ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Celebration Magazine

13.11.2026

I hope you all feel well rested after our longer half-term break this year. We have received such lovely feedback about how much families appreciated the extra week, and staff certainly share that sentiment! Everyone has returned eager and excited for Term 2 as we look forward to the special season of Advent and Christmas. We have so many wonderful activities planned, so please keep an eye on the key dates to ensure you do not miss out.

We have worked hard to be organised with our calendar and communication this year, giving families as much notice as possible of upcoming events. However, occasional mistakes can happen, and we appreciate your patience and understanding when we need to make a correction. All key event dates have now been checked and circulated, and reminder posters are displayed on the noticeboard at the school entrance. Please refer to the latest information when making arrangements.

We began the term with a fire safety assembly, helping children understand how to recognise dangers, prevent fires and respond calmly in an emergency. Nursery have also enjoyed celebrating Nursery Rhyme Week, while Year 4 stepped back in time for a Victorian Day to launch their new topic. On Wednesday, our whole school gathered on the playground to observe a two-minute silence for Remembrance. As a Catholic community, we remembered those who have lost their lives through war, prayed for those affected by conflict and reflected on Jesus' call for us to be peacemakers, showing love, compassion and respect for others.

Next week is assessment week, which provides an opportunity for children to show what they have learnt and for teachers to identify their strengths and next steps. Alongside everyday classroom learning, these assessments help us plan teaching and support that meet each child's needs. We will encourage children to approach the week calmly, try their best and recognise the progress they are making. Families can help by ensuring children get plenty of rest, arrive on time and feel reassured that we value their effort and perseverance.

As we begin this busy and joyful term, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Please continue to make time for daily reading and conversations about what your child has been learning, as these small routines make a real difference. Amid the excitement ahead, we will also help children understand that Advent is a time of preparation, hope and kindness as we await the birth of Jesus. We look forward to sharing this special season with you and celebrating the many ways our children learn, grow and care for one another.

Wishing you a blessed weekend,

Mrs Collins



Celebration of the Word

This week, we reflected on Jesus' parable of the Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids from Matthew 25:1-13. In this story, Jesus teaches us about the importance of being ready and prepared. The wise bridesmaids came prepared with enough oil for their lamps, while the others did not. Through this parable, Jesus reminds us to be ready to follow Him each day through our prayers, actions, and choices.

We also marked Remembrance Sunday, taking time to remember and pray for all those who have served and sacrificed for peace. We reflected on the importance of gratitude, kindness, and working together to build a world where everyone can live in peace.

As the week comes to a close, families might like to talk about ways they can be prepared to show God's love each day through simple acts of kindness and care for others. Let us pray that God helps us to be ready to follow Him and to be peacemakers in our homes, school, and community.



CELEBRATING OUR GOLDEN TIE WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS AWARDED THE GOLDEN TIE FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS.

St. Barnabas	Dylan McGarr
St. Jude	Hallie Farrell
St. Andrew	Sevn Gordon-Glasgow
St. James the Lesser	Charlie Woods
St. Simon	Ifechiukwu Emmanuel
St. Philip	Hanna Bialek
St. Matthew	Myla Moon St Pier
St. John	Lulu Leon
St. Thomas	Chibeka Chileshe Soto Chewe
St. Matthias	Lula-Belle Steele
St. James the Greater	Sophia Cotlinschi
St. Bartholomew	Lily Lucas
St. Augustine	Isla Freeman
St. Paul	Rose Jose
St. Peter	Elizabeth Moleek-Sally

CIRCLE AWARD

OUR VALUE OF THE WEEK: LEARNING

THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED THE CIRCLE AWARD.

RECEPTION: MALACHI OBIUNU

YEAR 1: ABI AWOYEMI

YEAR 2: BAYLEE KENNEDY

YEAR 3: GABRIEL MENDES

YEAR 4: SOPHIA COTLINSCHI

YEAR 5: IDEN THARAYIL

YEAR 6: HARRISON HENDRIKSE

VERY WELL DONE. YOU ARE EXCELLENT AMBASSADORS FOR THE SCHOOL!

HOUSE POINTS

TOTAL POINTS FOR THE WEEK:

ST. LUCY: 3732

ST. BERNADETTE: 3408

ST. JOAN: 4432

ST. THERESE: 4460

TOTAL POINTS SO FAR:

ST. LUCY: 40823

ST. BERNADETTE: 38818

ST. JOAN: 40715

ST. THERESE: 40537

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters

WEEK BEGINNING:

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2026

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE:

93.64%

INFANT CLASS OF THE WEEK:

ST. SIMON (99.33%)

JUNIOR CLASS OF THE WEEK:

ST. MATTHIAS (96.33%)

BUSTER'S BOOK CLUB

THE WINNING CLASS IS:

ST. SIMON

WALK ON WEDNESDAY

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ST. MATTHIAS

Term 2 Dates for your Diary

Monday 9th November
Start of Term 2
EYFS World Nursery Rhyme Week
Nursery Police Officer Visit

Tuesday 10th November
Fire Safety Talk (Whole School)
MYG Basketball

Wednesday 11th November
Armistice Day: 2-minute silence for all pupils
Year 4 HOOK Victorian Day (children are required to dress from that period of time)

Friday 13th November
Finance month-end checks to KCSP
EYFS Dress Up Day: Children to come dressed as their favourite nursery rhyme character
BBC Children in Need Tag Day Donation (minimum donation of £1)

Week Beginning Monday 16th November
Assessment Week (KCSP W1)
Road Safety Week
National Coding Week
Anti-Bullying Week 2026– Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 17th November
MYG Year 3/4 Primary XC

OUR AMAZING LEARNING

Check out the fabulous learning we have been doing this week!



The following children celebrated a birthday this week, or will do over the half term...



Patricija
Gabriel
Joshua
Tommy
Isabella
Kaia

Milea-Rose
Ayaan
Rohan
Elvis
Olivia



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Tuesday 24th November
Local Governing Committee Meeting 2

Wednesday 25th November
Year 5 Kent Life: World War 2 Visit (children must wear a coat, sensible shoes and bring a packed lunch if required)
Book Fair (Cashless)

Thursday 26th November
Book Fair - Check the deals offered to get the best possible prices (Cashless)

Friday 27th November
Book Fair (Cashless)

Monday 30th November
St Andrew's Day - Wear Blue
Advent Mass at 10.00am (Led by Year 5)
Book Fair (Cashless)

Tuesday 1st December
Advent Begins
Book Fair - Final Day
MYG Badminton

Wednesday 2nd December
EYFS Nativity - Reception at 2.00pm
Parents and carers are very welcome. Please arrive promptly.
Parking will be available.
Y3 Wilder Schools programme

Thursday 3rd December
EYFS Nativity - Nursery at 2.00pm
Parents and carers are very welcome. Please arrive promptly.
Parking will be available.

Friday 4th December
Rocksteady Concert - 2.30pm
Parents of children performing are welcome to attend.

Monday 7th December
Reconciliation Liturgy (Advent) - 10.00am
Santa's Grotto Week (7th-11th December)

Wednesday 9th December
KS1 Nativity - Year 1 at 2.00pm
Parents and carers are very welcome. Please arrive promptly.
Parking will be available.

Thursday 10th December
KS1 Nativity - Year 2 at 2.00pm
Parents and carers are very welcome. Please arrive promptly.
Parking will be available.

Friday 11th December
Finance month-end checks to KCSP
Christmas Fair begins at 3.00pm

Tuesday 15th December
KS1 Panto at 10.30am
Please ensure payments are made in advance via Arbor to avoid disappointment.

Wednesday 16th December
KS2 Panto at 10.30am
Please ensure payments are made in advance via Arbor to avoid disappointment.

Thursday 17th December
KS2 Christmas Carol Service (in Church) at 2.00pm
We would love you to join us in church and celebrate with us.

Friday 18th December
Last Day of Term
Christmas Tag Day
School Finishes at 2.00pm

Christmas Holiday
Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Monday 4th January 2027
Start of Term 3