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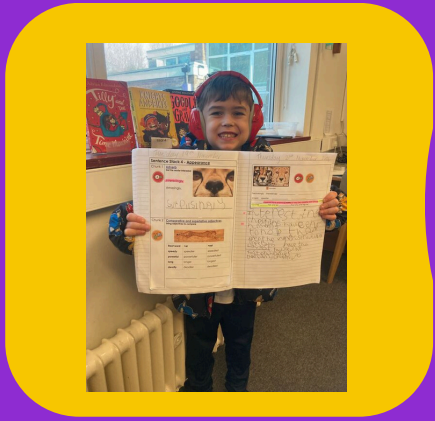
Church of England
Primary School

Autumn Term 2

Newsletter

Life in all its fullness

John 10:10



Each and Every Child

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As we wrap up our first term, we just want to say a huge thank you for all your support. It's been a fantastic few months, and we couldn't have done it without you. Our children have achieved so much this term, and we're incredibly proud of every single one of them. Whether it's in the classroom, on the playground, or during their outside of school commitments they've shown amazing growth and keep making us proud every day! Your encouragement at home and your involvement in school life have made all the difference. It has been lovely to see so many of you at all our Christmas events and we're so grateful to have such a wonderful school community. We hope you all have a lovely festive break and can't wait to see you in the new year for even more celebrations and successes!

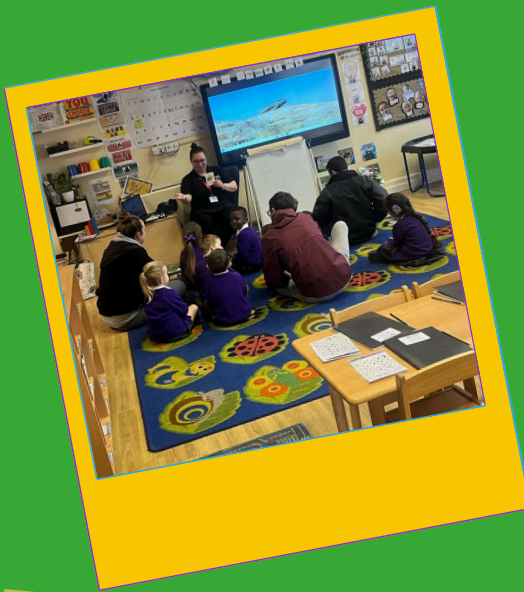
We wish you all a relaxing Christmas break and look forward to seeing all our pupils return to school on Tuesday, 7th January, at 8:45 am.



We have had a very busy term...

Phonics Come and See

It was so lovely to welcome lots of our parents and carers along to our phonics come and see events. We loved having you take part in our lessons.



Messy Maths

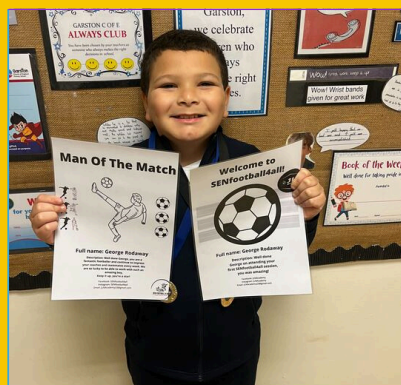
Thank you to all our families who came along for some Saturday morning fun at our Messy Maths event.



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Outside Achievements

We love seeing all the wonderful things our children get up to outside of school and sharing their achievements with them. This half-term, children have shared their successes in football, running, dancing, and many more activities. We look forward to seeing even more achievements this year.



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Year 4 visit Chester

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed taking over the city of Chester and becoming Roman Soldiers.



MINI POLICE

Our Mini police have been very active in our community this half term. They welcomed Merseyside Police into their annual awards and took part in a special operation to support safe driving in our city.



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Christmas Has Arrived

We have been thoroughly immersed in the spirit of Christmas. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who have joined us in all of our Christmas events.



Talent Show



Puppet Show



Church Service



Christmas Fair



Christmas Fair

We have had a very busy term...

Christmas Has Arrived

And the events just keep on coming



Reception Christmas Songs



Christingle



Nativity



Attendance

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your support in helping us maintain great attendance at school. It makes such a difference to your child's learning and helps keep them connected with their friends and daily routines. We really appreciate your efforts in making sure they are here and ready to learn!

Our whole school attendance to date is 95.4%. We are just 1.6% away from reaching our target of 97+%.

If your child is absent due to illness, please telephone the school by 8:45 am to report their absence.

Please can we politely remind families that, due to new government guidelines, we are unable to authorise term-time holidays. Please see the process the school follows in such cases on the next page.

Class Attendance this half term.

Pre-Nursery: 88.5%

Nursery: 95.7%

Reception: 95.4%

Year 1: 95.4%

Year 2: 95.4%

Year 3: 96.4%

Year 4: 95.2%

Year 5: 95.6%

Year 6: 94.6%

Attendance

Attendance Updates

The Government will be implementing changes concerning unauthorised absences from school from 19th August 2024. Please read below to find out what this will mean.

What do the new rules mean?

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised.

Because your child will miss 5 days of school you will be given a penalty notice.

£160

The fine is £160

2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN



£160

+ £160

+ £160

+ £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

3

FOR A FAMILY OF 2 PARENTS

4 children & 2 parents =
£1280

4

Irregular Attendance

10 in 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, you can receive a fine of £160

1

Day =

2

Sessions

Every Day Counts!

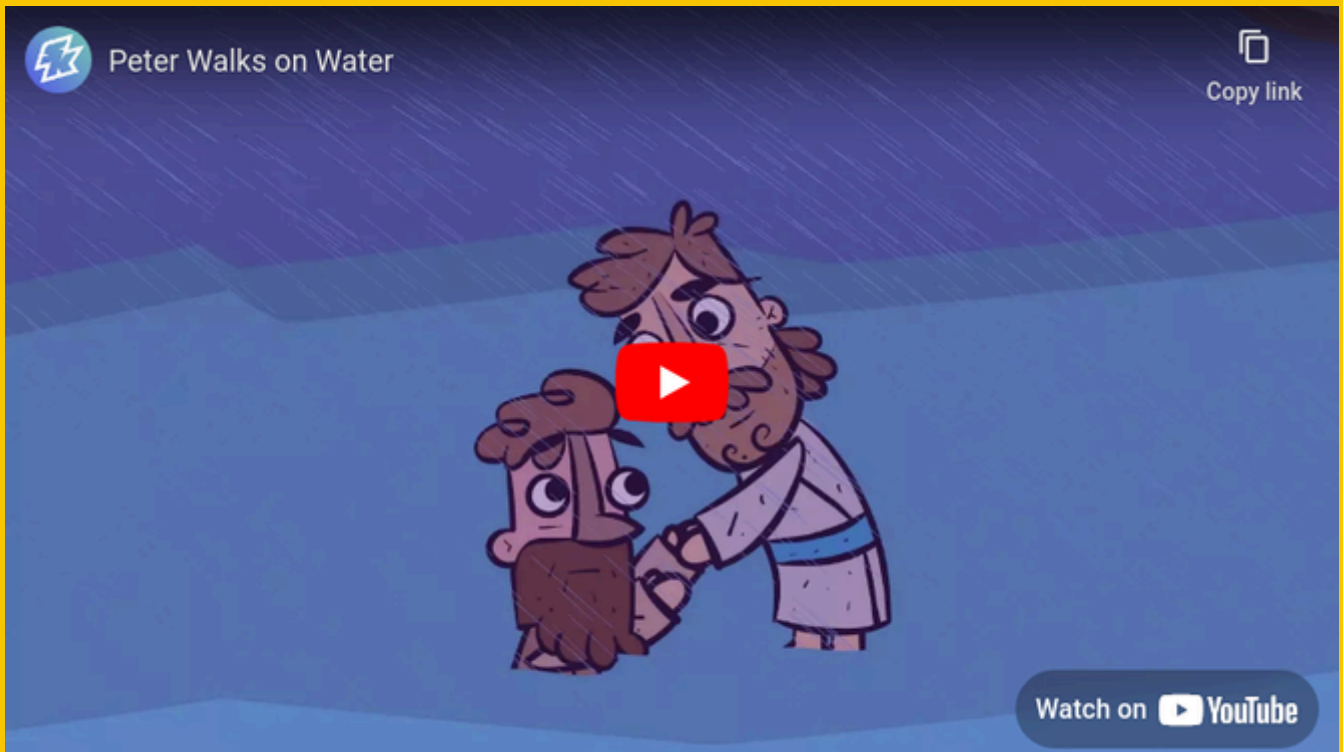


Values

Our Values next half term is:

Trust

We will be sharing the Bible story of Peter Walks on Water which is a great example of the value of trust in action.



Family Prayer for Excellence

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the gift of trust and the way it strengthens our relationships. Teach us to trust You fully, knowing You guide us with love and wisdom. Help us to build trust within our family, to speak truthfully, to act with kindness, and to keep our promises.

When we face challenges, remind us to trust in Your plan and lean on one another for support. May our home always be a place of honesty, love, and faith.

Bless our family and help us to be an example of trust to others, showing Your light through the way we live and care for one another.

Amen.



Wrap Around

Just a reminder that we run a daily breakfast club for all children from 7:45 am each morning. Please note that, due to our insurance policy, children are not allowed to enter the school building before 7:45 am.

Our after-school wrap-around care operates every night until 5:45 pm. Sessions must be booked beforehand by contacting the school office.

Further information can be found here [Club Information](#).



Key Dates for Spring Term

Spring Term 1

Monday 6th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January	Back to school
Sunday 12th January	10:50am Family Church Service at St Michael's Church- All Families Welcome
Tuesday 21st January	8:45 - 9:30 Come and See - Reception to Y6 9:40- E-safety Parent/ Carer Coffee morning (following come and see) 11:00 - 11:30 Come and See - Morning Nursery 2:30 - 3:00 Come and See - Afternoon Nursery
Sunday 9th February	10:50am Family Church Service at St Michael's Church- All Families Welcome
Tuesday 11th February	3:00pm - Year 6 Assessment Parent/Carer Meeting for Year 6 parents and their children
Wednesday 12th February	3:30- Messy Science- all families welcome
Thursday 13th February	2:30- Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 14th February	Finish for half term

Spring Term 2

Monday 24th February	Back to school
Tuesday 25th February	3:00 - Multiplication Check Meeting for Year 4 Parents/Carers and their children
Tuesday 4th March	3:00 - Year 2 Assessment Parent/Carer Meeting for Year 2 parents and their children
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Sunday 9th March	10:50am Family Church Service at St Michael's Church- All Families Welcome
Wednesday 12th March	Progress Evening (appointments for parents/carers)
Tuesday 25th March	3:30 - Easter Family Bingo Night
Thursday 27th March	2:30-Y3 Class Assembly
Tuesday 1st April	8:45 - Easter Church Service
Thursday 3rd April	Nursery Children finish for Easter
Friday 4th April	Finish for Easter 12pm



Happy Christmas

We would like to wish all our families a very Happy Christmas and restful Christmas break. We look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year and making lots more memories together.

School closes
Friday 20th December at 12pm

Children return to school on
Tuesday 7th January

