

'Where charity and love are, God is there'

Newsletter 28.02.25– Term 4 -Week 1

Reflection: Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. "Why do you observe the splinter in your friend's eye and never notice the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your friend, 'Friend, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,' when you cannot see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your friend's eye. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. You can tell what a tree is like by the fruit it produces. You cannot pick figs or grapes from brambles. A good person does good things out of the good stored up in their heart; a bad person does bad things out of the badness in their heart. Your words show what is in your heart

This Gospel also reminds us not to criticise others' actions but rather to look at our own actions and try to grow in goodness. Decide on some kind of action that you could take to show your love for God and others.

*"We must live the faith, not only with our words, but with our actions."
Pope Francis*

"Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak." St Anthony of Padua

What did Jesus say 'a good person' does? In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is using parables – short stories – to teach us important lessons. Just as good fruit is a sign of a good tree, so our words and

**Dear Lord Jesus,
please help us to be
good friends to our
family, our
neighbours and all
who we meet
through our words
and actions. Amen.**

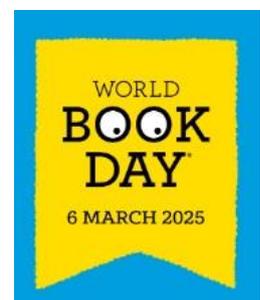
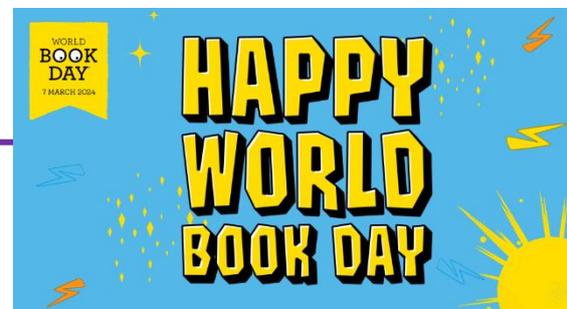


WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 6TH MARCH

Let's celebrate the wonders of reading! Next week we will celebrate World Book day. All children can dress as their favourite book character or in their comfy PJs. It will be a whole day celebrating reading.

Don't forget your paper plate book characters, bring these in on Thursday morning and the Librarians will award prizes for the most creative.

During the day we will be completing our sponsored readathon, please remember your sponsorship forms, remember nothing is to small. On Friday the whole school will visit Foyles book store to get their World book day books.



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Year 4 take the train to Bath

Year 4 had a fantastic day out at the Roman Baths. We were very excited to travel by train and see the beautiful city of Bath. We learned so much about Roman life in our workshop, where we dressed up, made mosaics and had a go at being archaeologists. There are also some very promising engineers amongst us and the staff at the learning centre commented on some great teamwork! Thank you to Miss McAllister for organising such a memorable trip and thank you to the parents who helped us on the day.



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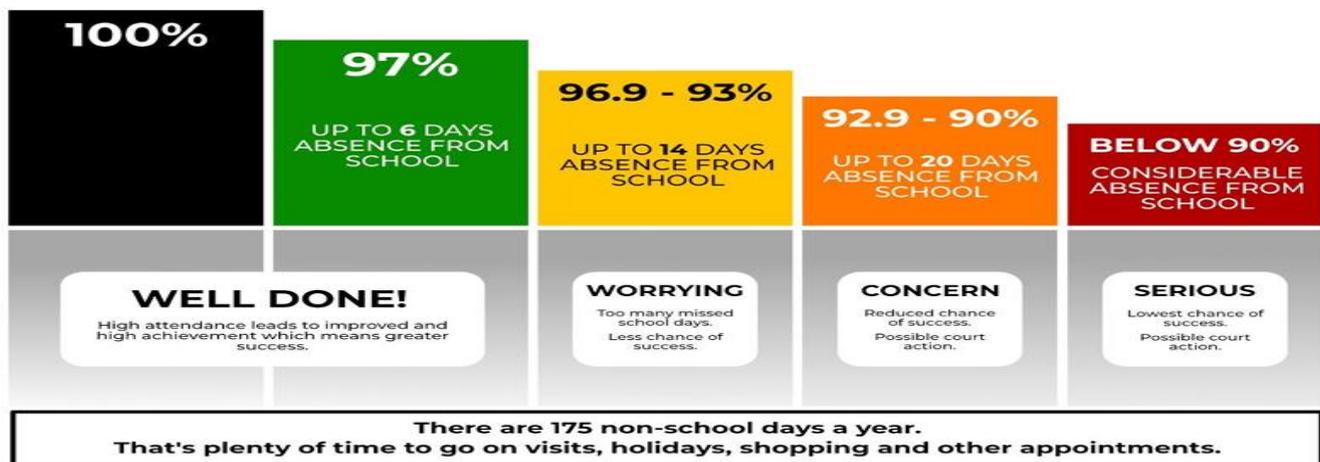
Attendance

Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern, we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

Any classes who achieve a 100% attendance for the week will be able to have a non-school uniform day the following week.

Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Diamond Class	87.07%	87.06%	13
Emerald Class	94.34%	98.4%	8
Ruby Class	93.5%	92.08%	12
Amethyst Class	95.57%	96.77%	2
Sapphire Class	94.8%	97.31%	8
Topaz Class	93.41%	93.6%	6
Total	93.12%	94.2%	49

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you. Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:40am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. There is also access to the walking bus if required. If your child is constantly late to school this can affect their self-esteem and they could be missing out on valuable reading, phonics or Maths activities and interventions.



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Term 4 Dates

Date	Event
Tuesday 4 th March	Reception Class Slimbridge Trip
Wednesday 5 th March	9.30am Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (Sponsored Readathon)
Friday 7 th March	Celebrating International Women's Day (8.03.25) Whole School Visit Foyles Book store
Monday 10 th March	British Science Week Begins
Wednesday 12 th March	Year 5 and Year 6 Visit Trinity Centre for Science Workshops
Friday 14 th March	9am Sapphire Year 5 Class Assembly
Monday 17 th March	Wear Green for St Patrick's Day
Monday 17 th March – Wednesday 19 th March	Year 6 Camp
Friday 21 st March	9am Amethyst Year 4 Class Assembly
Friday 28 th March	9am Ruby Year 2/3 Class Assembly
Wednesday 2 nd April	World Autism Day
Thursday 3 rd April	Last day of Term 4
Friday 4 th April	School Closed INSET day
Tuesday 22 nd April	Term 5 Starts

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James