# St Veronica's Weekly Newsletter

*Not just a school; a family.*

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

## Welcome to our Weekly Newsletter!

11th Oct 2026

Another busy week in school! Reception Class have been busy learning about different jobs adults do and they've been thinking about what they would like to do when they are older. They had a visit from the School Nurse and asked all sorts of interesting questions. Next week, they've got more visitors: the Police and the Fire Brigade. How exciting! On Friday, 16th October we are extremely privileged to have The Royal Ballet Company come and work with our Year 3 and 4 children! This is part of their 100th anniversary celebrations where they will be working with 100 schools. How lucky are we? All through the school, children have been busily producing some amazing art work in their RE lessons, all about Creation. Their inspiration has come from 'Visio Divina' , a way of praying by looking at art. This is where we let God speak to us through what we see in images. The children have really enjoyed this. And it has been lovely to hear the feedback at the gate each morning from parents who have enjoyed saying the Rosary with their children. A special family time indeed!

Wishing you a lovely week ahead.

Mrs Nicola White



## Sunday 11th October

### Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday 11th October 2026 it is the 28th Sunday in Oridnary Time.

The story teaches that **God's invitation to love and friendship is for everyone**. No matter who we are or what we have done, God welcomes us to His table.

Jesus again used parables in talking to the people. "The Kingdom of heaven is like this. Once there was a king who prepared a wedding feast for his son. He sent his servants to tell the invited guests to come to the feast, but they did not want to come. So he sent other servants with this message for the guests: 'My feast is ready now; my bullocks and prize calves have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast!' But the invited guests paid no attention and went about their business: one went to his farm, another to his shop, while others grabbed the servants, beat them, and killed them. The king was very angry; so he sent his soldiers, who killed those murderers and burnt down their city. Then he called his servants and said to them, 'My wedding feast is ready, but the people I invited did not deserve it. Now go to the main streets and invite to the feast as many people as you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, good and bad alike; and the wedding hall was filled with people.

"The king went in to look at the guests and saw a man who was not wearing wedding clothes. 'Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' the king asked him. But the man said nothing. Then the king told the servants, 'Tie him up hand and foot, and throw him outside in the dark. There he will cry and grind his teeth.'"

And Jesus concluded, "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

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 |
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| R | Ernie Barnes<br>Charlotte Hill | Luen McDonald |
| Y1 | Sebastian Pearson<br>Amelia Stansfield | Niamh Davies |
| Y2 | Archie Goy<br>Imogen Litherland, Mylo Harlow-Charlton | Lily O'Hara |
| Y3 | Reggie Barnes<br>Luka Smith | Connie Porter |
| Y4 | Chloe Pilkington<br>Kit Haney | Reggie Spenser |
| Y5 | Isaac Carver<br>Violet Molloy | Jenson Holmes |
| Y6 | George Walters<br>Trinity Afatakpa | Shannon Dyson Gee |

# What's happening this week?

| MON 12 | TUE 13 | WED 14 | THUR 15 | FRI 16 |
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| • Gospel Assembly<br>• Year 2 & Year 3 Forest School<br>• Life Education Van for whole school<br>• 9-9.15am Parent Life Education session - Rainbow Room<br>• KS2 Dance Club | | • Intervention Forest School<br>• Lancashire Constabulary to visit EYFS | • Stay & Pray Year 1 2.45pm in the Chapel<br>• Forest School Year 1 & Year 6<br>• Badminton Club<br>• 5.30pm-7pm PTFA Halloween Disco for the whole school. £2 entrance, tickets can be pre bought or you can pay on the evening.<br>• £1 for Boo Box Raffle<br>• £1 for best pumpkin competition | • Praise & Mission Assembly<br>• Lancashire Fire Brigade to visit EYFS<br>• The Royal Ballet working with Years 3 and 4 (NO PRAISE ASSEMBLY)<br>• School closes for Half Term |
| **LUNCHES** | | | | |
| • Veggie sausage roll<br>• Tomato Pasta<br>• Jacket Potato with cheese | • BBQ Pulled Pork/Quorn Burrito<br>• Mac 'n' Cheese<br>• Jacket Potato beans | • Roast Chicken/Quorn Fillet, Roast potatoes<br>• Loaded potato wedges & BBQ beans<br>• Sandwiches | • Chicken/ Quorn Curry<br>• Cheese & Onion lattice<br>• Jacket Potato with beans | • Fish & chips<br>• Pizza<br>• Sandwiches |

## Forest School this term

Forest School is a huge part of life at St Veronica's. It's a fun, exciting and purposeful way to deliver the wider curriculum while teaching practical Forest School skills, resilience and teamwork. Sessions give pupils hands-on experience in science, art, physical development and personal, social and emotional learning — all while exploring and caring for our outdoor space.

To make sure every pupil can be fully immersed in the wonder of Forest School, please send the following in a large carrier bag on your child's Forest School day:

- Long trousers/tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- T-shirt
- Hoodie and waterproof coat
- Spare socks
- Wellies or sturdy boots
- Waterproofs if available

These items are essential so your child can take part safely and comfortably, whatever the weather. Thank you for your support in helping us make Forest School a rich, memorable learning experience for every pupil.

## Praise & Mission Assembly

A reminder that our Praise and Mission Assembly takes place every Friday at 2:40pm. If your child is receiving an award you will receive an app message to let you know — however, all parents and carers are warmly welcome to attend whether your child is being recognised that week or not. These assemblies are a lovely chance to celebrate pupils' achievements, recognise acts of kindness and live out our mission as "not just a school; a family." We look forward to seeing you there

## Stay and Pray

Each week, we have Stay and Pray at 2.45 pm in the Chapel. Everybody is welcome! Please see the upcoming schedule for the weeks ahead:

15th October- Year1
12th Nov: Reception
19th Nov: Year 6
26th Nov: Year 5

## Attendance

**Reception**
**97.4%**

**Year 1**
**97.9%**

**Year 2**
**98.6%**

**Year 3**
**94.2%**

**Year 4**
**98.4%**

**Year 5**
**90.8%**

**Year 6**
**96.4%**

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


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Early Bird Club

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# Future dates for your diary

| October | | |
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|  | **Sun 4th Oct** | Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi |
|  | **Wed 7th Oct** | Activities in school for World Homeless Day (10th Oct) |
|  | **Thurs 15th Oct** | Year 1 Stay and Pray at 2.45pm in the Church Hall |
|  | **Fri 16th Oct** | School closes for 2 week half term - re open on Mon 2nd Nov |