

## Weekly News

Friday 20th March 2026

### The Big Walk and Wheel

One more week to go! Keep up the fantastic effort!

Our Scores so far are:

63% of children are scooting, walking or cycling to school.

Our overall position in the challenge is:

**155 out of 1163**



It has been a fantastic start to the week in school.

We were delighted to welcome BBC Radio Manchester, which was a wonderful experience for our pupils.

We also enjoyed celebrating St Patrick's Day with lots of singing, dancing and some very tasty food! To round off the week, we had a special visit from poet Ian Bland, who inspired us all with his work.

We would also like to wish a very Happy Eid to all of our families who are celebrating.

**Eid Mubarak!**

### Headteacher Award Winners

|           |                  |
|-----------|------------------|
| Nursery   | Allie and Marnie |
| Reception | Aislin and Albie |
| Year 1    | Esme and Freddie |
| Year 2    | Anaser and Louie |
| Year 3    | Luca and Jake    |
| Year 4    | Jude             |
| Year 5    | Jim and Caolan   |
| Year 6    | Pearl and Olive  |



### Attendance Ladder



### ATTENDANCE

| N  | YRG | YRFK | Y1B | Y1AB | Y2A | Y2B | Y3M | Y3S | Y4P | Y5H | Y5NT | Y6B | Y6H  |
|----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|------|
| 98 | 97  | 90   | 97  | 87   | 98  | 98  | 94  | 98  | 95  | 91  | 95   | 96  | 99.5 |





## EYFS

Another fantastic week in Nursery! We have been learning all about Ireland this week and about St Patrick. We enjoyed many green themed activities including green gloop, making potions and decorating shamrocks. Our baking activity was making and decorating shamrock biscuits. They were delicious! The children have been very imaginative - pretending to be kings and queens which prompted them to make and decorate their own crowns. Some wonderful problem solving as we had to measure our heads and adapt our crowns!

The children have loved playing outside together in the sunshine this week particularly getting very muddy in our Let's Explore area! They found a huge earthworm in the soil, so we used this as an opportunity to find out lots of interesting facts about worms!



We have had another wonderful week in Reception. This week the children have been learning all about St Patrick. As part of this the children were treated to a wonderful Irish dancing performance from one of our year 6 pupils, Cara-Lily. We listened to traditional Irish music. We looked further at who St Patrick was and why he is the Patron saint of Ireland. We also enjoyed retelling the story of the Tiger who came to Tea with a story box in groups. Well done Reception on another fantastic week!





## Key Stage 1

### Year 1

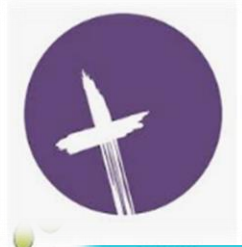
Year 1 has had a busy week of learning. In Maths, we have been exploring what happens when we subtract a number from itself and what happens when we add a number to itself. In Writing, I we have been busy publishing our egg spotters guides which are filled with information about different eggs. We have been investigating the difference between freestanding and fixed structures and have started investigating Victorian playgrounds so that we can design a modern playground filled with free standing structures.



### Year 2

Year 2 have had a wonderful week of learning and exploration. In Maths, children have developed their understanding of length and height, using practical resources to measure and compare objects. They have also been ordering heights with growing confidence. In RE, we have been learning about Palm Sunday and why it is such an important event. Children showed great curiosity and we are immensely proud of the children's enthusiasm and learning.





## Lower Key Stage 2



Year 3 have been busy with their learning this week. The children are really enjoying the BFG and have written fabulous instructions for revolting recipes. Next week they will plan and write their own giant story. In Geography, the children have been exploring the water cycle. We have been so impressed with their understanding of the four processes. 3M have been busy creating their own shelters for humans; they used their skill of co-operation to ensure they were successful! Both classes enjoyed their reward for attendance on Wednesday afternoon by going to Cringle Park. It was lovely to see all children playing together and helping each other out on the zip line.



Year 4 have been writing a persuasive travel brochure this week, encouraging people to come to a seaside town in need of tourism. We have been focussing on persuasive features such as rhetorical questions and exploring their impact.

We have rounded off our unit of work with fractions working together to subtract fractions from whole and mixed numbers. This has been particularly interesting when using fractions in real world contexts. We have also looked at Anglo Saxon settlements and how they designed their villages and homes.





## Upper Key Stage 2

### Year Five

It has been a wonderfully bright and productive week for Year 5, both in and out of the classroom!

In English, the children have thoroughly enjoyed writing their epic adventure stories, showcasing fantastic imagination and creativity. We are incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm they have shown.

In maths, we have been focusing on short division and applying this skill to a range of word problems, with the class demonstrating growing confidence and resilience.

During P.E., pupils have continued to develop their hockey skills, particularly their dribbling, showing great determination and teamwork. In PSHE, we have been exploring the importance of building each other up and celebrating one another's strengths.

Well done, Year 5, for another fantastic week of learning!



### Year Six

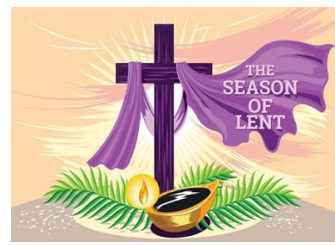
We had a fantastic time at the Irish Festival! Our children enjoyed dancing, singing, and even playing the tin whistle, immersing themselves in the rich tapestry of Irish culture. Their brilliant behaviour was a true credit to our wonderful community, showcasing the spirit of togetherness and respect. It was heartwarming to see everyone engaged and having fun while learning. Thank you to all who participated and made this event so memorable!





**ST. MARY'S**  
RC. PRIMARY SCHOOL

Love one another  
as I have loved you.



## Catholic Life of Our School



Our Climate Crew were caring for our common home this week. Visit Cringle Park this weekend to see our beautiful planter in the Spring sunshine, it looks stunning!

**Cornerstone**  
Caritas Diocese of Salford



**Good News for Families**

*The Wednesday Word* is a weekly resource that helps families read and reflect on the Sunday Gospel together. It is designed especially for children and includes simple explanations and questions to talk about at home. You can find it here:

<https://wednesdayword.org/home/index.htm>

### Lenten Collection for Cornerstone

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in donations for our Lenten collection in support of Caritas Cornerstone. We have been overwhelmed by your generosity so far.

If you would still like to contribute, donations of non-perishable food items and essential goods can be **sent into school with your child** and will be collected in class. All items will be delivered during Holy Week.

Thank you for your continued support.

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