

St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

'Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus'

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Friday News from Mrs Maynard

Year 5 Viking Day

Lots of scary looking Viking marauders ran into the playground on Wednesday morning, luckily it was just the Year 5 pupils dressed for their topic enrichment day! The children spent most of the day in the hall learning all about what life was like for Viking invaders – their food, dress, beliefs and way of life. The presenter said the St Ethelbert's pupils were among the best he has worked with, and complimented the children on how much they had already learnt about Vikings in their classes. Year 5 had been set homework to make Viking artefacts over half term; thank you to those parents who made some fantastic shields and swords, and to those who created a Viking outfit to be worn to school.



All Saints Liturgy

The Chaplaincy team led a whole-school liturgy on Thursday for the holy day of obligation of All Saints. Today is All Souls day. We pray for all the members of our school community who have lost loved ones.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
And let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls rest in peace.*

Writers of the Week

We are continuing to teach writing through the Storytelling Schools approach where the children learn to tell a story before they start writing it. Well done to the following pupils who have been working well this week.

<p>Justin Joy 1I Dawid Rashid 1Y Adam Jankiewicz 2M Abiezer Bakhsh 3PC</p>	<p>Ciara Bulman 4Z Hannah Bicaku 4D</p>
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Academy Committee Members

I am hoping to recruit at least one new member for the school Academy Committee (formerly known as the Governing Body). The Committee meets once a term, with visits to the school in between the meetings. There is some paperwork to read, but the responsibility is manageable. This is a very good opportunity to become involved in the life of the school, and to support with decisions on finance, site and strategic direction. Previous experience of finance and/or accounting would be particularly useful, however, there are plenty of training courses available for people new to governance. If you are interested in finding out more about the role of Academy Committee member, please make an appointment to speak to Mrs Maynard.

Reminders for next week

- Next week is Music Week. A number of learning opportunities have been planned for the children. We are asking for a donation of £2 per child to be made via School Gateway.
- School Council visit to Parliament on **Monday 5th November**
- Maths No Problem parent workshop 9am KS1 hall **Wednesday 7th November**
- Flu vaccinations for Years R-5 **Thursday 8th November**

Uniform Reminder

Please name all your child's uniform; this will make it easier for mislaid items to be found.

If your child has brought home an item that you know is not theirs, please return it the following day.

Safeguarding Update

If you are enjoying fireworks this weekend, please ensure your children know how to keep safe around bonfires and fireworks.

Our school staff members with responsibility for safeguarding and welfare are:

Mrs Laura McAlpine, Safeguarding and Pupil Wellbeing Officer and Mrs Wendy Cripps, Welfare and Parent Support Officer

If you wish to speak to either of these members of staff, please make an appointment via the school office.

God Bless

St Ethelbert, pray for us

**Mrs Maynard
Headteacher**