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## Newsletter 15.11.2024– Term 2 -Week 2



### Reflection: Mark 13:24-32 The 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B

Jesus said to his disciples, “When the time for the end of the world is near, many things will happen. In those days they will see the Son of Man approaching in the clouds with great power and glory; then he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.”

When we grow in faithfulness, others will know that we are people who are reliable and trustworthy, who are loyal and have staying power through both good times and bad times. We can all ask God to help us to grow in faithfulness – it’s a gift worth asking for.

*“God is faithful, and if we serve him faithfully, he will provide for our needs.”* St Richard of Chichester

To be faithful is to be true to someone or something. How can we grow in faithfulness to God and to each other? Perhaps we can: set aside a few minutes each day to pray to God and ask him to help us grow in faithfulness; follow the teachings of Jesus; keep our promises – making sure that if we tell someone [or we tell God] that we will do something, we do it!

Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for being our faithful friend. Please help us to keep growing in faithfulness to you and to one another. Amen.



### Emerald Class Assembly

Emerald class finished this round of class assemblies perfectly. The taught us all about Children in Need and why the charity is so important to so many children, Emerald class are really living out Catholic Social Teaching.

We were so proud of how well they presented their learning with such confidence. Well done Emerald Class on a great first assembly.



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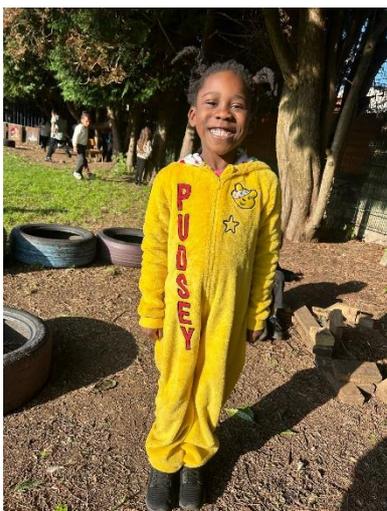
### Year 5 visits Science Create

Year 5 visited Science Creates for a force workshop with student scientists from Bath University. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged with their learning and work scientifically through deep questioning and taking part in experiments. They undertook experiments about friction, gravity and magnetic fields. We definitely have some superstar scientists in Year 5!



### Children In Need and Anti-bullying week

It's been a sea of spots and odd socks this week. In class the children have been taking part in Anti-bullying activities, on Tuesday they came to school in odd socks to recognise everyone's uniqueness and individuality. Mrs Barker led a whole school assembly around Anti-bullying week and why it is important to 'Choose Respect'. We are so lucky to have so many respectful children at St Nicholas, this week I received an email from the Diocese telling me how well-behaved the children at St Nicholas were at the Chaplaincy Training. Our children are also extremely inclusive to all, they know that all children are unique and sometimes children may find things tricky but they really do look out for each other. We finished the week as a sea of Spots to recognise Children in Need, with a wonderful cake sale at the end of the day.



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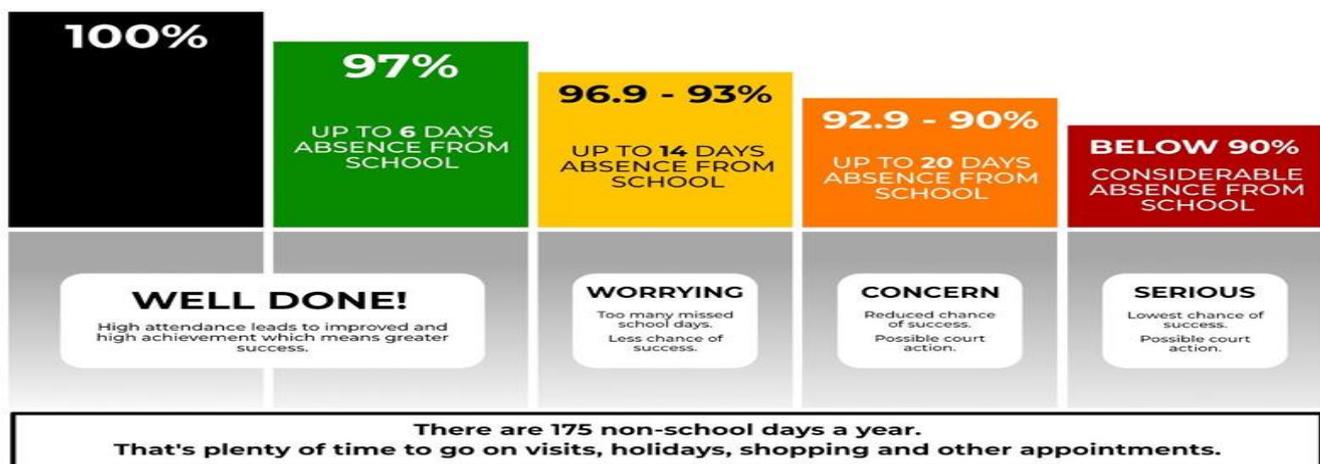
## Attendance

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	93%	97.5%	5
Emerald Class	94.7%	92.9%	7
Ruby Class	96.5%	97.5%	12
Amethyst Class	95.9%	98.6%	4
Sapphire Class	96.6%	98.3%	8
Topaz Class	95.7%	96.1%	10
<b>Total</b>	95.5%	96.7%	46

## 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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## Dates for your Diary:

### Term 2

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	UK Parliament Week Y6 Performance at Trinity Centre 3.30pm – 5pm
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	3.30pm – 6pm – Parent's Evening
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	3.30pm – 6pm – Parent's Evening
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Individual School Photos – School uniform for all children
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	3.15pm – 7pm Y6 Preludes Concert St George
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Mini Police Visit to HQ
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Reception Open morning
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	St Andrew's Day – Wear Blue
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Y4 Preludes Music Trip
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School Mass
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	1.30pm – Diamond, Ruby and Emerald Class Nativity at the Church
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Beauty and the Beast Pantomime for children in school
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	1.30pm – KS2 Carol Concert at the Church
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of Term
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	INSET Day
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School starts back for all children

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James