

## National Story Telling Week

On Monday, the school looked more like a crime scene than a school. Over the weekend, several fairy tale characters had entered the school grounds and caused mayhem. Jack's Beanstalk was in tatters, the Three Little Pig's houses were demolished, the Gingerbread man had caused chaos in the school kitchen and Humpty Dumpty's wall was in ruins.

Throughout the week each class took their fairy tale theme, investigated what had been happening and through a range of different sessions produced some amazing writing. Fortunately each class got to the bottom of what had been going on – I even had a captured Gingerbread man held captive in my office for most of today!



12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Sports hall athletics
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Close for Spring 1 – 3:30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Open for Spring 2
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 class assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> March	RNCM to work with Y5
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 class assembly
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Football North of England finals
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 class assembly
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 class assembly
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Close for Spring 2 – 3:20pm
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Open for Summer 1
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 2 class assembly
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 class assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 class assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs week
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 3 class assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception assembly

## Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team at St. Mary's consists of Miss Johnson, Mr Knapper and myself. If you wish to discuss any concerns with us, please ask and at least one of us will be available. All of our staff are safeguard trained, and we are here to keep your children safe and happy at all times.

## **The Relics of St Carlo Acutis**

Last Friday, 6 of our pupils were invited to St. Patrick's Church in Collyhurst to attend a special event to celebrate the relics of St. Carlo Acutis visiting Salford Diocese. Carlo is the first millennial saint, and is celebrated for his profound faith and his use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukaemia at the age of 15.

It was a very moving experience for the children, not only got to see the relics up close, but also got to hold and touch them. There were 2 sets of relics on show – the main relic was a small 6cm piece of Carlo's pericardium, the membrane that surrounds the heart. The 2<sup>nd</sup> relic contained a smaller piece of Carlo's pericardium, some hair, a piece of Carlo's favourite t-shirt and a piece of the cloth which cover his body after his death.

After learning about the relics, the children took part in a prayer and liturgy service which involved their own personal intentions being taken to the tomb of Carlo in Assisi, a small town in Italy. The children were a credit to the school and were reverent throughout the whole afternoon.



[If you wish to read more about the visit of the relics to Salford Diocese, you can click here.](#)

## **Chinese New Year Lunch**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> Feb we will be celebrating Chinese New Year with a special Chinese inspired lunch. You can book your child onto this event via the schoolgrid app – even if your child does not usually have school dinners.

## **Parish News**

The parish newsletter can be viewed by clicking the link here: [Newsletters](#)

## **Sporting Success**

This week we have had more sporting success. Our Girls' cricket team took part in a cricket festival at Denton Community Academy. After an amazing day, filled with excellent batting and fielding, they were crowned as the festival winners. Well done girls. Thank you to Miss Khalil for taking the girls.

## **Young Voices**

Yesterday, Mr Knapper, Miss Fildes and Mrs Price took 27 children from Y4, Y5 and Y6 to the Coop Arena in Manchester to participate in the Young Voices Concert. It is an amazing experience for the children where they get to join 9000 other 'young voices' in creating one big choir alongside established stars such as Aneesa Folds, Alex Spencer, Ruti, Connie Talbot and Harriet Rose. Despite the very late night, the children have all been sharing stories in school today. Thank you to the staff for giving up their family time to support our wonderful children.



## **Attendance**

Congratulations to **Year 4** who have the highest attendance this week with an amazing 100%. Well done.

	<b>F2</b>	<b>97%</b>	
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>Year 2</b>	<b>98%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>Year 6</b>	<b>98%</b>

## **Happy Birthday**

Happy birthday to Luna and Calum who have had a birthday during the past week. I hope you both had a wonderful day.

## **Stars of the Week**

Congratulations to each of our stars of the week: Myron, Lily, Aiden, Seb, Niamh, Theo and Luca who have received a star of the week award for learning.

Congratulations to each of our stars of the week: Rome, Joshua, Sofia, Alfie, Asher, George and Maisie who have been award star of the week for behaviour.

Congratulations to Fiadh, Isabel, William, Jodi, Taya, Marcus, Daisy, Billy, Theo, Poppy, Olivia, Ellen, Harriet and Nancy who have received merit badges for outstanding work throughout January.

Well done to all of you – keep up the good work.