



This week

What a sunny week we've had here at school. It has been wonderful to see the children enjoying the lovely September weather at playtimes and lunchtimes. Across the school, the children are now familiar with the routines of their new year group and we have seen some fantastic examples of learning being produced in all subjects.

Catholic Life

This week our gospel reading was linked to listening to Jesus and following His words.

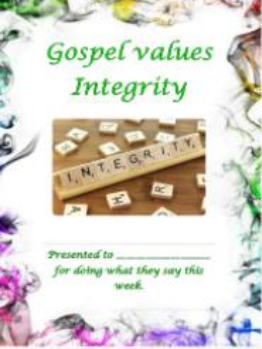
Our Gospel Value has been integrity and it's been a joy to see the way that the children have worked hard throughout the week to achieve their best.

During daily class prayers we have focused on Jesus journeying with us in our lives and we've taken time to consider the times in our lives when we feel close to him.


For parents of children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, please do remember that if you're considering The First Holy Communion Programme this year, the parish need your completed forms in as soon as possible as the classes start in October. We are happy to help, so please speak to us as we can help you with the paperwork.

Children's Choir at St Joseph's Catholic Church

Singing and reading at the Children's/Youth Masses will begin again on Sunday 29th September at 10am. There will be a practice on Thursday 26th September at 5pm at the church. All new members are very welcome. We thank Mrs Ayles and Father Anthony for helping us strengthen our school/parish link through this exciting project.



How can you show integrity this week and spread hope ?



Catholic Social Teaching-September 2024
Let's think about Human Dignity this month.
 Pope Francis asks that In September, we pray that we may listen with our hearts to the cry of the Earth, and to the victims of environmental disasters and the climate crisis; may each of us make a personal commitment to care for the world we inhabit.
"Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another" – Laudato Si' 42



News from across the school

Reception	<p>Reception have had a lovely week getting to know each other now that the whole class are in. It has been lovely to see new friendships forming across the week. In Maths this week, we have been making sure we are confident with counting to 5 and finding one more and one less than a number up to 5. In understanding the world, we have been using natural materials that we found whilst hunting around outside to make story sticks. We have also been exploring using arrows in maps and have made maps in different ways such as duplo maps and drawn maps. The children have also learnt more sounds in phonics this week and are really impressing us with their handwriting!</p>
Year 1	<p>It's been another busy week in Year 1. The children have been learning about parts of a tree in Science and have been learning about what each part does. In RE we've continued to learn about Creation. The children have taken photos of God's creation and have also been learning the first part of the Nicene Creed as they've learned about God the Creator. Here's a piece of work from one of our amazing children.</p>



In History the children have been learning about the differences between old and new toys. We've been impressed with the way they have shared their understanding of why certain materials are used to make toys.

We've also had fun learning to say hello in 10 different languages this week.

Year 2

Year 2 have been fantastic artists and have now completed their first piece of artwork in the same style as our significant artist, Lowry. We have started the Maths '99 club' and we look forward to being able to give out some certificates in the coming weeks for children who progress to the next level. In English, the children have written some thoughtful poems about our Wonderful World which has also enriched our learning in R.E. about God's creation. It was lovely to see those of you who were able to make, 'Meet the Teacher'. As always, if you have any questions, we are on the door at the end of the day, so please just ask.

Year 3

What a wonderful week we have had in Year 3 this week. The children are working incredibly hard and we are very proud of them. In English this week we have started to use the text Cave Baby to write some description and have also done some hot seating which the children thoroughly enjoyed. In Maths the children have continued their learning on 3-digit numbers and have been looking at estimating numbers on a number line. In Science, we have been learning how light travels into our eyes. The children are really enjoying their learning in History. This week the children looked at what life would have been like in the Stone Age and explored artefacts. In RE this week we have been learning about Psalmists. We have focused on King David who wrote many beautiful Psalms. Thank you for a lovely week of learning!

Year 4

Another busy week in Year 4 and I think the children are now starting to settle into our routine. In Maths this week, we have been thinking about place value in 4-digit numbers and how to partition them. In English, we have continued planning our stories that we will write next week. In RE, we have continued to think about Abraham's story and why he is important in Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The children

	produced some lovely Ancient Egyptian collages in our art lesson this week. We were very lucky to have our first Samba music session with Mr Whitmarsh too, the children all engaged wonderfully in this session and we're looking forward to seeing Mr Whitmarsh every Wednesday until the end of November.
Year 5	Year 5 have been working hard all week and we've covered a great deal of ground. In Maths we have been ordering and comparing numbers to 1 000 000. The children have amazed us with their diary writing, where they had to imagine themselves as the main protagonist and elucidate all the thoughts and feelings that a child about to undergo a major operation would face. We have looked (with real gusto) at crime and punishment in the period 1500 – 1750, identified and examined what information on the internet can be trusted and in RE have continued to explore the God-given gifts and talents that we all possess and then linked this to Scripture.
Year 6	We have continued to work hard in Year 6 this week. In our writing, the children produced some great short stories, encompassing a number of the skills that we have looked at recently, including the rules of speech. Our Maths is continuing to develop, with the class managing to understand several new concepts, including an efficient method to tackle double digit division. The book that we are looking at in Reading, 'Darwin's Dragons', is starting to gather pace, as we discuss different theories of what will happen to Syms. In R.E, we have considered, in more depth, the story and impact of The Prodigal Son, while we looked at codes and the importance of passwords in computing.

Mental Health School's Team (MHST) Parent/Carer Workshop

As a school, we are committed to the well-being of our whole school community. This term, the school will be engaging in a series of workshops for staff, parents / carers and children.

We are delighted to share with you that the MHST Team are coming into our school to deliver a workshop called, 'Supporting Your Child with Anxiety'. This course will be run on 25th October and 8th November and each session will run from 9:15 am – 10:15am but please join us for a cuppa from 8:45am. If you wish to attend, please let the office know by the 14th October 2024. To benefit fully from the course both sessions should be attended.

ASDA Cashpot for Schools



Asda have started a cashpot for schools. If you go on the Asda rewards app. Go to 'Introducing cashpot for school'. Press it. Then choose the school by using the postcode (DT4 0RH). Click on the name of the school.

So far the school has already received £250.91. This will go to FOSA. If you could support us with this it would be appreciated.

Coffee Mornings

Starting after half term, we will be introducing regular coffee mornings for parents/carers. To start off with, we will be inviting parents/carers from selected year groups. We would love to see you and have a chat over a coffee.

Useful Dates

Thu 19 th September	Meet the teacher Y2
Thursday, 26 th September	Reception Class Photos for Dorset Echo Feature
1 st October	Parent Consultations 1-6pm – Y1, Y4 & Y6
2 nd October	Parent Consultations 1-6pm – Y2, Y3 & Y5
Friday 4 th October	Jules Arscott – Family Link worker drop-in session 8.30-10am
Monday, 7 th October	Parent/Guardian Tour for children starting school in 2025 at 9.30am
Wednesday, 16 th October	Parent/Guardian Tour for Children starting school in 2025 at 11am.
Friday 25 th October	'Supporting Your Child with Anxiety' Workshop led by MHST
28 th Oct to 1 st Nov	Autumn half term
4 th Nov	Training Day - no children in school
5 th Nov	Children back to school
Thursday 7 th November	Jules Arscott – Family Link worker drop-in session 8.30-10am

Friday 8 th November	'Supporting Your Child with Anxiety' Workshop led by MHST
Thursday 5 th December	Jules Arscott – Family Link worker drop-in session 8.30-10am
Mon 23 rd Dec to Friday 3 rd Jan 25	Christmas holidays
Mon 6 th Jan 25	Children back to school
Mon 7 th Apr 25 to Mon 21 st Apr 25	Easter holiday
Tue 2 nd Apr 25	Children back to school
Mon 5 th May 25	Bank Holiday
Mon 26 th May to Fri 30 th May	Half Term
Mon 2 nd Jun 25	Training Day – no children in school
Tues 22 nd July 25	School Closes 3.15pm
Wed 23 rd July	Training Day – No children in school

New Reception Class 2025 School Tour

Parents/Guardians of children starting school for the first time in 2025 are warmly invited to attend one of our school tours taking place on the following dates:

Monday, 7th October 2024 at 9.30am

Wednesday, 16th October 2024 at 11am

Tours will commence promptly from the school office.

To reserve your place, please complete the booking form by either scanning the QR code below, clicking on the link below or calling the School Office on 01305 782600.



<https://forms.office.com/e/9Axt9FjMmW>

We look forward to meeting you and showing you our school