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Sunday Gospel

This coming Sunday is Palm Sunday and we enter Holy Week. This is the week when we especially remember Jesus' final days in Jerusalem including the celebration of the Last Supper, the washing of feet, the agony in the garden, Jesus' arrest, crucifixion and His resurrection.

"Holy Week is a time to give Jesus our hearts. On the cross He gave us all of His love." St. Teresa of Calcutta.



As we come to the end of Lent, we find ourselves nearing a very special moment. Over the past few weeks, we have been walking alongside Jesus, through times of reflection, challenge, and love.

Lent reminds us how Jesus showed compassion, chose kindness, and trusted in God even when things were difficult. In their own ways, our children have been following His example, caring for others, sharing, and showing kindness in the small moments of everyday life.

As we look ahead to Easter, we remember that the journey leads us to hope. It is a story of new life, of light overcoming darkness, and of love that never fails.

For us as families, this is a gentle reminder to keep choosing kindness, patience, and love in our daily lives because even the smallest actions can make a big difference.

May this Easter bring peace, joy, and hope to us all.



Miss Mulligan is excited (and a little nervous!) to be training for the Manchester marathon next month, all in support of Willow Wood Hospice, who cared for her Mum. Miss Mulligan knows it is going to be a challenge, but knowing it's for such a fantastic charity keeps her going even when she doesn't want to! If you're there on the day supporting other runners, please give her a shout and a wave, it would mean a lot! If you'd like to support her and help raise funds for Willow Wood's incredible work, she has a JustGiving page where every donation, big or small, will make a real difference. Thank you so much! Please use the QR code below to donate to such a worthwhile cause.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/ashley-mulligan?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



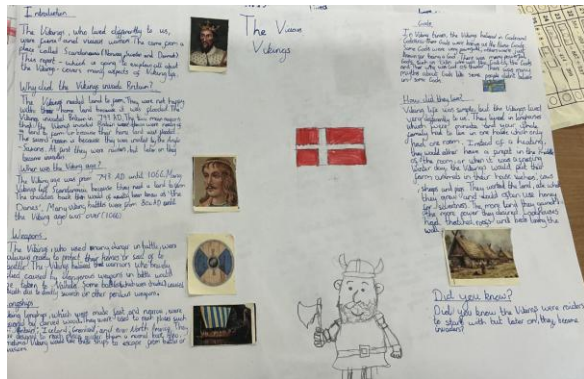
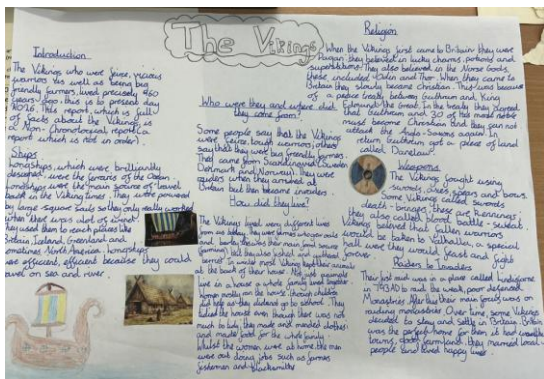
Design Technology in Year Three

Our Year 3 children have been taste testing a variety of bread and sandwich fillings ahead of preparing their own hot, healthy sandwich in DT and rating them based on their appearance, smell, flavour and texture.

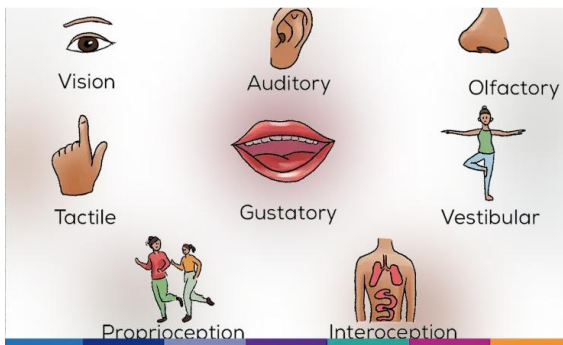


Literacy in Year Five

This week, 5P published their final draft of their non-chronological reports with a focus on semi-colons and parenthesis. They are amazing! I am so proud of all of them!



Understanding and Supporting Sensory Needs in the School Environment



There is a free parent and carer sensory workshop (**Understanding and Supporting Sensory Processing for Families and Carers**) which is now available for booking, using the link below. This session will include question and answer opportunities (with specialist OTs) at the end of the session. No referral is necessary - parents/carers can use the link to sign up themselves. More sessions will be added and run as a regular training offer, so please tell families not to worry if this one gets booked up quickly.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/understanding-and-supporting-sensory-processing-for-families-and-carers-tickets-1985584738403?aff=oddtcreator>

Cross Country

As a school we have achieved some superb results in the recent Cross-Country events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Hanvey and Mr Johnston for their support at the Cross-Country events. A huge well done to all children who participated! The St Winifred's final placings are as follows:

*Year 3 and 4 Girls' Team came 7th out of 30 teams

*Year 5 and 6 Girls' Team came 4th out of 27 teams

*Year 5 and 6 Boys' Team came 2nd out of 18 teams

*Year 3 and 4 Boys' Team came 1st out of 31 teams

Maths in Year One

Year One have enjoyed their new Maths topic this week, Volume and Mass. They measured different classroom objects using cubes and then they compared weight using the words heavier and lighter. They were all able to record the measurements and write the new words they have learnt.



Easter

Family & Friends Easter Fun on Friday 27th March

We've got an egg-citing line-up of Easter activities for the children and families!

Break the Rules Day & Doughnut Sale

- Easter tattoos available in the playground (8:30–9:00am) – 50p each
- For £2, children can come to school in their own clothes, with wacky hair, tattoos, nail polish and they can bring juice
- Doughnut sale after school – £1 each
- Plus, a visit from a very special guest!

Easter Raffle

- £2 per ticket (each £2 donation = 1 entry)
- Tickets are available online and will also be on sale outside school next week:
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/easter-raffle-26>
- Prizes include a signed Manchester City shirt, Ferrari F1 collectables, pizza voucher, Pilates classes, Easter hampers and more
- The draw will take place during Bubbles & Bingo (there's still time to get your ticket - <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GCYV>)

This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate Easter together while supporting the school. We hope you can join us!



Bubbles and Bingo

*Monday 30th March - 9am, KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade, parents and carers welcome in the playground after drop off

*Monday 30th March - 1.30pm Choir singing at the Monday Club, Kavanagh Centre

*Monday 30th March - 2.00pm Rocksteady Concert in the School Hall

*Monday 30th March - Parents Evening in the School Hall

*Tuesday 31st March - 2pm Spring Book Prize Assembly, you will receive an invitation to attend if your child is being awarded

*Tuesday 31st March - 5.30pm, Year 4 Passion Play. Children to be dropped at school at 5pm for setting up (in full school uniform)

*Thursday 2nd April - 8.30am to 9am, Stay and Share in your child's classroom

*Thursday 2nd April - 3.15pm End of Spring Term. School reopens on Monday 13th April 2026 at 8:45am.

Pupil Attendance

Please see below the figures for pupil attendance for last week. Our school target is 96% pupil attendance. Please remember that school begins at 8:45am.

Group	% Attend
1BD	97.1
1M	94.5
2MY	92.6
2MS	99.6
3D	96.9
3J	92.5
4D	93.2
4H	97.1
5M	97.3
5P	94.0
6L	98.9
6K	97.0
Totals	95.9

Group	% Attend
1BD	95.7
1M	99.0
2MY	97.8
2MS	95.7
3D	96.2
3J	95.0
4D	97.1
4H	95.1
5M	98.7
5P	98.7
6L	97.9
6K	100.0
Totals	97.3

We warmly welcome parents to approach us with any questions about school life. Please note that your first point of contact is always your class teacher.

In addition, Mrs Bird (Deputy Head Teacher), Mrs Gibb (Early Years), Mr Hanvey (Lower Key Stage Two), Mrs Kendry (Upper Key Stage Two) and I are always available to work in to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

We value open communication and welcome all to work together for the benefit of all our pupils.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs A Duffy
Headteacher

