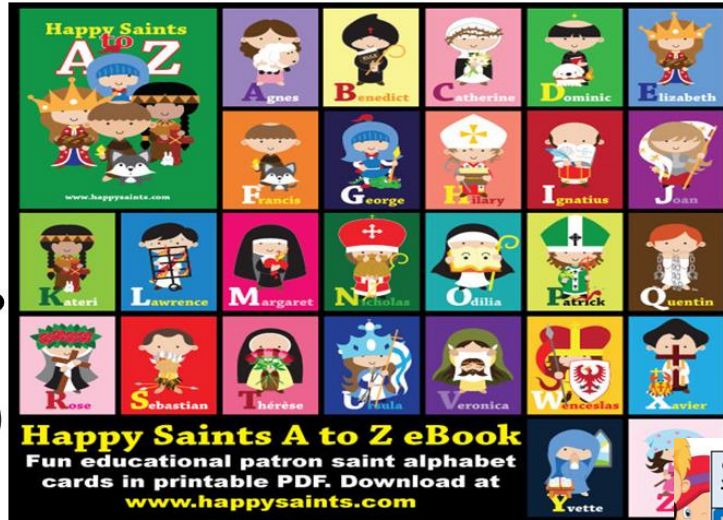
Our All Saints Celebration

The Saints...

Saints are people just like us. People who loved Jesus and who answered the call to follow in His way...



Here is an alphabet of saints... Can you name anymore?



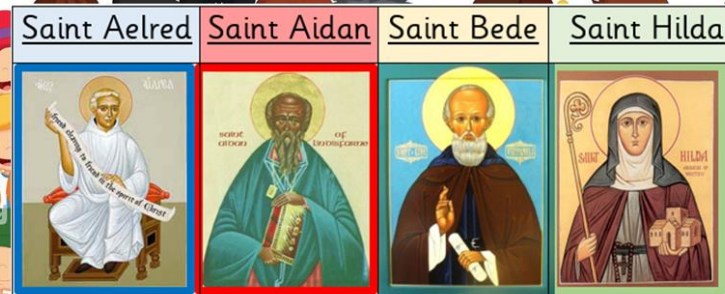
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
Glory to you O Lord

'Blessed are those who know they need God....'

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Who else is called to be a saint?

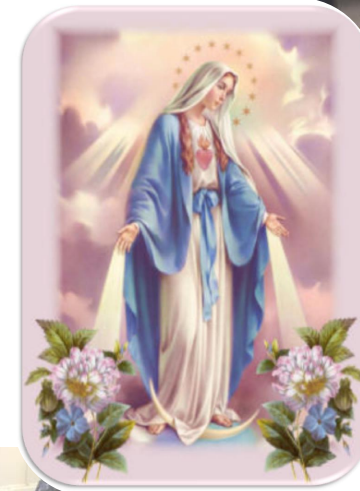


God our Father,
Thank you for giving us the saints. By following their example, we too will be blessed. May we answer the call to follow in Your way. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Rosary Club

Mr Bainbridge, a catechist from Our Lady of Lourdes and St Peter Chanel, provided the first Rosary Club of the year on Friday 8th November, which was very well attended by children from both KS1 and KS2. We are delighted to have such a brilliant source of support to help develop the children's faith and establish closer links with our parish community.



Pope Francis said, 'Never forget, young friends. The Virgin Mary is our Mother and with her help we can remain faithful to Christ.'

Our EHC Mission Display

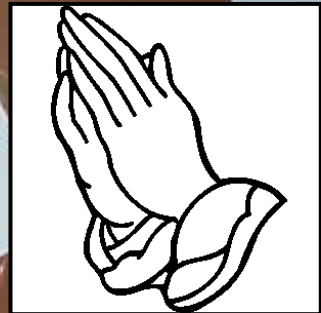


After half term, each child added their saintly star to our mission display, which portrays how following the examples of Saint Hilda, Saint Bede, Saint Aelred and Saint Aidan and the Catholic Social Teaching principles shape children's mission, vocation and sense of belonging.

Remembrance Liturgy

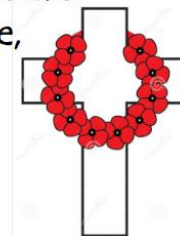


On 11th November, we held a liturgy to remember all those who selflessly gave their lives for us during the war and those who have died recently. Each class made a wreath made of poppies or artwork which we displayed on the playground in a prayer station for parents and children.



The Gospel

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John
"I am the Resurrection and the life.
He who believes in me will live,
even though he dies;
and whoever lives
and believes in me
will never die.."



Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord and let perpetual
light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen.

Children in Need



On Friday 15th November, we held a non-uniform day to raise money for Children in Need to help provide every child the chance to thrive and be the best they can be.

Our school council organised a bake sale on the playground and after school. Combined with the £1 donation for a non-uniform day, the children were able to raise a whopping £545!!





Apostleship of the Sea



Apostleship of the Sea

Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

Our Christmas appeal for the 'Apostleship of the Sea' was launched and our Mini Vinnies helped fill 22 woolly hats full of toiletries for our seafarers.



WOOLLY HAT APPEAL
 Helping sea gomers celebrate Christmas!

helping

Giving

Happiness

Caring

celebrate

Please provide:

- ♥ Shampoo
- ♥ Shower gel
- ♥ Conditioner
- ♥ Toothpaste
- ♥ Toothbrush
- ♥ Shaving cream
- ♥ Razer
- ♥ Gloves
- ♥ Socks
- ♥ Sweets
- ♥ Pen/notebooks
- ♥ Comb/brush



Advent in a Bag



The Chaplaincy Team gave each class in our academy trust an "Advent in a Bag". This contained a class liturgy for the 4 weeks of Advent.

Travelling Cribs



Could you offer Mary and Joseph a room for the night?

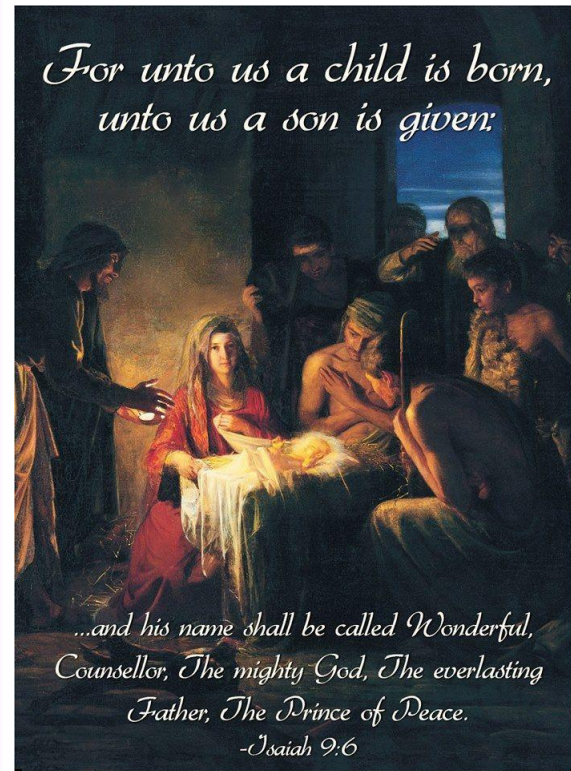


For the season of Advent, each of our Foundation and Key Stage 1 children will have a turn to take home their class travelling crib. The pack contains a crib, candle, prayer card, Christmas story and a diary, which the children can write and draw in before they return the crib to school the following day.

It is a special way to reflect on the Christmas story that can be shared with the whole family. Parents, please support us by returning the crib the following day.

God bless, Miss Rollinson

*For unto us a child is born,
unto us a son is given;*



*...and his name shall be called Wonderful,
Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting
Father, The Prince of Peace.
-Isaiah 9:6*



Advent Mass

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

"The Lord invites us to his feast, and wipes away tears from all faces."



The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

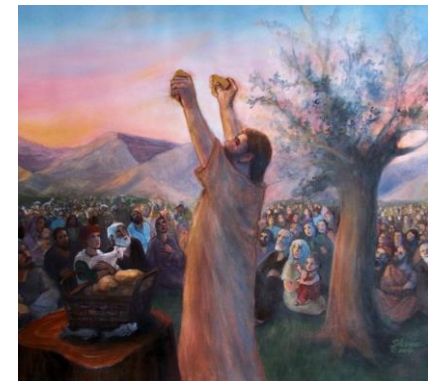
Reading



Psalm 23:6
Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

On Wednesday 4th December, we celebrated our school Advent Mass together in Our Lady of Lourdes church. The Mass was a special time to prepare ourselves for celebrating the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

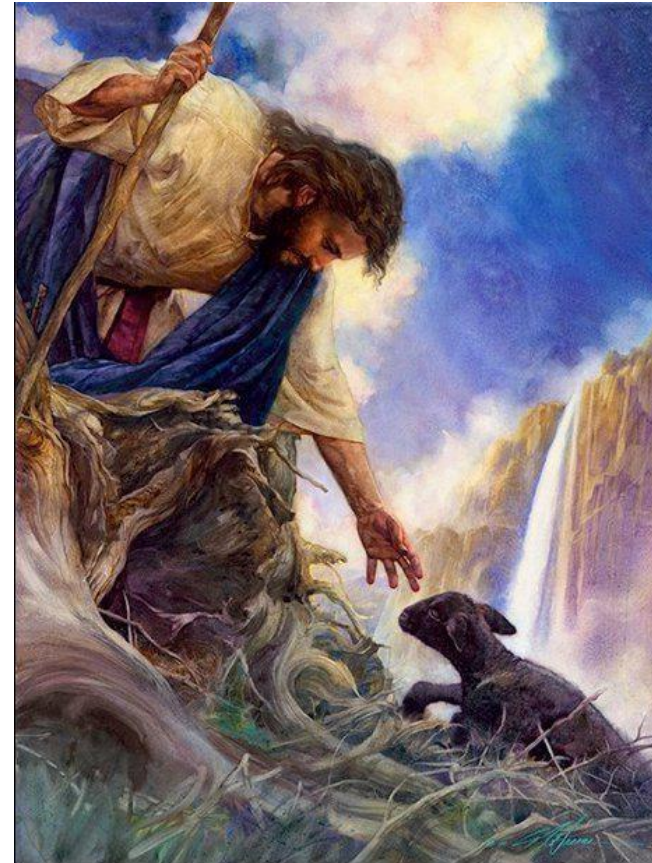
Our Saint Captains opened the Mass and did the readings, and our Junior Chaplains led the prayers of intercession.



Advent Reconciliation Service



On Friday 13th December, our KS2 children took part in a reconciliation service in school and those who have taken their first Holy Communion were able to receive the sacrament.





Christmas Nativity

As always, we were treated to a wonderful retelling of the Christmas story by our children in FS and KS1.





Carol Service



The
Angel
Gabriel



Joseph



Mary



shepherds



On Friday 20th December, which was the last day of term, we gathered in St. Anthony's church for our annual carol service. Our Junior Chaplains, Mini Vinnies and Captains read the story of the Nativity while children from FS dressed up to represent the people in the story. Endsleigh sang the carols beautifully, giving everyone a chance to reflect on the Christmas story.



Carols by candlelight



On the playground, before leaving for the Christmas holidays, all children gathered to sing carols surrounded by Christingles which the KS1 children had made to raise money for the Children's Society, who provides help and support to vulnerable children across the UK.

Christingle



ORANGE
the world

CANDLE
Jesus - he shows us what God is like

4 COCKTAIL STICKS
4 corners of the world

RED TAPE
God's love for the world

SWEETS
the good gifts God gives us

<https://lucyathome.co.uk>

Let's come together to celebrate Christingle.



Christingle is a great way for communities everywhere to get together this Christmas to catch up, make some special memories, and have fun.

Thank you so much for your donation of £44.00 raised at your Christingle service!

The money you've raised means we can we can empower young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope, and create a society built for all children.

You and everyone involved should feel incredibly proud of the difference your gift is making to the lives of children now and in the future ✨

An Overview of the Spring Term

Regular Practice	Seasonal and Liturgical events
<p>Weekly Gospel Acts of Worship</p> <p>Weekly Statements to Live by</p> <p>Weekly Class Worship</p> <p>Weekly Acts of Kindness</p> <p>Termly Class Stay and Pray</p> <p>Half Termly attendance at Parish Mass</p> <p>Termly whole school Mass</p> <p>Weekly Rosary Club</p>	<p>Epiphany Liturgy</p> <p>Baptism of the Lord</p> <p>Jubilee Year Launch Day</p> <p>Valentine's Cards</p> <p>Feasts of St Patrick, St Joseph, St Oscar Romero and St George</p> <p>Lenten Promises</p> <p>Lenten Reconciliation Service</p> <p>Lent in a Bag Class Liturgies</p> <p>Big Lent Walk</p> <p>Lenten Mass</p> <p>Lenten Lunches</p> <p>Adoration</p> <p>Easter Play</p> <p>Holy Week Liturgies</p> <p>Stations of the Cross</p>