

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 06/10/2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to start by celebrating how fantastic the Year Five residential to Menai was last week. The children were wonderful ambassadors for St Clare's. The weather wasn't always on our side which meant some of the activities needed to be changed—surfing in 7ft swells obviously could not go ahead—but the children were happy to go with the flow and embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm and perseverance.



As you have seen in a previous letter, the swimming pool will be arriving in the next couple of weeks. We have been made aware that some families are feeling the financial pressure to provide suitable clothing to get to and from the pool whilst also having to provide warm waterproofs for Forest School. If you need any support, please come and speak to the office. The PTA are also in the process of trying to secure funding to provide warm clothes and wellies for Forest school.

Thank you so much to everyone who has brought food donations into school in preparation for the Harvest Mass, Monday 9th October is the deadline for any further food donations. They will be taken to church for the Harvest Mass on Wednesday 11th October, which I look forward to welcoming you to. After that, they will be donated to the local Food Bank. Just a reminder, we are able to issue Food Bank vouchers, so if you find yourself in financial hardship, please get in touch.

Next Thursday is the Mental Health Support Team coffee morning, so if you have any concerns about your child's mental health, please do take advantage of this opportunity, the meeting starts at 9.30am in our school hall. School staff will also be present.

Have a great weekend,

Mrs L Ward *LCward*
Headteacher

Fixed Penalty Notices (Fines)



As a result of recent register and attendance inspection by the local authority, all absences requested from Wednesday 1st November 2023, that are a minimum of 10 sessions (or 5 school days) and are classified as an un-authorized absence during the current term, will now receive a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine) from Cheshire West and Chester Council.

The current amount of the fine is £60 per parent/carer, per child and is to be paid within 21 days. This will rise to £120 per parent/carer per child after this date and will still need to be paid within 28 days.

Absences include unauthorised holidays, persistent absences with no medical evidence and persistent late marks after the register has closed (after 9.20am) as this indicates a missed session.

Harvest Mass

On Wednesday 11th October, the children will be celebrating and saying 'thank you' for all our Harvest during Mass in St Clare's Church at 9.30am.

We are hoping to collect foods (tinned or packet) which can be donated to our local foodbank.

We would be very grateful for any donations of food which we will offer up during the Mass. Please can you send them into school from next Week.

You are all very welcome to join us for the Mass, it is always lovely for the children to see families there



Attendance

Congratulations to all pupils who have excellent attendance. Every second counts. We appreciate there are occasions when pupils have got to stay at home, however we continue to closely track and monitor attendance.

Absences

	Week Ending 29.09.23	Week Ending 06.10.23
Australia	97%	94%
Europe	91%	94%
South America	93%	94%
North America	91%	92%
Africa	93%	97%
Asia	91%	94%
Antarctica	88%	90%
Whole School	91%	93%

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.

St Clare's Pre School

St Clare's Pre School is an independent charitable pre-school, run by an elected management committee. They are OFSTED inspected and have close links with School.



They offer children a specially tailored curriculum which operates in accordance with the statutory framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage, fun and friendship with children and other adults, the support of a personal key worker and opportunities for you and your family to be directly involved, in the activities of the group and in your own child's progress. If you have any queries or would like to know more please contact them

Breakfast and After School Club

St Clare's Pre-School have been running **Purple Club (Breakfast and After School Club)** since last September.

All bookings are now be made through Pre School using an app called 'Family'. You will no longer be able to book through the school and all booking will need to be made via this app.

If you would like to register your child for Purple Club and the app, you will need to email Pre School at:

saintclairespreschool@gmail.com

and provide your child's name, date of birth and email address of parents/carers who would like to add to Family. You will need to download the app onto your phone, laptop or tablet (www.family.co.uk). When you have registered, you will be sent an email from them with any further instructions.



School Calendar

Wed 11th Oct:	Harvest Festival Mass 9.30am
	Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Competition
Thur 12th Oct:	Mental Health Coffee Morning 9.30am
Tue 17th Oct:	Parents Evening
	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition
Wed 18th Oct:	Parents Evening
Thur 19th Oct:	Last Day of half term
Fri 20th Oct:	INSET Day
Mon 30th Oct:	Return to school
Tue 7th Nov:	Antibullying Show & Workshops
Thur 9th Nov:	Mental Health Coffee Morning 9.30am
Fri 17th Nov:	Children in Need Day—Pyjamas and Spots!
Thur 23rd Nov:	Year 6—Crucial Crew Trip
Mon 1st Dec:	Advent Mass 9.30am in Church
Thur 7/8/11/13 Dec:	Bikeability Year 6
Tue 12th Dec:	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal (grandparents Invited)
	Panto 1.30pm (Return 4.45pm approx.)
Wed 13th Dec:	KS1 Nativity Performances— 9.30am & 5.30 pm
Wed 20th Dec:	KS2 Carol Service Dress Rehearsal 10.30am
	Service in Church 6pm
Thur 21st Dec:	Last Day of Term
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Mon 13th May	SAT's Week Year 6



Rainbow Warriors

