

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 26/01/2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

We've had snow, wind, sunshine and rain since my last newsletter! I'm sure you will join me in thanking Mr Pryce in making sure the school is always safe by gritting footpaths throughout the snow and ice along with checking the trees, following the storms, to protect the whole school community.

May I remind you about the letter I sent earlier this week about the price increase of school meals from April 1st. Whilst I know this is not ideal, it can unfortunately not be avoided. Please check whether you are eligible for Free School Meals using the link in the letter or come to speak to the school office.

Thank you for all the kind wishes and prayers for Gaynor in the office, I'm thrilled to report that she is making a good recovery and is feeling better everyday.

After half term, Mr Varey will be leaving CEPD and will therefore no-longer be our sports coach here at St Clare's, we thank him for all his hard work. We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Edwards to the St Clare's team. Miss Edwards will be taking PE throughout the school in the afternoons as well as being a Teaching Assistant in Year Five each morning. Miss Edwards is a trained teacher, as well as a sports coach, and I am confident she will lead PE successfully and we will continue to have the great successes we are so well known for.

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to welcome a rugby coach from Sale Sharks to St Clare's to coach our Year Five and Six pupils in five taster tag rugby sessions, each Monday, after half term. All pupils taking part in the coaching, will receive a goodie bag of Sale Sharks merchandise, plus a discount code for tickets to professional games. Hopefully we can inspire some of our pupils to be the next Jonny Wilkinson! Equally exciting, after half term, Cheshire Cricket Board are coming to provide free cricket coaching to all children in Years 1-4. More details will follow.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs L Ward  
LCWard  
Headteacher

### Outstanding Debts

As we approach the end of this financial year, it is imperative that all debts are cleared, this includes any outstanding dinner money, trip money or club money.

School budgets are tight and with outstanding debt, we are unable to purchase resources to support children in lessons.

Please can I remind you that, for health and safety reasons, all long hair needs to be tied up.



A gentle request that you do not allow your child to play on the equipment in our EYFS outside area before school. The staff have set resources up for lessons which are being moved by pupils and siblings. Please keep children with you whilst awaiting the doors to open.

### Music Lessons



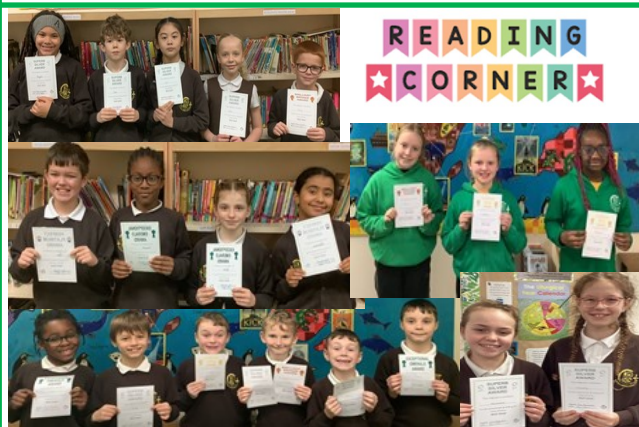
## Attendance

Please can you send through reasons for pupil absences through School Spider. This will be quicker for you. Please ensure that you notify school of any changes in contact details, as we need to be able to get in touch with you at all times.

	Week Ending 19/01/2024	Week Ending 26/01/2024
Australia	96.7%	97.3%
Europe	98%	95%
South America	98.1%	98%
North America	95.9%	92.6%
Africa	98.8%	95.4%
Asia	95.8%	91.2%
Antarctica	92.9%	96.8%
Whole School	95%	94.9%

**Unauthorised absences, including unauthorised holidays, persistent absences with no medical evidence and persistent late marks after the register has closed (after 9.20am) may occur a fine if 10 sessions (Five full school days) are missed in a term.**

All absences must be reported via your School Spider App or our absence line 01244 445266, press 1 and leave child's name, your name and reason for illness.



## Free School Meals



**Your child will be able to get Free School Meals if you receive any of the following:**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household earnings must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

**The school office can now process your application or you can apply via phone by calling 0300 123 7039 online via Cheshire West and Chester Website, Council Tax & Benefits, Apply for Free School Meals.**

## School Calendar

Tue 6th Feb:	Passion For Learning Club
Wed 14th Feb:	Ash Wednesday Mass in Church
Fri 16th Feb:	Last day of term
Mon 26th Feb:	Return to school
	Sale Sharks Rugby teaching Year 5/6 (for 5 weeks)
Tue 5th March:	Parents Evening
Wed 6th March:	Parents Evening
Thur 7th March:	World Book Day
Fri 8th March:	Year 6 to Snap Trap at Lache 1:00pm
Wed 20th March:	First Forgiveness in Church KS2
Thur 21st March:	First Forgiveness in Church 11:00am
Tue 26th March:	Dental Survey (5 year olds)
	Rock Steady Concert 2:00pm
Wed 27th March:	Holy Week Mass in Church 9:30am
Thur 28th March:	Last day of term
Mon 15th Apr:	Return to school
Tue 30th Apr—Wed 1st May:	Year 3 Class Delamere Residential
Mon 13th May:	SAT's Week Year 6
Wed 22nd May:	Sports Day
Tue 4th June:	Year 6 leavers photographs
Sat 8th June:	First Holy Communion
Tue 18th June:	Catholic High Parents Information Evening
Tue 2nd July:	Transition & Year 6 to Catholic High School
Wed 3rd - Fri 5th July	Year 6—London Residential Trip

*Our school calendar will be updated with each newsletter—some dates may change*

## Mass Times in Church

Fr Bernard wishes to remind you of the Mass times at St Clare's Church.



Saturday evenings at 6:00pm and Sunday mornings at 9.30am

Fr Bernard looks forward to welcoming families to church

## Rainbow Warriors

