



St Veronica's Weekly Newsletter

Not just a school; a family.

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It's been a quieter week compared to last, but excitement is bubbling as our Pop-up Pool has arrived and is already heating up as you read this!

Forest School has been busy and wonderfully muddy once again. We're working hard to develop more indoor Forest School lessons to use during extreme weather, so the children can still enjoy our beautiful outdoor spaces in shorter bursts while completing related activities in class. We'll be putting this plan into action next week, especially if swimming sessions happen to overlap with Forest School time. We're doing our best to keep any disruptions to a minimum for both curriculum lessons and Forest School.

A quick reminder: children will need plenty of large carrier bags this week, particularly if they have both swimming and Forest School on the same day. We really appreciate your support with this and understand it can be a bit tricky. If it helps, you're very welcome to drop off swimming or Forest School bags at the office —just please make sure they're clearly named.

Last Thursday, Year 5 led a lovely Stay and Pray session, and all classes across the school took part in their own Collective Worship, which was wonderful to see.

Miss Walker launched an important and exciting competition during Friday's assembly! As a staff, we have been working together to create a new school motto to complement our current one, "Not just a school; a family."

Our new motto is: "At St Veronica's we recognise the face of Christ in every person, serving others with love, kindness and respect."

We are thrilled to invite everyone to get involved—more details about the competition can be found below.

Wishing you all a fantastic week ahead!
Mrs Cawtherley

Sunday 25th January

Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-23

Sunday 25th January 2026 is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus begins His ministry after being tempted in the wilderness. He moves to Capernaum and starts teaching the people about God's kingdom. Jesus calls four fishermen—Simon Peter, Andrew, James, and John—to follow Him, promising to make them "fishers of men." This means they will help bring others to know God and share His love with the world.

For young children, it might seem strange to hear Jesus promise His disciples that they will "fish for people." This message explores that concept that God wants us to bring others to the knowledge of His salvation and family. It is important to know that a life lived following Christ is worthy of sharing it with others.



Each week, we celebrate some of our shining stars in our Praise Assembly!

We have added a new award each Friday – a Mission Award for those children whom staff have witnessed embodying our Mission Statement.

Golden Book

Mission Award

R Olivia & Pippa

Coen

Y1 Lily & Esme

Rosie

Y2 Jasper & Robyn

Mallory

Y3 Eliza & Alistair

James

Y4 Chace & Isabella

Isaac

Y5 Heidi

Haneen

Y6 Hayden & Annie Y

Clara

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

MON 15	TUE 16	WED 17	THUR 18	FRI 19
- Gospel Assembly - Year 5 and Year 3 Forest School - Gift Club - Construction Club	- Guitar lessons - Year 6 Dodgeball Competition NO Year 6 Booster Session this week	- Swimming Lessons - Intervention Forest School - Cheer Leading Club	- Year 6 Stay & Pray @9am - Swimming Lessons - Year 4 and Year 2 Forest School - Art Club	- Swimming Lessons - Year 6 Robot Morning - Year 5 Robot afternoon - Praise & Mission Assembly
LUNCHES				
- Brunch - Tomato Pasta - Jacket potato	- Beef Nachos - Lancashire Butter Pie - Jacket potato	- Roast Chicken Dinner - Tomato Pasta - Jacket Potato	- Beef Burger - Mac and Cheese - Jacket potato	- Fish fingers & chips - Pizza - Sandwiches

Year 6 Booster Session

On Tuesday 27th January there is a Year 6 Glow Dodgeball Festival taking place and 12 Year 6 pupils have been randomly selected to take part. For that reason there will be **no Booster Session this week 27th January**. Instead work will be set to be completed at home.

Year 6 Stay and Pray

This Thursday Year 6 will be delivering their Stay and Pray at 9am in the Year 6 classroom. Everyone is invited.

Swimming this week:

Wednesday: Reception, Year 3 & Year 4
Thursday: Year 1 & Year 2, Year 5 & Year 6
Friday: Reception, Year 3 & Year 4

In order to be ready for the swimming sessions, here are a few things to remember:

- Children should wear flip-flops/crocs/sliders
- Swimming suits only - no two piece suits
- Swimming caps are to be worn over longer hair (hair that will cover eyes and/or shoulders)
- Towels are necessary
- Bath robes are advised
- Earrings should be removed

Our new School Motto

We are super excited to announce our new school motto and launch an art competition to celebrate it! Our motto is:

"At St Veronica's, we recognise the face of Christ in every person, serving others with love, kindness and respect."

This special motto is inspired by the story of St Veronica, who wiped the face of Jesus, leaving His image on her cloth. We would love for our children to think about how they can show love and respect in our school and the wider community.

For the competition, artwork might include portraits of St Veronica helping others, being a good friend, or seeing Jesus in the people around us. We encourage everyone to get creative and have fun!

The closing date is Friday 13th February.

We can't wait to see your wonderful creations!

A message from Mrs White

Mrs White has asked me to pass on her sincere thanks to all the parents and families who have sent their best wishes to her and her husband. Mrs White continues to care for her very poorly husband. She is always thinking about St Veronica's, she misses the children and families very much but enjoys seeing all our activities and updates on Facebook. 

Attendance 12 - 16 Jan

Reception 
100%

Year 1
93.7%

Year 2
90%

Year 3
97.6%

Year 4
100%

Year 5
96.9%

Year 6
98.1%

If you need any help, feel free to contact school.

Email **bursar@stveronicas.co.uk**
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After School Club
Early Bird Club

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Future dates for your diary

January and February 2026



**Wed 28th Jan –
Tue 10th Feb**

School swimming lessons in our Pop-up-Pool



Thurs 29th Jan

Year 6 Stay and Pray @ 9am



Sun 1st Feb

Children's Liturgy & Coffee Morning at 10am Mass – St Mary's



Thu 5th Feb

Year 3 Stay and Pray @ 9am



Thu 12th Feb

Year 2 Stay and Pray @ 9am



**Mon 16th – Fri
20th Feb**

Half Term Break

February and March 2026



Thu 26th Feb

Year 1 Stay and Pray @ 9am



Thurs 5th Mar

World Book Day



Thurs 5th Mar

Reception Stay and Pray @ 9am



Sun 8th Mar

Children's Liturgy at St Mary's Church (a change from the previous date)



Wed 11th Mar

Parents' Evening



**Thur 19th & Fri
20th Mar**

Life Education Sessions

April 2026



Thur 2nd April

School Closes for Easter @ 3:15pm (After School Club open as usual)