



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

LIVE, LOVE, LEARN. TOGETHER WE WILL SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

## *The Fruit of Holy Spirit*

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

***Welcome back to the new half term - I can't believe how fast this year has flown! I hope that you all had a restful half term and enjoyed the lovely weather and time with your families and friends.***

***Last half term ended with our unforgettable residential to London with 56 of our children from Key Stage Two which I had the pleasure of attending. It really was a superb experience and one that the children will always remember. They enjoyed dining at the Rainforest Café also known as The Jungle Cave for their tea on the Thursday, followed by the West End show 'Matilda'. It was incredible! All of the children loved staying in our hotel the Premier Inn and especially their delicious breakfast on the Friday morning! On the Friday we enjoyed touring the fascinating Tower of London, as well as the famous History Museum.***





***The behaviour of all of the children was exceptional and was commented on several times by members of the public. Our did themselves, our school and their families proud!***



***On Wednesday we are celebrating our whole school feast day with an amazing Shine Day led by Paul Delaney. Make sure that you check our school Twitter page to follow our wonderful celebration of this special day!***



***Reading continues to be a focus this half term. Please continue to encourage your child to read throughout the week and sign and return their reading homework diaries to school. Class photos will be taken on Thursday so no PE kits to be worn this week please.***

***Kindest regards***

***Miss Sinead Walsh***

***Headteacher***



# EYFS

Well, the children in EYFS have had a huge amount of fun this half term. It has been jam packed with countless learning opportunities and exciting events.

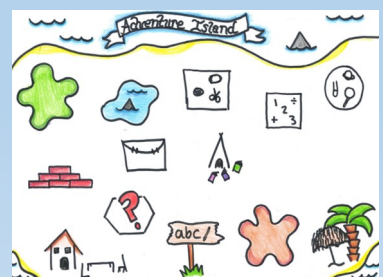
We started the half term by blasting off to space! We learnt all about famous Astronauts such as Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong. Through the story of *Whatever Next* by Jill Murphy, the children will become story tellers and authors, writing their own space themed texts.



We Then got Coronation fever. Our learning about the coronation of King Charles III covered multiple curriculum areas. We learned facts about King Charles and found out what a coronation was. We watched the coronation of the King's mother, Queen Elizabeth II, created our own Crown Jewels and tried to predict how King Charles would arrive at the coronation. The highlight of all the celebrations was defiantly our ice-cream treat. Thank you Miss Walsh!



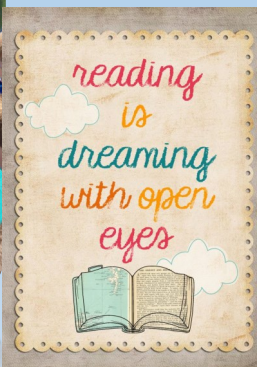
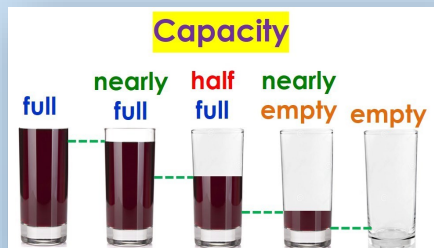
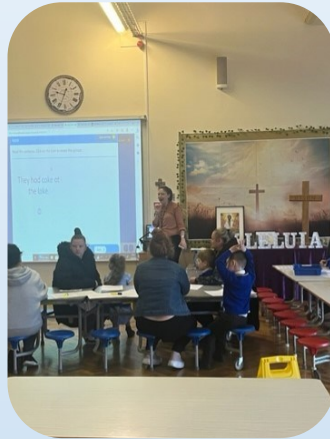
Another highlight has been the introduction of 'Adventure island'. Our outdoor area has been transformed. We now have a beach, a builders yard, a campsite, water bay, a garden centre and a maths meadow. The children in EYFS love to explore adventure island (A more exciting name for our classroom). All the need to do is pick up a map and explore as adventure awaits!





# Year 1

Year 1 have been completing some excellent learning this half term! We have really enjoyed completing reading activities and loved it when our families joined us in our session. In maths we have been learning all about capacity and volume! We made our own vehicle in DT—the results were amazing.





# Year 2

Year 2 had a great day celebrating the King's Coronation in May and we



Year 2 have been enjoying a story by the 'fireside' every Friday afternoon.



In DT, we have been learning how to sew a running stitch.





# Year 3

In Year 3 we have had a busy time. We were very lucky to have a visit from a Poetry author who came to our school to teach us how to perform poetry. We have had lots of fun in our Art and DT lessons, making fruit kebabs whilst learning about World Foods. We also had a visit to Parr library where we were able to look at all of the books. What a super time we've had.



## **Meet the Poet.**

**Click on the QR code to watch Paul Delaney teaching Year 3 how to write poetry!**

We had a visit from local poet Paul Delaney who worked with Year 3 to create a poem about the sea. He taught us how to create the structure of the poem and how to let our imagination run wild. We are looking forward to the poetry performances which will take place after half term.

## **Fun at the Library**

We loved our visit to Parr library last week where we were able to browse through the books. We could even complete some colouring sheets and build some lego! We were so impressed by what our local library offers and we all want to go back very soon. Don't forget there are lots of activities happening in the holidays so why not



## **Fun in Design Technology Learning About World Foods**

We made some delicious fruit kebabs in DT when we were learning about where our food comes from. They were very juicy!



# Year 4

We love to visit Parr library and spend the afternoon among the stories!



This half term, we have really enjoyed our new Art lessons. Here is Malakai making a bird's nest!



In Year 4, reading is one of our favourite things to do. We all have two reading books: one that we read for pleasure (thank you to St Helens Library service!) and one that we bring home. These are brand new books and we are so lucky to have them!

On Friday 5th May, we celebrated the King's coronation! In school, we wore crowns, played with the balloons and enjoyed a delicious ice cream from the van! Here's Riley with his ice cream and yummy sherbet!



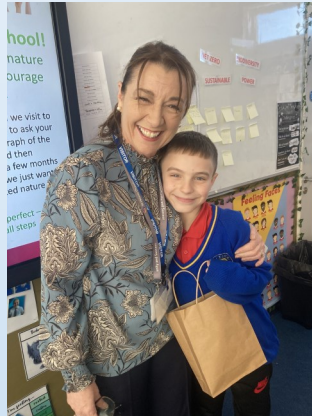


# Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful half term, with lots of fun, engaging and practical learning!

We enjoyed a wonderful 'Ready, Steady, Green' session with Tracey, from St Helens Chamber - learning all about the causes and effects of climate change. We explored the 3 R's (Reduce, Reuse and Recycle) and demonstrated how growing different foods affects the environment.

Tracey gave us lots of information on 'rewilding' an area of our school environment.



We celebrated King Charles III coronation with ice-cream... there were lots of happy faces!



We've enjoyed dance this half term - we're doing a whole class dance but parts of it have been choreographed by the children, in small groups. Keep your eyes open on Twitter!



We were very lucky to welcome Paul Delaney to our school - and class - this half term. His poetry, story-telling and enthusiasm were infectious and we absolutely loved taking part in his lesson (even his dad jokes!). We each wrote our own poem too and Olivia and Jakub's have been chosen to be published - well done Olivia and Jakub!

We welcomed our parents/carers in to school to our Reading Learn and Share. We enjoyed showing off our reading skills and learning how to improve—thank you again to those who joined us!





# Year 6

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard over the past few months in readiness for the SATS. We are so proud of each and every one of them who gave their best shot at every paper. We have every confidence that their hard work will pay off! Since finishing SATS, we have been working on our Writing and would like to share some snippets of the latest piece they have written: a flashback narrative based on The Piano. Scan the QR Codes to read our fabulous work!



We have also begun to practice for the End of Year Performance! All parts have been allocated; lines, songs and dances are being learnt! We cannot wait to show how amazing we all are! We are sure this will be one to remember!

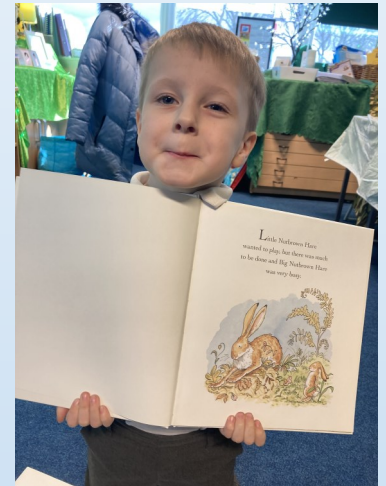




# Rainforest

In the Rainforest, this term, we have had lots of fun!

We have been reading and sharing lots of book and stories—we have a fantastic love of reading and the most comfortable areas to do it in! We really enjoyed sharing a story in our new library area.



We enjoyed some time with Pumpkin Spice, whilst Year 6 were busy with their SATS. We were kind, gentle and loving.



We made collages of King Charles III to celebrate his coronation. We used the colours from the flag of the United Kingdom.



In our science experiment, we made rain clouds in a jar, with shaving foam and food colouring—it was lots of fun!



We made frozen bananas, which tasted amazing... definitely a nice treat for the summer!



# Useful Dates

07.06.23	School Reopens for Summer Term Whole school feast day celebration Shine Day with Paul Delaney	Whole School
08.06.23	Year 3 to Parr Library 1.30pm	Year 3
08.06.23	Meeting with Reception Parents about Year 1	Reception
08.06.23	Tempest Photography – Class Group Photos	Whole School
09.06.23	Year 6 to Parr Library – 10am	Year 6
12.06.23	Year 5 Swimming	Year 5
13.06.23	Forest School Year 3 and Year 4	Year 5 & 6
13.06.23	Reception Vision Screening	Reception
15.06.23	EYFS Mouse Club – Remarkable Reading 9am for parents	EYFS
15.06.23	After School Club Reception – Getting Ready for Year 1	Reception
15.06.23	Year 5 to Parr Library – 1.30pm	Year 5
16.06.23	Own Clothes Day – bottle donation for Summer Fayre	Whole School
16.06.23	Cake Sale for Go Yellow Spina Bifada Charity	Whole School
16.06.23	Year 5 and Year 6 Girls Football Competition @ Ruskin Drive	Selected Participants
19.06.23	Year 5 Swimming	Year 5
21.06.23	Year 5 and Year 6 Wargrave Rugby Tournament	Selected Participants
22.06.23	After School Club Reception – Getting Ready for Year 1	Reception
23.06.23	Own Clothes Day – Chocolate Donation for Summer Fayre	Whole School
23.06.23	Year 2 to Parr Library 10am	Year 2
26.06.23	Welcome to Reception parent meeting for Nursery Children 3.15pm	Nursery
26.06.23	Year 5 Swimming	Year 5
27.06.23	Forest School Year 5 and Year 6	Year 3 & 4
29.06.23	St Peter and St Paul Feast Day	Whole School
29.06.23	Summer Fayre	Whole School
30.06.23	Year 1 to Parr Library 10am	Year 1



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03.07.23	Year 5 Swimming	Year 5
03.07.23	Sports Day EYFS 9-9.30am // Year 1 & 2 9.45 – 10.30am // Y3-Y6 11 – 12am	Whole School
04.07.23	Transition for Year 6 to St Cuthberts	Year 6
04.07.23	Forest school Year 1 and Year 2	Year 1 and Year 2
07.07.23	Year 5 Taster Day at St Cuthberts	Year 5
10.07.23	Year 5 Swimming	Year 5
13.07.23	Year 6 Production for Parents	Year 6
17.07.23	Progressive Sports – Activities for All	Whole School
17.07.23	Transition Day 1 to new September classes	EYFS to Y5
18.07.23	Transition Day 2 to new September classes	EYFS to Y5
18.07.23	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly for parents 1.30pm	Year 6
18.07.23	Year 6 Leaver's Tea Party for parents (2 guests per family) 2.30pm	Year 6
19.07.23	School Closes for summer holiday 1.30pm	Whole School
04.09.23	School reopens for academic year 2023_2024	Whole School

## PE this term from Monday 12th June 2023

Monday—swimming Year 5

Monday—PE for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6

Tuesday—Forest school Year 3 and Year 4 (Tuesday 13th June)

Wednesday—PE for Year 1 and Year 2 (Year 3 and Year 4 when not Forest school)

Thursday—Dance for Year 5 and Year 6