



JUBILEE YEAR: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

This week, has seen the launch of Pope Francis's Jubilee Year. The theme is Pilgrims of Hope and the children will be focussing on deepening their faith through prayer, lively hope and active charity. Our jubilee pledge for the year is 'God is everywhere, so pray anywhere' and we will be working with the children to develop areas that they can visit around the school to pray and spend time with God. As part of our gospel duty to help other people, the children have also had a wonderful week raising money for the great charity Pets as Therapy, which fits in very well with the Jubilee Year theme of hope. During the year, every class will take our jubilee banner with them on each school trip as a way to show how we are journeying through the year together. We look forward to sharing more photos and updates with you throughout 2025.

PETS AS THERAPY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

It was lovely to see the children dressed in their animal themed clothes today; they all looked great! The School Council were bowled over with the amount of entries to the animal art competition and were stunned and amazed with the quality of the entries. We all wish to say a big **THANK YOU** to everyone who took part. You are very talented and it was so good of you to take so much time and care on your entries. Tough decisions had to be made. Here are the winners:



Rowan MacDonald

Axel Duncan



KS1

Kishi Oke

Sienna Moorat



The winners were treated to their own session with Lexa and Polka.

There are certificates for all entries. If your child submitted an entry but didn't get a certificate please let Mrs Gallaher know as not all entries had names on them.

The School Council will count all the money and we will let you know in due course. Thank you so much for your generosity for this great cause.

GREEN SHOOT GARDENING CLUB

Mondays 3.15pm - 4.15pm (for Year 2 - Year 6 children)

Now that the days are getting longer and the weather is warmer, the school Gardening Club will start again on Monday 24th February and you can book your place on Arbor (£36 for 6 Mondays).

<https://st-adrians.uk.arbor.sc/?/club-ui/overview/id/46>

During the half term, we will be focussing on planting, sowing seeds and creating environments around the school that will support wildlife including bees, butterflies and birds.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Emma Hayes

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Parent consultations will be held from the 25th of February to the 4th of March 2025.

You will be able to book on Arbor from this evening at 7pm.

- Year 6 Mr Hayes - 25/02/2025 - 08.30 - 12.00
- Nursery Miss Taylor - 25/02/2025 - 13.00 - 15.00
- Year 2 Mrs Hayes - 26/02/2025 - 08.30 - 12.00
- Reception Mrs Solakova - 26/02/2025 - 13.00 - 15.00
- Year 5 Mr Creaton/Miss Parkes - 27/02/2025 - 08.30 - 12.00
- Year 3 Miss Osman - 28/02/2025 - 08.30 - 12.00
- Year 1 Mrs Thompson - 03/03/2025 - 08.30 - 12.00
- Year 4 Mrs Gibbons - 04/03/2025 - 08.30 - 12.00

ALL CLASSES - 27/02/2025 - 16.00 - 19.00

Please be reminded that we are on a very tight schedule for meetings and therefore you must arrive early for your meeting so as not to delay any following meetings. If you do not arrive on time, you will have a shorter meeting. Many families have numerous children with several teachers to see, so we must stick to the schedule.

PTA NEWS

Friday 7th February - Crazy hair day!

Children can style their hair anyway they wish, the more imaginative the better. Whilst wearing their school uniform. £2 a child. Payment will be taken on the gates by a PTA member.

UNIFORM

I have noticed a number of children wearing trainers to school. Please be reminded that this is not part of the school uniform and that children should be wearing sensible black leather shoes. Slip on shoes are not recommended as children are very active at play times.

HOME LEARNING

Please could we ask that you continue to read with your children each night and cover the basic home learning tasks such as maths, phonics / spelling and times tables, where appropriate. This support really helps to reinforce the learning that takes place in class. We would also ask that each half term the children will complete an R.E topic based task that may be a more creative nature. This will then be celebrated in class and in a main display in school. Teachers will send the R.E home learning tasks in due course. We really do want to celebrate all the fantastic home learning that the children can do and we value your support with this.



CATHOLIC LIFE

WEDNESDAY WORD

The Wednesday Word is a gift to families because of their connection with a Catholic school.

Every Wednesday a 'word', inspired by the coming Sunday's Gospel, will be suggested for families to talk about in the home. The *Wednesday Word* Family Time leaflet presents an opportunity for even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children through spending a very special 10 minutes together each week.

Follow the link to find this week's Wednesday Word: <https://wednesdayword.org/home/index.htm>

MARK 10 MISSION

Please follow the link for this week's Mark 10 Mission for you to shrew with the children. The Little Liturgies videos are age appropriate. <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/the-little-liturgies>

WELL DONE TO OUR WINNERS!!!

AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE

HOUSE POINTS - CONGRATULATIONS ST MARK!!

St Mark = 229

St Luke = 215

St John = 179

St Matthew = 168

Class		
Reception	Patrick Carey	Aaron Seeby
Year 1	Lacey Alexander	Ryan Mc Carthy
Year 2	Antonia Kryvoi	Sienna Moorat
Year 3	Quinn Murphy	Ellis Carroll

Year 4	Zuzanne Milewska	Evie Green
Year 5	Gabby Awobona	Hedia Yau
Year 6	Roman Tyler	Kane Hodgman

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- w/c 3/2/25 - Children's mental health week - Children will do some activities through the week focusing on their mental health and wellbeing
- Tuesday 4th February - Year 5 trip to Loreto School to watch their performance of 'Beauty and the Beast'
- Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am -12.00pm A small selection of Year 3 - Speed Stacking sports competition at St Albans Girls School
- Wednesday 5th February - Choir attend Young Voices
- Friday 7th February PTA Crazy hair day £2 donation please.

Have a great weekend.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter