



ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th July 2024

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what an eventful and successful year it has been. Our children have worked incredibly hard and have made the most of all the opportunities presented to them. It has been a pleasure to watch their academic growth, their enthusiasm for their learning, and their many achievements in all areas of the curriculum.

This year, our pupils have not only achieved good academic results, but have also shone in extracurricular activities. Our children performed fantastically well at the music festivals, showcasing their talent and dedication. Additionally, they excelled in the Key Stage 1 and 2 district sports events, demonstrating both skill and sportsmanship, winning numerous medals and making us all very proud.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the unwavering dedication and commitment of our staff. I am incredibly fortunate to work with such a passionate and talented team. Their hard work and enthusiasm have been instrumental in creating an environment where our pupils can thrive and I feel incredibly fortunate to lead such a talented and supportive team.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you, the parents, for your support during my first year as Head of School. Your trust and encouragement have meant a great deal to me, and I am grateful for the strong partnership we have built together.

As we break for the summer holidays, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable time with your families. We are already looking forward to the new academic year, filled with more opportunities and successes. To our pupils who are moving on to new schools, we wish you every success, happiness and God's blessing in the future

Thank you once again for a wonderful year. Have a fantastic summer!

Dear God,

At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:

For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our school,

both in and out of the classroom;

For the talents and gifts that have been shared

and the challenges that have been faced;

For the respect and care that has been given.

We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun

and for those that have grown.

For the faith that has been lived in our daily struggles,

For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days

And for the love that has kept us going.

We give thanks for the community that we are, and we ask you Lord -

To bless our students, families and staff as we take our holidays,

may our time together leave us with memories to cherish.

Pour out your love on us that we may return renewed and refreshed

to continue our journey together .

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

ST CLEMENTS GAMES

On Monday, 17th June our annual St Clement's Games was held at Old School's Lane. The weather was glorious and the children were very excited. So, with hats, water bottles and suncream applied, the children competed in their houses in a variety of traditional events. We had great fun with:

The sack race - fantastic jumping skills!

Three-legged race - great coordination required!

Throw the welly - not the easiest of things to throw!

Bank or not to bank - a game of tactics but don't be greedy and lose your points!

Fill the bucket - you could get wet with this one!

Obstacle race - you may be the quickest but can you arrange the letters first!

Tug-of-war - a game of skill, strength and determination!

The children had a ball and everyone was able to take part at their own level. As usual, the tug-of-war was a great hit with children and parents! It was so lovely to see so many parents ready to show their strength and teamwork skills, a great example to the children.

After all the jokers were played and the scores were added up, the results were finally in.

| St Benedict | St Clare | St Francis | St Margaret |
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| 5540 | 5360 | 5370 | 5210 |

Congratulations to St Benedict's!

A huge thank you to all the helpers involved in the day and to all the parents for cheering your children on. It was a great success with everyone having such an enjoyable day and all the children had huge smiles on their faces!



KS1 DISTRICT SPORTS EVENTS



On the afternoon of Wednesday 10th July, 12 children across Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in field and track events for KS1 District Sports at the Harrier Centre. At the field events, we saw some huge jumps and fantastic throwing. The children demonstrated some fantastic skills. At the track events, the children were so excited to be able to be running on a track for sprints and long distance! There was a superb effort by all the children involved. We managed to receive 12 medals- 1 gold, 5 silver and 6 gold, an amazing achievement! Well done to all of them for all their efforts and encouragement towards each other. It was wonderful to see and we were so proud of them all. A huge thank you to the staff for their support in this.

KS2 DISTRICT SPORTS FIELDS EVENTS



On Thursday, 4th July, 24 KS2 children took part in the Epsom and Ewell District Sports field events at Stamford Green. Six children from each year group participated in three field events: standing jump, long jump and tennis ball throw. The children had been practising these in their PE lessons and perfecting their techniques! Everyone of them showed fantastic skill and determination and we came away with a wonderful array of medals ranging from bronze to gold! Two of our children even managed to jump a distance of over 5 metres in the long jump!!! An amazing feat! The children showed fantastic sportsmanship towards each other and other schools. We were extremely proud of them all. Thank you to Mrs Roberts and to all the parents cheering their children on. A brilliantly successful afternoon's work by all - well done to our St Clement's sporting heroes!

KS2 DISTRICT SPORTS TRACK EVENTS



On Thursday 11th July, we took 36 children to the track event for KS2 District Sports. We were blessed with glorious sunshine and a fantastic venue at the Xcel Sports Hub in Walton. 16 schools took part. We had already done brilliantly at the field events the week before and were going to the track in the lead! Everybody was in fine form. There were 3 events: long distance, sprints and relays for each of the year groups. All the children ran their socks off and with support from the side lines and from parents in the stand, who were in fine voice, the array of medals started to appear. They showed grit and determination in all their races and true encouragement to each other. The results were in and I am so proud to say that St Clement's came in a very well-deserved 2nd place!! The cheer was so big from our fans that we didn't even realise who had won! A huge thank you to Mrs Maslowska, Mr Antonopoulos, Mrs Harvey Porter and Jack Price for giving up their time to help out and provide extra training. A fantastic days work! Congratulations to everyone!!! We may be small but we can achieve greatness!

YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Year 1 Polar Bears were fantastic in their class assembly on the 5th July. Their assembly was about Growth and how the smallest of actions can make a big difference especially when we work together. They spoke clearly and there was some excellent acting when portraying the scripture. The assembly ended with a lively song 'Let's work together' accompanied by guitar.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Year 3 led us in prayer on Friday 28th June as they celebrated making their First Holy Communion with the whole school community and their families. Acting out the story of the Last Supper, they reminded us that when we go to mass and receive Holy Communion, we share that special meal with Jesus too. The children also shared some of their memories of their special day; Jacob commented, "I felt special and blessed when I received my First Holy Communion because I was receiving Jesus for the first time." Looking very smart indeed, each child presented an unfinished clay heart, representing their spiritual journey, together with a beautiful message of thanks to their parents.

We thank you, God, for Jesus your Son.

We thank you for the special meal he shares with us.

Help us to grow into the kind of people you want us to be.

Feed us with your love.

Give us the strength to make the right choices to be the best we can be.

Amen.



THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Year 6 were extremely lucky to be able to visit The Houses of Parliament on Wednesday 5th June. We had a wonderful day and learned so much! We came back with so much information that we decided to write leaflets about it. The children did such a fantastic job that we decided to share some with you here. Just look at all the knowledge they gained! We have some great debaters amongst our class! The country will be in safe hands!

King Charles III – a Royal Visit.

Once a year, the monarch visits the Palace of Westminster to deliver a speech to open Parliament. The Monarch enters the palace through the Sovereign entrance – only the monarch has this privilege. His Royal Highness is led to the Robing Room, where he is dressed into a regal robe for the occasion.

The Robing Room

Entering the Robing Room, we examined the intricate design on the ceiling, spotting the scouting symbol in gold. This is because the monarch represents the scouting community. Looking down, we saw the carpet was marbled red and green. This represented the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

Did You Know?

King Henry 3rd was the first monarch to hold a parliament in Westminster. He was the first to hold a parliament in Westminster.

The speaker in the House of Commons has to mention the name of all the MPs named.

Fun Fact!
The King has a golden throne in the Robing Room, which is used to give the monarch a golden throne.

Houses Of Parliament

Sylvie, Oliver, Amelia

The Journey Begins

9:52am
A buzz of excitement filled the classroom and our stomachs began to bubble with joy, as we left to begin our adventure. We chatted away and our train arrived, then we quickly and carefully hopped aboard. On our way, we could just picture what it would be like. Outside, we were happy, eager children; inside, we were already feeling like politicians. After half an hour of giggles, we finally arrived at Waterloo Station.

Overwhelmed by the huge crowds, we were in and out of everyone and slowly made our way to the wall – ready to start our trip on foot. Our walk wasn't easy; we were constantly stopped by tourists, traffic lights and head-on collisions – we imagined we were already in the House of Commons. We stopped to admire the brilliance of the historically amazing architecture and there it was in all its magnificent glory – The Houses of Parliament! Looking up the hill, we finally waved at the policeman, hoping they would be nice and wave back.

A Trip to Remember!

10:16am
After waiting outside, we were finally allowed in. We all grabbed a lanyard, and then headed towards security to be fully ready! Parents, we needed to give a headset and with a quick sound check, we were off! The tour started at Victoria Tower, the tower where all the laws are stored and where King Charles III arrives to open parliament. Emma Emily opened the grand, heavy doors and showed us where the soldiers had stood and how their boots had made tiny scratches over all the years, each time of the monarch's arrival. We walked up the royal stairs where a red carpet is laid, and then gracefully stride into the robing room like Kings and Queens. Moved by the brilliant elegance of the majestically decorated room, we walked in to admire the royal throne.

Then we moved onto the gallery where a statue of Queen Victoria is placed. It was a gift from her late husband to build up her confidence and was a piece, as a tradition, they hang beneath the room when the monarch comes.

Did you know? There is a secret bathroom that only the monarch can use – in the robing room!

Commons and Lords

12:00pm
Amazed by what we had already seen, we moved on to the House of Lords, where a solid gold throne is placed for King Charles III to open parliament. The throne colour in the House of Lords is red. Many years ago, people used to throw objects down at the people making agreements, so they weren't happy with the decisions, so there is now a glass barrier to separate the lords and baronesses from the public. In the House of Lords, the throne colour is red. For the Peers to make a speech, they go up to the dispatch box to give their opinion in the opposing side.

Next was the post office, which is open to the public and where the MPs and Senators reflect their mail. Finally approaching the end of our tour, we entered the House of Commons. The monarch is not allowed to enter the House of Commons since King Charles I married in several years ago and tried to arrest every MP, so they represent the monarch with a gold stick – "The Mace."

Did you know? Queen Camilla has a slightly smaller throne to symbolize she is less important!

A trip to remember

Burning to leave, we packed our bags and set off on a trip of a lifetime. With every stride full of excitement, we made our way to Epsom West Train Station. We hopped on the train. Upon boarding the train, we set off to Waterloo Station. The journey was filled with excitement. After getting off the train, we marched to the Houses of Parliament, whilst seeing some famous national monuments, such as Big Ben and the London Eye along the way.

The Arrival

As we arrived at the education centre, we opened the door and stepped through security (just like an airport). After security, we put high tech headphones on and could hear our instructors loud and clear on her microphone.

Turning around, we saw the majestic view of Westminster Palace. Emily led us into the beautiful Victoria Tower, where she told us that all the laws were stored in an archive at the top of the tower. Did you know, in the King's robing room, there are secret doors that lead to... the unknown.

Commons & Lords

In the Commons, the seats and theme is green. On the contrary, in the Lords, the seats and theme is red. For a bill to become a law, it must be agreed upon by both the House of Commons and the House of Lords until they agree. If it goes back and forth multiple times it is called Parliament ping pong. When we arrived in the Commons and Lords, we were not allowed to sit down as we are not MP's, Lords or Baronesses. For a law to be passed, it is first created by the Government. Then it goes through to the public, Commons, Lords and finally the Monarch signs it.

The Speaker can also tell everyone to vote. Next, we ventured into the Great Hall and our guides informed us on a stained glass window named 'the tides will change' after the quote from the Seller jets. William Dye made the stained glass window that changes colour according to the tides of the Thames. The Great Hall was used to play tennis by Henry VIII. We know this because when the Great Hall was used, an old ball from the Tudor Times fell from the ceiling and hit a tour guide on the head. It was renamed and was tested to prove it was used in that time period. There were also plaques on the floor to show where people either laid in state or were sent to court. Then we were led to a learning centre for our workshop. The speaker (who was Owen) would wait for us to start talking up and down to get his attention. He would address us with 'The Honourable' someone. We would thank him and make our point. We would gain points by being confident and polite. We rounded up to show what we had learnt.

- The MP Representative for Epsom and Ewell is Helen Maguire.
- No one has sat on Queen Victoria's chair since she reigned.
- On the 31st of November, the guards go down to the cellar to check if there is any gunpowder down there.

FUN FACTS

- The founder of Domino's Pizza was selected for the House of Lords because he is an expert in business!
- I missed the cost £30 pounds in the shop!
- In the House of Lords, there are 800 people and in the House of Commons there are 650, 1 for each constituency.

Houses of Parliament

William, Jocelyn and Owen



SEASIDE DAY

On Thursday 4th July, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in Seaside day; a fun filled day with activities linked to the wonderful beach and coastline. In the morning, the children took part in an exciting and informative workshop, exploring how the seaside has changed over many years, from 1910 to present day and they created seaside themed arts and crafts. In the afternoon, the children were outside, taking part in a variety of seaside themed games, such as hook a duck, tin can alley, building in sand and paddling pool fun. They also enjoyed an ice pop in the sun! The children had an amazing day and took part fully in all activities. Fun was had by all, including the staff!



WETLANDS CENTRE TRIP KS1

On Thursday 6th June, Year 1 and Year 2 spent a glorious, sunny day at The Wetlands Centre in Barnes. The children walked around, exploring the wetland habitat and observing wetland creatures in their natural home. Some children also got the opportunity to see otters being fed! Both classes took part in a learning activity exploring the animals and creatures that live in a wetland habitat, had fun at the adventure playground and enjoyed their lunches in the sun. This visit allowed the children to embed and increase their knowledge of habitats and the creatures that live in habitats. The children were a credit to the school, listening well and being respectful and thank you to all the adults who helped to make the trip a success.



YEAR 4 PAINSHILL PARK

On Friday 5th July, Year 4 went on a Geography school trip to Painshill Park and although the weather wasn't great, we all still had a great time!

In the morning, we took part in a rivers workshop. We visited the River Mole and conducted experiments on the flow of the river. We played clouds and rivers where we learnt about the water cycle. Finally, just before lunch, the children worked in teams and created their own mini river using natural materials to build banks and created geographical features.

In the afternoon, the children enjoyed orienteering as they were tested on their map reading skills as we explored the different sights around the park, including the Waterwheel on the River Mole. We learnt a lot of the different sights! Overall, a fantastic day out!



YEAR 3 BROOKLANDS TRIP

As part of their Science learning, Year 3 visited the Brooklands Museum. They had a guided tour of the Automobile Shed, had the opportunity to build a car (which they raced down part of the track) and visit both the Aircraft hangar and the Bus Museum. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves and consolidated and learnt more about the role of forces in a variety of vehicles.



RECEPTION PIRATE DAY

On Friday 12th July, all the children in Hedgehog class dressed up as pirates for our Pirate Day. The costumes were amazing! All the little pirates had lots of fun taking part in the pirate themed activities throughout the day. They all had fun taking part in a pirate maths activity, pirate dough disco, pirate yoga and a treasure hunt. They enjoyed listening to lots of lovely pirate stories too.

Ship Ahoy!!



YEAR 3 MATHS CHALLENGE

On Thursday 6th June, 4 children from Year 3 took part in a Maths Challenge. We were one of 250 schools in England and Europe that took part. Our Year 3 team took part remotely from the classroom.

This friendly, online, inter-school competition gave our Year 3 team the opportunity to apply their mathematical knowledge and teamwork skills to solve problems and answer challenging questions, putting their reasoning skills to the test.

The hour-long heat comprised of a set of 4 equally weighted rounds.

Round 1: General maths questions

Round 2: Visual estimation round

Round 3: Spot the shape! Pre-round

Round 4: More general maths questions

Round 1 and 4 – General mathematics

These two rounds each consisted of 5 questions that needed to be solved within a 2 minute time limit! The team had to work quickly and efficiently. Each question had a different mathematical focus and required different types of problem-solving skills.

Round 2 – Visual estimation

This round consisted of a series of questions and problems that focused on pupils' visual estimation skills. This was extremely tricky!

Round 3 – Spot the shape!

For the 'Spot the Shape!' round, the children were required to complete a challenge related to geometry before their live event. As the titles of each round suggest, success in the challenges relies on much more than mere mathematical calculation. The team was challenged with problem-solving, reasoning, estimation, visualisation and arithmetic from across the year 3 mathematics curriculum.

The children had to work hard at working as a team, delegating parts of questions, thinking strategically, explaining really clearly to their team mates and agreeing with each other under very tight time constraints. All the children worked exceptionally hard in the weeks leading up to it and really enjoyed the afternoon. They scored really well. Unfortunately, they didn't make it to the top 20 and so didn't qualify for the final but we are very proud of their achievement.

Thank you to Miss Eggitt and especially to Mrs Maslowska for helping to prepare the children.

Well done Joseph, Sophia, Jacob and Isaac - expert mathematicians in the making!



JUNIOR SUPREMOS

On June 12th, ten year 5 children were trained in becoming the next 'Junior Supremos'. They spent the morning with Mrs Sinclair-Smith from the Sutton Schools Sports Partnership.

The children were very enthusiastic and excited to be chosen to be leaders in the playground at playtimes. They were taught about the importance of leadership and communication and what skills you needed to have for this to be successful. They played games as teams to practise these skills and learned how they had to adapt for the activity to be a success. It was lovely to hear them communicating with each other and giving each other support and encouragement.

They planned games in groups, some requiring equipment and some not. They were taught that not all 'great' games require equipment. They learned about the STEP principle and how it was important to bear this in mind when playing any games with children.

S - Space - where will you play?

T - Time - how long for?

E - Equipment - what do you need?

P - People - who is playing and how many?

After planning and preparing their games, the Year 1 class came into the playground and 'The Junior Supremos' lead their activities. They were brilliant and so confident and loved every minute of it. All the children in Year 1 had huge smiles on their faces and enjoyed the games they played. They gave the year 5s fantastic feedback saying they loved the games, they liked that sometimes they were hard, they said they were fair, they understood the instructions and they liked it when the year 5s joined in.

The Junior Supremos will now be leading play activities in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds at playtimes.

Mrs Sinclair-Smith and myself were extremely proud of all the children and she was very impressed with them and can't wait to come back and see the impact they will have at playtimes. An excellent afternoon's work!



PRIMARY MUSIC FESTIVAL

On Tuesday 4th June, Year 3 had the joy of performing at the Leatherhead Theatre as part of the Primary Music Festival. After months of practice, we met our conductor Lin Marsh and had our first practice with the other 7 school, which was our first time on the stage. The children performed all 13 songs, with actions, spectacularly. It was a night to remember. We were all so proud of them!



YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

The final Year 6 production of "Treasure Island" took place on Tuesday 9th July and Thursday 11th July. We think you'll agree that the performances were truly amazing! Year 6 managed to change our school hall into a West End theatre! It truly was a swashbuckling performance of piracy, intrigue and treasure where every child gave 100%. We had fantastic acting, brilliant dancing and wonderful singing! They made us laugh, they made us cry, but most of all, they made us so very proud.

Thank you to Mrs Askin and Mrs Venerio who helped us with hair and make up; to Mrs Dunne and Mrs Canitrot for back stage management and adaptations to costumes; to Mrs Regan for her technical wizardry with sound and lights; and to Mrs Mac and Ms Maton for prop making and mending and many singing practices!

Thank you so much to the parents for their donations towards the costumes. We think you'll agree that they really lifted the children's performances to a really professional level, so thank you for your support in this.

It is very clear that St Clement's children most certainly do have talent - very well done to them all! We have certainly discovered a few potential stars of the future - who knows, maybe a few future Oscar winners!!

Thank you to those of you who bought tickets to support us. It was great to see so many parents and families, including past pupils, join us and celebrate Year 6's success! A huge thank you to every member of the audience - you were spectacular and so involved in the performance. The children really responded to it so thank you.

Congratulations Year 6 . In the words of Squire Trelawney - you were utterly fab - u - lous!



GOODBYE TO OUR YEAR 6 LEAVERS!

It has been a whirlwind finish for our Year 6 leavers this week. So many exciting events and beautiful memories made. After the thrill of pirate shenanigans and stage make up in their amazing production of Treasure Island, Year 6 did not have a moment to sit back and relax. Instead, we shared all the special memories we have made together at St Clement's. The children spent time thinking about what they are worried about for the future and, more importantly, what they are excited about. These ideas were shaped into beautiful prayers and reflections of their primary school days, and were shared at the leavers mass on Tuesday the 16th July. This mass was made even more special by the fact that it was celebrated by Fr Graham who is also leaving St Clement's parish after 30 years, and it gave staff the opportunity to say their good-byes as they leave for pastures new along with the children.

Leavers assemblies, shirt signing, special treats from Mrs Flaherty and Mrs Kelly followed, alongside many other general celebrations of their times at St Clement's, all in preparation for the final goodbye.

Although this has been a time of wonderful celebrations, it is also a sad time for all of us. We shall miss every single one of the children and wish them well for the next stage of their school journey. It has been a privilege to watch them develop in to talented and confident individuals. We hope that the children continue to embody our school mission values: be kind, be ready, try our best, be truthful and be respectful; these are all so important and will help the children to shine in their new schools.

We shall miss you Year 6 and wish you all a very happy future. There is great comfort in knowing that we are all taking a new step together and we hope that you will continue to let us know how you are getting on in future years.

A special note from us to parents past and present: we have loved our years at St Clement's and would like to thank you for the kindness, encouragement and support you have given us over the years, but more than anything, we thank you for entrusting your children to our care. It has been our honour and we have loved them. We hope to return for Advent services, school plays and school fairs, so get those dates in your diaries so that we can catch up on all the news!

Good bye, thank you and, as we said to each other during our anointing:

"May the Lord bless you and carry you through your life."

Mrs Flaherty and Mrs Kelly

GOODBYE TEACHERS

As the school year draws to a close, we find ourselves bidding a heartfelt farewell to three remarkable teachers who have dedicated 15 years of service to our school community. It is with deep gratitude and a touch of sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Flaherty, Mrs Kelly, Mrs Howick-Smith and Mrs McCloskey (Mrs Mac).

Mrs. Kelly's passion for teaching and her unwavering commitment and dedication nurturing her pupils have left an indelible mark on our school. Her innovative teaching methods and nurturing approach have inspired countless pupils to pursue their dreams and reach their full potential. Mrs. Kelly is especially known for her exceptional ability to produce outstanding end-of-year plays. We will miss her warm smile and her ability to make every pupil feel valued and supported.

Mrs Flaherty's expertise in mathematics and her patient, encouraging teaching style have helped many pupils overcome their fear of the subject and achieve academic success. Her commitment to her pupils' growth and her innovative teaching techniques have set a high standard for excellence in education. Mrs Flaherty has organised numerous sports events, inter-school competitions, and after-school netball clubs, fostering a spirit of teamwork and healthy competition amongst pupils. Her dedication to promoting physical activity and well-being has inspired many pupils to pursue sports both within and outside of school. All of her contributions to our school community will be deeply missed.

Mrs Howick-Smith has been a cornerstone of our school's EYFS, known for her enthusiasm and dedication to fostering a love for learning in her pupils. Mrs Howick-Smith's has provided excellent teaching to our Reception children to ensure they received the very best start to their learning journey at St Clement's. As well as her passion for developing children's early writing, Mrs Howick-Smith has played a pivotal role in introducing the new RE curriculum in Early Years, developing the children's religious literacy and deepening their knowledge of their faith.

Mrs Mac came out of retirement to replace Mrs Regan as she has a wealth of Year 6 experience. We are very grateful to her for her commitment and dedication to the Year 6 cohort as they come to the end of their journey at St Clement's. We wish her well in all her future endeavours.

On behalf of myself and all of the staff at St Clement's, we wish them all every success and happiness in the future and hope that they will keep in touch and come to see us now and again.



THE SLEMISH CUP

The Slemish Cup was donated by Miss Close; she was born near Slemish Mountain on which St Patrick spent time contemplating how to bring Christianity to the Irish people; while on the mountain he faced a number of challenges. Miss Close's intention was to recognise courage, perseverance and quiet determination as well as a child who lived out the Gospel values of St Clement's.

This year **The Slemish Cup** has been awarded to **Amelia Gould**

THE DAVIES CUP

The Davies Cup was presented to Mrs Davies for outstanding contribution, sportsmanship and achievement to the sporting life of St Clement's. Each year this is now awarded to a pupil who displays the same level of commitment to sport at the school.

This year **The Davies Cup** has been awarded to **William Laister**

THE WRITERS AWARD

This award was donated by Mrs Chappell as she wanted an opportunity to recognise one pupil for their achievements in writing across the curriculum - for their efforts in achieving their writing potential through responding to teacher feedback and reading widely to enhance their writing further.

This year **The Writer's Award** has been awarded to **Erin Askin**

FATHER GRAHAM RETIREMENT

The children, staff, parents, Friends and Governors said a very fond farewell to Father Graham on Tuesday 16th July as he made his retirement from St Clement's. The day began with a wonderful assembly when each class sang a special song for Father Graham and presented him with a card from all the children and gifts. In his speech, he spoke of his 31 years of dedicated service to the parish and how much he has enjoyed coming to and being involved with our school for so many years. The afternoon of celebrations continued with an afternoon tea of thanks to Father Graham, set up by our fantastic Friends of St Clement's. Father Graham was presented with a gift from the Board of Governors and he gave another speech of thanks to all. The day concluded with Father Graham's last ever Year 6 Leavers' mass. This is always the most special of celebrations and the children displayed reverence in their words and prayers. Thank you Father Graham and on behalf of St Clement's Catholic Primary School, we all wish you the very best for your retirement.



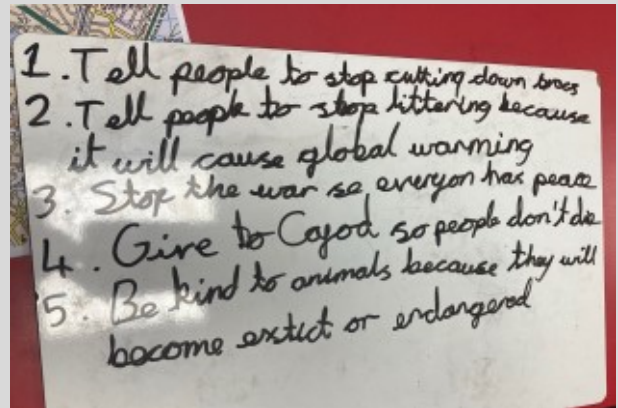
GOOD SHEPHERD MASS

On Thursday 27th June, KS2 children from the school council and the Year 6 spiritual leaders went to the Good Shepherd celebration, at Arundel Cathedral, led by Bishop Richard Moth. All schools from our diocese had representatives and a great time was had by all. The children were lucky enough to meet our Bishop after the service too. The children who attended were brilliant ambassadors for St Clement's and behaved exceptionally all day.



SUSTAINABILITY LESSON

On Thursday 13th June, Mrs Christie delivered workshops to Year 2 and Year 3 about sustainability. They discussed problems in the world such as global warming, climate change, natural disaster, poverty and war and then the children made suggestions on how we can solve this global problems, from writing to the Prime Minister to make people stop smoking to zapping naughty people who drop litter! The children were also introduced to the 17 global goals for sustainable development by the United Nations and learnt how we can meet these goals. Thank you to Mrs Christie for her informative workshop, the children enjoyed learning about how all of them can make a small difference to the world.



ECO SCHOOL AWARD



The Eco-Schools Green Flag is an internationally recognised award for excellence in environmental action and learning. Eco-Schools empowers pupils, raises environmental awareness, improves the school environment and also creates financial savings for schools. It engages the wider local community, links to the curriculum and can help deliver Ofsted requirements.

The Eco-Schools programme provides a unique opportunity that **empowers pupils to lead change** within their school and have a positive impact in their wider community. The programme encourages pupils of all ages and abilities to work together to develop their knowledge and environmental awareness.

With the help of our community, parents, ECO Team and pupils, I am pleased to inform you that we have been able to secure the prestigious **GREEN FLAG AWARD**. At St Clements, we are very proud to hold this award as it represents true commitment to environmental education.

SCIENTIST OF THE TERM

Each class teacher has selected a pupil from their class who is their Scientist of the term. This could be for excellent scientific knowledge, super investigating or enquiry skills and/or enthusiasm. Each child received a special certificate and an applause for their achievement. An overall winner was chosen from a hat. The overall winner has received a Science experiments box. Below are the class Scientists of the term and the overall winner. Well done to all.

Year 6 Imoh
Year 5 Elliott
Year 4 Jude
Year 3 Zuri
Year 2 Bethan
Year 1 Liam
Reception Noah
Overall Winner Isaac

BOOK PRIZE WINNER

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been awarded Book Prizes for the Summer Term;

Year 6 Clara
Year 5 Bella
Year 4 Nadia
Year 3 Jacob
Year 2 Oliver
Year 1 William
Reception Avanika



OVER AND ABOVE

On Wednesday 17th July, Mrs Chappell shared afternoon tea with children who had been chosen from each class who have gone 'over and above'. The children had been chosen because they had gone "over and above" in showing good behaviour, a positive attitude to learning, showing perseverance when finding activities challenging, being a really good friend, being helpful, actively living out the Gospel values or consistently being "the best they can be this" term.

The chosen children this half-term were Renesmee (Reception), Snow (Year 1), Raphael (Year 2), Mae (Year 3), Jack (Year 4), Annabelle (Year 5) and Matteo (Year 6). During the afternoon, they tucked into some cupcakes, chocolate mini-rolls and a glass of squash. They made for delightful company. We chatted about their plans for the summer holidays, Euros 2024, what they enjoyed most about this year and what they were looking forward to when they move to their new classes. These children should feel very proud of themselves!



ANCHOR AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the following children who received awards at our Anchor Assembly this half term;

Year 6 Amelia, Max, Xavier, Joseph, Jude, Ralph and Year 6

Year 5 Bertie, Daniella G-R, Jemima, Harry C-M, Deandre and Joey

Year 4 Daniela, Elsie, Myla, Kamila, Godric and Sophia

Year 3 Johnny, Joaseph, Zuri, Daniel, Max and Eleanor

Year 2 Jack, Ella, Ferne, Marlow, Katie and Elliott

Year 1 Casimir, Millie, Snow, Bella, Laura and Lia

Reception: Ana, Benjamin, Remy-Ray, Logan, Louis and Gabriella

Children who receive their Anchor badges this Friday will have the opportunity to wear them when they return in September.

VALUES AND VIRTUES AWARD

This half term we have spent time as a whole school working on being a good role model for others in reflecting on how we have lived the virtues of Honesty and Service. We have thought about how we see these virtues in action in our lives and in the lives of others. We have also thought about how we can work to encapsulate these values in the way we speak to and treat others

Well done to those children who received our Values and Virtues award at the Anchor Assembly this half term:

Year 6 Ralph, Lizzie and all of Year 6

Year 5 Noah, Caitlin and Aine

Year 4 Filip, Quinn and Orlando

Year 3 Darcie, Sairah and Daniel

Year 2 Marlow, Hannah and Jack

Year 1 Alex, Ella and Millie

Reception Leo, Gabriella and Avanika

ATTENDANCE AWARD



The overall attendance award for 2023-2024 has gone to Year 2 with an attendance of 97.64%

Well done!

THANK YOU TO THE FRIENDS

As we come to the end of another term, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Friends of St. Clement's for your tireless dedication and unwavering support in organising fundraising events for our school.

Special thanks go to Louise and Michelle BT for coordinating the Summer Fair, which was a busy and well-attended event. There was a wide variety of stalls and activities on offer, and I would like to thank the class reps who planned and organized them. A huge thank you to all of you who helped set up for the fair on Friday and Saturday, ran stalls, and tidied up when the fair was over by Hoovering, sweeping, moving furniture, and cleaning. The school was spotless! I would also like to thank all of you who attended the fair and spent money at the stalls. It never ceases to amaze me how fantastic a team of hardworking and dedicated parents you are, and I am very grateful for your time and effort in making this event happen.

A huge thank you to Linda, Sam, Matt, and Louis, who handle so much of the administration and finance side of the Friends. A big thank you to Faye for taking the time to create the Summer Fair brochure.

I would also like to thank the Friends for organising the retirement tea-party for Fr. Graham and the tea-party for Mrs. Flaherty, Mrs. Kelly, and Mrs. Howick-Smith. They were all deeply touched and moved by the generous gifts and by seeing so many parents and pupils, both past and present, who came to wish them well.

Additionally, I would like to thank the amazing team for organizing the KS1 and KS2 discos. Both discos were very well attended, and as always, the hall was left spotlessly clean and tidy. I am very grateful for your time and dedication in making this event possible. The children had a great time.

Thank you all for your dedication, time, and unwavering support. Your hard work and generosity enable the Friends to enrich the experiences of our pupils and enhance the St. Clement's community.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



The Summer Reading Challenge is a fun way to encourage children to read over the summer holidays.

All children aged 4 to 11 will be able to sign up for the challenge at their local library for free.

Children can set their own goals, but to complete the Challenge they will need to read six books before Saturday 14th September.

When your child has finished reading six books they will receive a certificate and medal. They can collect this from a member of library staff.

HOUSE POINTS

This winners for this school year are St Francis. Well done!

| House | Points |
|-------------|--------|
| St Benedict | 8,048 |
| St Francis | 8,373 |
| St Clare | 7,992 |
| St Margaret | 8,127 |

SUMMER FAYRE

We are very pleased to announce that the Summer Fayre raised an incredible £5,500. A huge thank you to all of the fundraisers.

LUNCH COSTS

Lunch costs for the first half of the Autumn term:

£106.40

Any changes in the new term from packed lunch to school dinners or vice versa requires a week's notice to the School Office.

Thank you for all your generous gifts and good wishes to the staff, they are very much appreciated.

School breaks up today for the Summer Break and opens again on Wednesday 4th September.

We hope that everyone has a well deserved and enjoyable Summer Break.

Update for the Bourne Hall Living History Day on 20th July 10am to 5pm



You can chat to our Stone Age visitors about their lives, and you can see from the picture they will come dressed for the English summer!

The Roman living history group Britannia will arrive bringing with them a portable ballista, one of the siege machines you can see in action at the beginning of the film *Gladiator* together with a small catapult or onager. These will be fired during the day as part of their display. Britannia are veterans of the film's battle scene, and you may recognise some of them from the *Horrible Histories* programmes and the recent Sky TV series *Britannia*. During the day they will be training children in Roman army drill and fighting skills. A battle of the champions will also take place between an Iron Age warrior and the emperor's gladiators.

The Vikings, not to be outdone, will also be showing off their combat skills. They will bring a tent and an encampment, with a range of items to show you the weapons, helmets, leather working and other crafts.

They will have shields that the children can stand by and have their photos taken and they have some boards with the Viking runes on so that children can learn to spell out their names.



Face painting will be available in the park so you can look the part as an Iron Age warrior. In the library children can take part in art and crafts, making Roman helmets and shields at the small cost of £1. There will also be a treasure hunt from the library around the whole building. Inside the library is the local history centre who will be opening specially to help you find out about local history and perhaps dig up an ancestor. In Bourne Hall there will be the chance to purchase at Bourne Hall's pre-loved clothes market, sorry no togas or chainmail! Like the Living History Day, it's FREE.