



# St Clare's

## Catholic Primary School



## NEWSLETTER

### Autumn 2025

Friday 19th December 2025 – Vendredi 19 décembre 2025

## A Silver Success

After a rigorous assessment process, our Rights Respecting Schools ambassadors are delighted to announce that we have been awarded The **Rights Respecting Schools Silver Accreditation Charter Mark**. This highlights all we do as a school to share awareness of Rights and ensure that they are embedded throughout school life. Many thanks to all those who helped us achieve this status. We are very proud!



## Parliament Week

Our Rights Respecting Schools ambassadors launched Parliament Week with an informative assembly. This supported the debates and ballots that took place in class, allowing our children to experience Democracy (one of our British Values) in action.



## Cut Your Carbon

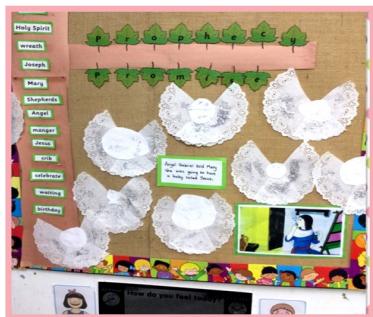
Our Eco Council launched Cut Your Carbon month in November with an informative assembly and distributed Cut Your Carbon checklists to all children in school. A huge well done to all the children and families that took part. Your results have been submitted to the national database.



# Catholic Life

## Advent Across the School

Throughout this term, our school community has joyfully journeyed through the season of Advent. Children embraced this special time by filling their Advent calendars with daily prayers, acts of service and moments of reflection, patiently taking turns and living out the values of hope, kindness and compassion. These meaningful activities were beautifully complemented by a whole-school Advent Trail, where Nursery and Y6 children walked around the school grounds singing hymns and listening to scripture readings. The trail concluded in Forest School with a moving Nativity scene, bringing the Advent story to life and reminding us all of the true meaning of this season. Children were invited to take home travelling cribs to shape the Christmas story at home.



## Religious Education

In RE, nursery learned about Angel Gabriel visiting Mary to share the special news about baby Jesus. They then created their own beautiful angels using art and craft materials!



## Faith in Action This Christmas

During our recent Faith Ambassador meeting, our Key Stage 2 pupils came together to plan a Celebration of the Word. Using resources from CAFOD, they wrote their own heartfelt prayers, reflecting on the true meaning of the season. It was wonderful to see our pupils actively living out their faith and sharing their spiritual creativity with the school community



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## WHAT ELSE WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

### Firework Paintings

Nursery burst into the new half term with a splash of colour as they created their own firework paintings. Using cardboard tubes, bright paint and plenty of glitter, the children experimented with shapes and patterns to make their artwork sparkle.



### Nursery Rhyme Performance

Nursery delighted their families with a charming performance of their favourite nursery rhymes. The children sang with confidence and smiles, filling the room with joy and pride. It was a lovely moment to see them sharing their learning so happily with their parents.



### Exploring Autumn

Our Nursery and Reception children have been busy exploring the wonderful changes that autumn brings. Nursery enjoyed a lovely walk around the playground and forest school, collecting treasures such as colourful leaves, twigs, conkers and acorns. Reception have also been observing the season closely, spotting the different colours and textures appearing all around them.

Back in class, the children sorted their autumn finds and used them to create a special tuff tray to explore. It has been a joyful way for them to notice nature, ask questions, and enjoy the beauty of this time of year.



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### Anti-Bullying Week Activities

Our whole school marked Anti-Bullying Week by celebrating kindness, respect, and the importance of valuing everyone's differences. Children and staff from every class proudly wore **odd socks** to show that we are all unique and special. Year 6 led a thoughtful assembly to encourage everyone to stand up for others and help keep our school a safe, caring place for all. Throughout the week, classes took part in stories, discussions and activities to remind us how we can stand up for one another and help keep our school a safe, welcoming place for all.



### Jubilee Year Celebration day

This term we marked the end of the church's Jubilee Year with a day of celebration and reflection. We started the day reviewing what we had done all year to promote the Jubilee's message of Hope. The whole school was decorated with balloons and streamers in the Jubilee colours and we all wrote postcards with messages of Hope to share with our families. Our lovely cook even made cupcakes for us to take home. We ended the day with a Celebration of the Word, with our Faith ambassadors taking a leading role. What a day!



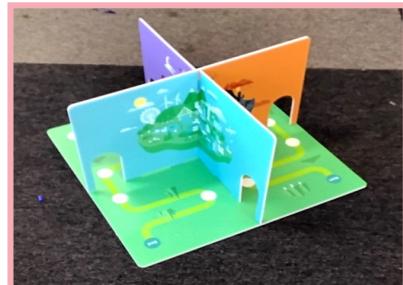
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### Peace Collective

The Peace Collective has visited our school this term, helping the children build confidence, teamwork and emotional understanding. They learned about anger and how to recognise and manage their emotions, explored the idea of community by describing their home countries, and even worked together to organise themselves into different line orders without touching the floor. These sessions have encouraged better communication, cooperation and appreciation of one another. We can already see the children becoming more thoughtful, resilient and connected as a result.



### Anthony Walker Foundation

This term, both Year 5 and Year 6 took part in powerful workshops delivered by the Anthony Walker Foundation. The children learned about racism, what it truly means to be anti-racist, and how their actions can contribute to a fairer and more respectful community. They produced thoughtful work that reflected their understanding of these important messages. These sessions strengthened our commitment to being an anti-racist school and reinforced the values of kindness, equality and inclusion.



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To finish the term on a high note, we had a fantastic Christmas celebration! Children came dressed in their own festive clothes and were thrilled to receive gifts from **Father Christmas** himself. The celebrations didn't stop there, our friends at **KABS** brought a fantastic range of activities, including an **inflatable obstacle course**, delicious s'mores, and plenty of fun for everyone. It was a day full of love, laughter, and treats.



### Elf Walk and Christmas dinner

As we head into our final week before the Christmas break, children enjoyed some lovely festive moments together. Our Elf Walk brought plenty of smiles and excitement, followed by a special Christmas dinner that was enjoyed by all. We would like to sincerely thank our parents and families for their generous sponsorship of the Elf Walk. Thanks to your support, we raised **£212.70**, which is greatly appreciated.



**Dear Parents, Your kindness and generosity help make a real difference, and we are very grateful for your continued support.**