



NEWSLETTER

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19th June 2026

Culture Week

Our Culture Week was a great success and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about different cultures from within our school community and beyond. Throughout the week, they took part in a range of activities which helped them to develop their understanding of the wider world and produced some excellent work to showcase their learning. A huge thank you to the parents and family members who came into school to speak to the children about their cultures, traditions and experiences. Your contributions helped to make the week even more meaningful and memorable for everyone.



Year 3 / 4 Football Competition Monday

On Monday, our Year 3 and 4 football team proudly represented XII Apostles at a football tournament and demonstrating fantastic effort.

They showed excellent sportsmanship and encouraged one another.

It was brilliant to see the children grow in confidence as the day progressed, with some excellent football on display and plenty of memorable moments along the way.

Most importantly, every player represented XII Apostles with pride and should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

A huge well done to the entire squad!



Choir Performance

A huge well done to all of the children for their wonderful choir performance. It was absolutely fantastic and, at times, it felt as though we were watching a performance at the theatre! We certainly have some very talented children at XII Apostles and we are incredibly proud of the confidence, enthusiasm and humour they showed on stage.

A huge thank you to Mr Rowlands, Mrs Rowlands and Mrs Ackroyd for supporting school and giving up their own free time to provide this wonderful opportunity for the children. Their dedication and encouragement helped the children to shine and made the performance such a special occasion.

Finally, thank you to all the parents, family members and friends who came along to support the children. Your support meant so much to them. We are delighted to share that we raised £465.00 which will be used towards purchasing spotlights for the school hall.



St Peter and St Paul Mass and Year 4 Holy Communion Celebration

Our St Peter and St Paul Mass and Year 4 Holy Communion celebration was a lovely occasion. It was wonderful to come together as a school community to celebrate this special moment for our Year 4 children. Following the Mass, the children enjoyed a celebration tea party and had lots of fun with their friends. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped to make the occasion so special.

Staffing update for the next academic year

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Devlin, who has been a wonderful, kind and caring member of our school staff. She has made such a positive contribution to our school community and will be greatly missed by children, staff and families. Mrs Devlin is leaving us to pursue her own tutoring business and we wish her lots of luck in this exciting new venture. We are sure she will be back to visit us soon!

We are also delighted to welcome Miss Murphy to XII Apostles. Miss Murphy will be joining us as the Year 4 class teacher and we look forward to welcoming her into our school community.

Class Teachers 2026-2027

Reception Mrs Parry

Year 1 Mrs Yates

Year 2 Mrs Featherstone and Miss Hope

Year 3 Mr Ahmed

Year 4 Miss Murphy

Year 5 Miss Phoenix and Mrs Marsden

Year 6 Mr Rowlands

RE Parental Questionnaire Feedback

Thank you to all parents who completed our RE parental questionnaire. We were delighted to receive such positive feedback about Religious Education and the Catholic life of our school. Your feedback is very important to us and helps us to continue strengthening the Catholic life and mission of our school.

The responses show that parents regard XII Apostles as a supportive and nurturing school community. Most parents strongly agreed that their children are happy, feel safe and behave respectfully. Parents also told us that staff are positive role models and that the school's Catholic mission is well understood and supported. Parents particularly valued the school's strong Catholic ethos, our partnership with the local parish, and the opportunities for families to be involved in the prayer life of the school. Feedback also showed that Religious Education is generally enjoyed by the children and that parents feel their children's spiritual and moral development is well supported.

We are also grateful for the helpful suggestions shared by a small number of parents. These included celebrating the richness and diversity of Catholic traditions, which we feel is a wonderful suggestion and something we will explore further during the next academic year. Parents also suggested that we continue to help families feel well informed about their child's progress in Religious Education and about how children take part in prayer and worship in school. We will look at further ways to share the wonderful RE learning, prayer and worship that take place across school. One parent also shared a view that there is a significant amount of RE within the curriculum. As a Catholic school, Religious Education is not an additional part of school life; it is at the heart of who we are. In line with expectations for Catholic schools, 10% of curriculum time is dedicated to RE, and prayer, worship and reflection are woven through daily school life. This helps our children to grow in faith, develop spiritually and morally, and understand how to live out Gospel values in their relationships, choices and actions.

Upcoming Events

Pre-school Sessions and Class Swap Sessions

We will be continuing with our pre-school sessions

- Wednesday 24th June: Pre-school Workshop 3
- Wednesday 1st July: Pre-school Workshop 4

Transition Sessions for Next Year

On the afternoons of Wednesday 24th June and Wednesday 1st July, the children will have the opportunity to swap classes, meet their next class teacher, and enjoy a taster session.

Sports Festival Tues 23rd June

We are looking forward to our annual Sports Festival, which will take place on 23rd June. Following the success of last year, the event will once again be held in the morning, with Key Stage 1 taking part from 9:15–10:30 and Key Stage 2 from 10:30–12:00.

Children will compete in their house teams, with opportunities to win medals not only for their skills but also for demonstrating excellent sporting values and teamwork. It promises to be a fantastic occasion for everyone to showcase their abilities, determination, and team spirit.

This event is a wonderful opportunity for the children to shine both in their sporting performance and in the positive attitudes they show towards one another. The only thing we cannot guarantee is the weather, so we will be keeping a close eye on the forecast and keeping our fingers crossed for a dry and sunny day!

Dream Big Day Friday 26th June

Following the success of last year's dream big day we'll be holding another **Dream Big Day** on **Friday 26th June**. On this day, children are invited to come to school dressed as someone in their dream job—whether that's a footballer, astronaut, author, vet, builder, or anything else they aspire to be. No dream is too big! During the day, the children will hear from a variety of speakers and take part in activities to help them think about their own hopes and ambitions.

Looking ahead to next year, we're excited to continue this focus on careers and aspirations. We are currently putting together a new programme of speakers and would love to involve more of our parent community. If you would be happy to come in and talk to a class, a key stage, or even the whole school about your job or career journey, please contact Mrs Marsden via Dojo. The parent speakers we've had so far have been brilliant, and the children have gained so much from hearing real-life stories.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Friends of Twelve Apostles Fundraising

Summer Fair and Colour Run Friday 19th June 3:30-5pm

Our Summer Fair and Colour Run are taking place today and we are really looking forward to welcoming families into school for what promises to be a lovely event. A huge thank you to the Friends of Twelve Apostles for organising and supporting this event, and for giving so generously of their time to make it possible.

Events like this are vital in ensuring that school has the funds needed to subsidise trips and visits, as well as to buy important resources for the children. This support makes such a positive difference to what we are able to offer in school.

We will let parents know in due course how much has been raised. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Star of the Week



We are
not SUCCESSFUL
because We are SMART.
We are
SUCCESSFUL
when we
work hard.

Congratulations and well-done to all our stars!

Thursday 11th June 2026

Reception – Ezra P & Albie T

Year 1 – Arabella E

Year 2 – Blackpool Trip

Year 3 – Hallie Shackleton

Year 4 – Cristian C

Year 5 – William S

Year 6 – Luna R

Friday 19th June 2026

Reception – David J & Isabella M

Year 1 – Ciana S

Year 2 – Toni A

Year 3 – Lex B

Year 4 – Isaac B-G

Year 5 – Alfie H

Year 6 – Charlie Be

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



In school



On time



Week Commencing: 8th June 2026

Reception 95.81%	Year 1 97.00%
Year 2 96.79%	Year 3 98.06%
Year 4 99.00%	Year 5 94.07%
Year 6 99.00%	

**Congratulations
Y4,Y6 & Y2**

Week Commencing: 15th June 2026

Reception 98.06%	Year 1 96.67%
Year 2 98.21%	Year 3 94.52%
Year 4 95.33%	Year 5 96.67%
Year 6 91.67%	

Have a lovely Weekend 😊

Mrs Whitton

Sponsor

**Labra-Claws Avenue
Dog Grooming**

Contact Number: 07359 206529

Email address: labraclawsavenue@gmail.com

The flyer for Labra-Claws Avenue Dog Grooming features a circular logo with a dog and the text 'LABRA-CLAWS AVENUE Dog Grooming'. It includes a photo of a dog and the text 'Located at Home Salon in Leigh'. A list of services is provided: Full Grooms from £40, Puppy Grooms £25, DeShedding, Bath & Brush from £28, and Nail clipping £10. It also states 'Fully insured Trained 1-1 Professional Dog grooming Love & Patience Home from Home & more'. A photo of a dog is accompanied by the text 'all dog breeds welcome'. Another photo of a dog is next to 'Evening & weekend availability'. Contact information is listed: 07359 206529, labraclawsavenue, labraclawsavenue@gmail.com, and Labra-claws Avenue Dog Grooming. A QR code is present with the text 'Scan to view more of our groomed puppies'. At the bottom, it says 'Please message to get your bespoke price for your pooch.'

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ABC Domestic - Ian McGowan - 01942 730468 or 07715 986396

Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers - Jane - 07877 619237

9th-15th Leigh Cubs and Beavers Group - Jane Riley - 07714 417263

T Crawley & Son, Coal Merchant - Damian - 07702 527000

Labra-Claws Avenue - Dog Grooming - 07359 206529