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# St. Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School and Nursery

*'Learning, achieving and growing together with Jesus'*

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## Friday News from Mrs Maynard

### Pentecost Liturgy

Year 5 pupils led our Pentecost liturgy today, with readings and prayers to mark the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of our church. Pupils, staff, governors and Father Chris gathered in our hall to share readings, hymns and prayers. All the children learnt to say the phrase 'Holy Spirit, come be with us' in some of the different languages our pupils speak. It was a wonderful way to mark Pentecost and to end our week with our whole school community together.

### First Holy Communion

I would like to wish God's blessings on our pupils who are taking the very important step of making their First Holy Communion this weekend. They will be receiving the body and blood of Christ in the form of the Eucharist for the very first time, and welcoming Jesus into their body and soul. This is a very special day for all Catholic children and their families. Our choir will be singing at the church during the Mass at Holy Redeemer, and we have a special Mass for all our children at school next week.

### Enrichment Week

This term's Enrichment Week 'Let's All Talk' has been focused on speaking, drama and performance. Before children can write well, they need to be able to speak well, and confident speaking is a vital life skill. Every class has enjoyed a drama workshop based on a Roald Dahl book where they have enjoyed using their voices and bodies to learn and perform a story. Everyone has used the amphitheatre to practise the performance of a year group poem, and children have been presenting information to each other in class. My aim is that all our pupils leave St Ethelbert's as confident and fluent speakers, and the work of this week means that we start that work right from the start of the children's school journey.

### Year 6 Trip to the Wycombe Swan theatre

Year 6 visited the theatre in High Wycombe today to watch a performance of the popular series of Tom Gates children's books. Live theatre is a wonderful way for a story to be brought to life, and we are lucky that the theatre offers tickets that are very reasonable priced. The children really enjoyed seeing the live performance, and thinking about a how a book was adapted into a show.

### 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.

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<b>Jakub Krystynski 1I</b> <b>Nataniel Lepa 1Y</b>	<b>Nikolas Lipnicki 4D</b> <b>Arabela Catilo 5G</b>
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Nadia Rogalska 2M  
Ayush Swaminathan 2S

Damian Kazmierczak 5E  
Chauntell Filipowicz 6D  
Przemyslaw Labak 6C

### Attendance for week 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> May

Target attendance is **95%**. Regular absence from school has a negative impact on pupils' learning. Ms Cripps will contact parents of pupils whose attendance drops below 90%.

Class	% Attendance
RH	97.6
RBF	97.3
1Y	88.3
1I	91.7
2S	95.8
2M	97.1
3PG	99.1
3PC	97.7
4Z	99.2
4D	97.5
5G	96.1
5E	97.5
6D	97.5
6C	98.8

**Well done to 4Z for the best attendance this week. They received a certificate in assembly.**

### Summer Festival

Separate information has been sent home this week, and posters are displayed around the school about the Summer Festival. After the success of our first festival last year, I warmly invite all those parents who are able to attend to bring a picnic and spend the afternoon with us to celebrate our strong school community. Each of the year groups will perform a poem for their parents to enjoy, and there will be games and lots of fun. Bring your picnic blanket or folding chair. In response to parent requests from last year, the festival has been moved back so that the finish time is closer to the end of the school day to save parents making multiple trips to school. Due to their age, Nursery children will not be attending; they have their own event on a different day which parents have been invited to. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible on Friday next week, please come onto the field via the side gate, following the path past the front of the school. Please note that dogs are not allowed on the school site.

### Reminders for next week

- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** First Holy Communion Mass 9.15am KS1 hall
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** Lakeside Energy trip (selected pupils only)
- **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** Year 2 Castles workshop
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** Summer Festival 12.15pm-2.45pm school field

### Mathletics and Spellodrome

Pupils can continue to practise their Maths and Spelling skills at home on Mathletics and Spellodrome. If you require any further information about this, please speak to your child's class teacher. Any username or password information can be obtained by your child's class teacher.

### Clubs for next week

Athletics club and Girls only football club are starting this week. A text message will be sent to those who have secured a space by Monday afternoon. Please note these clubs are on a first come first serve basis and we will notify those who have been placed on the waiting list.

Day	Club
Monday	Gymnastics Summer Sports
Tuesday	Netball Training Football Athletics
Wednesday	Football Training Activities Club
Thursday	Dodgeball Girls Football Coding Club

### Safeguarding and Welfare Reminder

Ms Cripps will be available every Tuesday afternoon between 2.30pm and 3pm for a 'Welfare Drop-in Session'. She will be able to provide information and support on health and welfare issues for parents. Come to the front office if you would like to speak to Ms Cripps about anything to do with your child's health or family support.

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

**Miss Jema Fernandes, Safeguarding and Pupil Wellbeing, and Ms Wendy Cripps, Welfare and Family 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**