



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 9th October 2026

Twelve Apostles Charity Work



Year 4 – CAFOD and Food Bank Appeal

Thank you to all those parents and carers that came along to Year 4s Harvest assembly and supported the food collection. Over the last few weeks, the children have been working hard to share an important Harvest message; they reminded everyone to be thankful for what they have, whilst thinking about those that are less fortunate. The food donations will be collected by The Food Bank and shared with those living locally who are in need and the money raised will be sent to CAFOD to help our global community.



Raising Money for CAFOD - Brighten Up for Harvest

We also supported our global community by taking part in CAFOD's initiative, 'Brighten up for Harvest'. On Friday 9th October, we asked children for a donation of £1 so that they could come to school in their brightest clothes to spread a little joy!



Mary's Meals

Today we celebrated National Porridge Day! This was to support the work of the wonderful charity Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals is a charity, ensuring that children in the poorest countries eat one daily meal in their place of education. The charity began by feeding 200 children. It is now able to feed over 7 million children each year! We invited all children to bring 'A Pound for Porridge'. Each child received a cup of porridge (just like the porridge given by Mary's Meals). We also found out about this amazing charity and had lots of fun making porridge and adding lots of delicious toppings too.

All money raised will be donated to this charity, supporting them as they continue to feed the children in the poorest parts of the world. Thank you!



Poppies on Sale- Supporting the Royal British Legion

Our Year 3 children will be bringing the remaining poppy items around school on Monday 12th October. We have sold all the snap bands and bracelets. We still have poppies and coat ties at 50p. If you would like to purchase an item and show your support, please send your child in with the correct change.

European day of Languages Poster Competition

This week, children have been celebrating European Day of Languages in their Spanish lessons. This year's theme is Unity in Diversity and the motto chosen was 'Languages Unite'. We used a variety of age-appropriate resources in each year group to discuss unity in diversity and to explore how languages and cultural differences could be celebrated and/or illustrated on a poster.

We are holding a whole school competition about European Day of Languages like we did last year. If your child wishes to enter the competition, they will need to design their own version of a poster at home to illustrate this year's theme on unity in diversity.

Depending on your child's age, please encourage them to write the phrase 'Languages unite' (in English, Spanish, or any language(s) that they like) and let their imagination run free! They can be as original as they like, draw pictures, make collages, write messages in English or a mixture of languages.

The best posters in each class will win a prize which will be presented to the winners in our last Celebration Assembly before half-term.

Please note that all entries need to be submitted and handed in to Mrs Pierre no later than Monday 12th October.

Reminders

Parent Evenings – Face to Face Appointments in School

Reception/Year 1/Year 2/Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 will be on **Tuesday 13th October** and **Wednesday 14th October** from 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Our parents' evening appointment booking system is now live. To book an appointment, please log in to Arbor.

Please note that appointments are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

As only one appointment is available for each family, please do not book appointments on both days.

If you experience any difficulties when booking an appointment, please contact Miss Grundy through the school office.

Reception Intake – September 2027

Anyone interested in sending their child to XII Apostles R.C.P.S. can come into school and register their child's name.

This does not guarantee a place nor is it a formal application for a place. However, it does enable us to forward future correspondence about our open evenings and other relevant information.

We will be holding an Open Evening for prospective parents on Tuesday 10th November at 6:00 pm and an Open Afternoon for parents and children on Thursday 19th November at 2:00pm

Parental Engagement and Parents Workshops

Following the feedback received through our summer term parental survey, we are reviewing and strengthening the ways in which we engage with parents and carers. Our aim is to build an open and supportive partnership with families, helping you to feel well informed and confident in supporting your child's learning, development and wellbeing. We are currently exploring accessible ways to share the school's expertise in areas including language and communication, reading, writing, mathematics, online safety, and physical and mental wellbeing.

We recognise that the main ClassDojo page can become very busy and that useful information can sometimes be difficult to find. We will therefore shortly create a dedicated parent area on ClassDojo, which families will be able to access whenever needed. This will bring together practical guidance, useful resources, information from external agencies and details of the support available to children and families.

Alongside these developments, we will continue to offer our class-based parent workshops, carefully tailored to the needs of each year group. These will take place during the second half of the autumn term. In response to your feedback, each workshop will be offered twice: once at 9am, following morning drop-off, and again at 5pm after school. The sessions will include practical activities that parents and carers can complete alongside their children, providing useful ideas and strategies that can also be used at home. We therefore ask that children attend with their parent or carer and that, wherever possible, each child is represented at one of the two sessions. The workshop dates are listed below:

Reception: Tuesday 17th November at 9am and 5pm

Year 1: Thursday 19th November at 9am and 5pm

Year 2: Wednesday 18th November at 9am and 5pm

Year 3: Tuesday 3rd November at 9am and 5pm

Year 4: Thursday 5th November at 9am and 5pm

Year 5: Thursday 5th November at 9am and 5pm

Year 6: Pupils and families have already taken part in a workshop this term. A further Year 6 session will be arranged for the spring term, with details shared nearer the time.

Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 Mass at St Joesph's Church Leigh on Friday 6th November at 10:30am

Years 2, 4 and 5 will travel by coach to celebrate mass with Father Kieran at St Joesph's church in Leigh on Friday 6th November at **10:30am**. Parents, carers and relatives are invited to join us for at St Joseph's church. Years 1, 3 and 6 will celebrate mass at St Joseph's on Friday 20th November.

Friends of Twelve Apostles Fund Raising Events

Sponsored Bounce Friday 16th October

This is a favourite event for our school. The children will be challenged to bounce as many times as they can in a minute. They will ask family and friends to sponsor them for each bounce so that the more they bounce the more money they will raise! This event will take place during the school day.

Christmas Hamper Donations – Friday 27th November

The children will be invited to come into school in their own clothes on this day and donate goods for the Christmas hampers. The friends will then make up the hampers which will be raffled at the Christmas Coffee morning.

More information to follow.

Second Hand Toy Sale – Friday 4th December

We are once again holding this annual event, so please can I urge parents and children to start sorting their

toys out. Please send into school week beginning 30th November.



Christmas Coffee Morning and Christmas Party Hat Competition Monday 14th December at 9:00 am.

This is a chance for everyone to get together. The children will be invited to make a Christmas party hat for this event. The school council will judge the entries looking for creativity and imagination and select an overall winner from each class. There will be a small prize for all those that enter.

Breakfast with Santa and Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 16th December

The cost of the event will be £3 to cover the cost of food and a present.



Star of the Week

Congratulations and well-done children on getting this award our first week back.

Friday 2nd October 2026

Reception Ivy B & Thomas T

Year 1 Bella A

Year 2 Leo B

Year 3 Xavier H

Year 4 Lex B

Year 5 Erica R

Year 6 Cristian D

Friday 9th October 2026

Reception Zikachimha A & Hughie H

Year 1 Jesse C

Year 2 Amy C

Year 3 Sara D

Year 4 Priya N

Year 5 Andy R

Year 6 Lucas T

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



In school



On time

Week Commencing: 28th September 2026

Congratulations to Year 1 & 4

Reception 92.67%	Year 1 97.13%
Year 2 89.38%	Year 3 95.63%
Year 4 93.55%	Year 5 95.94%
Year 6 93.42%	



Week Commencing: 5th October 2026

Reception 95.00%	Year 1 98.39%
Year 2 94.33%	Year 3 98.62%
Year 4 98.71%	Year 5 95.33%
Year 6 97.78%	



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