



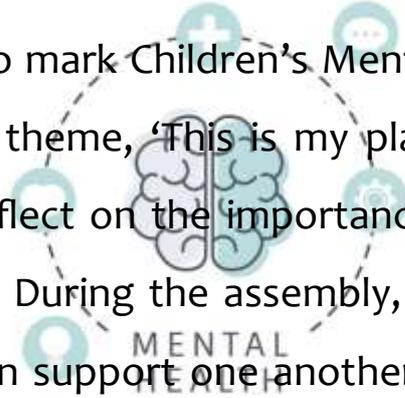
St Clare's
Catholic Primary School

NEWSLETTER
Spring 2026

Friday 13th February 2026 – Vendredi 13 février 2026

Children's Mental Health Week

This week, our School Council led an informative assembly to mark Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme, 'This is my place', encouraged us all to reflect on the importance of feeling that we belong. During the assembly, we spoke about how we can support one another and help everyone feel valued and included within our school community.



Let's talk about
MENTAL HEALTH



Plastic Clever Schools Launch

This term, our Eco Council led a whole-school assembly to launch our **Plastic Clever Schools** campaign. They shared some quite alarming facts about the amount of single-use plastic found in our oceans, encouraging us all to think carefully about the impact on our planet. We are looking forward to working together as a school community to make more thoughtful and responsible

**Plastic
Clever
Schools**

TOGETHER, WE WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER AND MAKE POSITIVE CHOICES THAT CARE FOR BOTH OUR WELLBEING AND OUR WORLD.



Celebrating the Feast of Epiphany

This term, our school community came together to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. Through prayer, liturgy, and classroom activities, children reflected on the journey of the Wise Men and the importance of following God's light. It was a special time to deepen



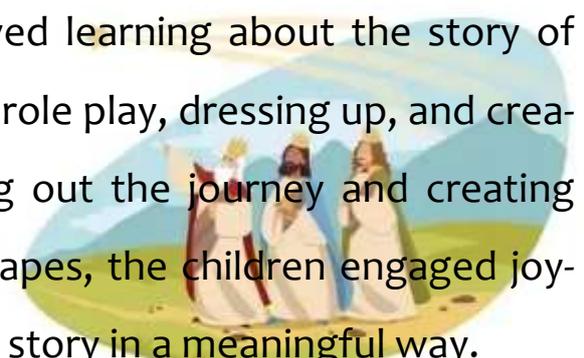
our faith and understanding together. Year 5 and Year 6 marked Epiphany by guiding the Three Kings to the Nativity scene, reminding us of the journey to Jesus and the light that leads us in faith.



Learning About the Wise Men in Nursery



Nursery children enjoyed learning about the story of the Wise Men through role play, dressing up, and creative artwork. By acting out the journey and creating Magi pictures using shapes, the children engaged joyfully with the Epiphany story in a meaningful way.



SPRING ATTENDANCE

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

96.3%

ATTENDANCE

Reception ~ 91.7%

Year 1 ~ 95.1%

Year 2 ~ 97.5%

Year 3 ~ 97.3%

Year 4 ~ 96.9%

Year 5 ~ 96.9%

Year 6 ~ 98.3%

Congratulations

Year 6

They came top this term!

AWESOME AWARDS

Reception ~ Raghad Saeed

Year 1 ~ Youssef Shakashrio

Year 2 ~ Maria Alhaj

Year 3 ~ Abdul Khan

Year 4 ~ Jeff Melwin

Year 5 ~ Farishta Amin

Year 6 ~ Daniel Johns

WELL DONE EVERYONE!!!

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WHAT ELSE WE'VE BEEN UP

TO...

Elevate by Prep Dance

Year 5 took part in the Elevate dance project delivered by Prep Dance, working with a professional coach to explore movement, rhythm and choreography. Children learned and practised dance routines, developing their coordination while working closely as a team. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to express themselves creatively while building confidence.



Nursery Explore Winter Wonders

Nursery children explored winter through frozen animal figures, discovering creative ways to free them from ice using tools and warm water. They also spent time outdoors feeling ice, making “ice soup,” and observing seasonal changes around them. Through these activities, the children practised problem-solving, experimented with materials, and learned about the natural world. Their excitement and curiosity shone as they investigated winter in hands-on, playful ways.



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This term in Maths

Nursery have been learning to recognise and explore numbers this term. The children enjoyed taking part in a number hunt around the nursery, searching for hidden 4s in the classroom. They showed great enthusiasm and teamwork and were very proud to find them all.

Well done, Nursery!



Making Sense of Numbers

Year 1 Children used Dienes base ten blocks and interlocking counting cubes to build numbers and work through their calculations. Seeing the numbers in front of them helped them understand how each digit has its own value. It was lovely to see them engaged & happily explaining their maths thinking to one another.



Exploring Fractions in Year 6

Y6 have been using a range of maths manipulatives to support their learning about fractions. These practical resources help them to visualise and understand the concepts more clearly.



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Archaeologist Visit - Dr Diane

We were delighted to once again welcome Dr Diane to our school. An expert in the Ancient Maya, she led an engaging and informative session that brought history to life for the children. Using a fascinating collection of authentic Maya artefacts, children were able to investigate, ask questions, and develop a deeper understanding of how archaeologists learn about past civilisations.



This term, we were pleased to welcome a visitor from **Mary's Meals** into our school. The charity shared with our pupils the incredible work they do, providing school meals to 3 million children each day across the world. Through engaging sessions and activities, our children learned how the money raised during our **Porridge Day** is helping to deliver life-changing meals to those who need them most. It was a meaningful opportunity for our school community to see how our collective efforts can make a real difference in the lives of others.

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Little Listeners on the Move

Our younger Nursery children enjoyed a listening walk around school this term. Wearing their handmade ear headbands, they carefully tuned into the sounds around them like footsteps, chatting voices and even our busy kitchen staff!

Developing Our Green Fingers

Reception Class have been lucky to take part in a series of 'grow with us' sessions led by the Food for Thought initiative. This week we grew our own bean plants and are looking forward to developing the school gardens over the coming weeks.



Bird Watching Adventures

The children enjoyed a week of bird-themed activities, making bird cakes and heading out around our school grounds for some exciting bird spotting. Back in class, they explored their creativity through bird-inspired collages and careful observational drawings.

Creative Printmaking

This term in Art, Year 6 enjoyed constructing their own collagraph printing blocks. It was wonderful to see their creativity shine as they carefully designed and built textured plates ready for printing.



Dear Parents, Thank you for your continued support this term.