# PILGRIMS O

## Parent Bulletin 27/11/25

#### Loving God,

You sent Your Son from heaven to show us the way, to lift us up when we fall, and to save us—not to condemn us.

Thank You for loving the world so much that You gave Jesus for each one of us.

Help us to believe in Him, even when we don't understand everything.

Help us to trust that Your love is real, and that it reaches us wherever we are.

Teach us to live with kindness,
to forgive like Jesus forgives,
and to be a light in our school and in our world.
May we never forget that we are chosen,
called to love, and made for eternal life.

Amen.

#### **Welcome Message**

Welcome to Week 4 of the half term. We were delighted to host our Class of 2025 Celebration Evening, where last year's Year 11 cohort returned to receive their GCSE certificates and celebrate their achievements. In addition, our Year 7 pupils took part in their RE retreats, providing them with a valuable opportunity to reflect and explore their spirituality.

# School Closure Notice - Friday 28th November

Please note that school will be closed on Friday, 28th November for a scheduled Staff INSET Day. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

# **Assembly Focus This Week**

This week's assembly focus has been on Christ the King as we reflect on awaiting Christmas in a biblical sense. This special occasion reminds us of Christ's reign and helps us prepare for the season ahead. As we journey into Advent, we are excited to introduce a travelling Nativity picture scene. Throughout the Advent period, this scene will move around the school, visiting different form groups as a way of encouraging pupils to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and prepare for the coming of Christ.



## **Year 11 Presentation Evening – Class of 2025**

Our Year 11 Presentation Evening for the Class of 2025 is taking place tonight - Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm. This special event celebrates the achievements of last year's cohort and includes awards for academic excellence and outstanding achievement across all subjects. We look forward to welcoming our past pupils and their families.

## **School Council**

This week, our School Council met to discuss key initiatives. As part of their agenda, they began planning an exciting Culture Day for March 2026, which will celebrate the diversity within our school community. They also reviewed our proposal for a new school uniform, which we are due to launch in September 2026. Further details about both of these developments will be communicated in the future.

# **Manchester College**

On Tuesday, Manchester College visited our school to deliver an apprenticeship assembly to pupils in Years 8, 9, and 10. The session introduced students to the opportunities available through higher education, helping them begin to think about future pathways and career options.

# **Tameside Cross Country Championships**

On Tuesday 2nd December, some of our pupils will be representing All Saints Catholic College in the Tameside Cross Country Championships. We are proud of their commitment and look forward to participating in this exciting event.

#### **Attendance Rewards - Hot Chocolate Celebration**

We are excited to launch a new Hot Chocolate Attendance Reward Scheme as we count down to Christmas! Each week, the form group with the highest attendance will win a special hot chocolate celebration at the end of the week. This initiative is to encourage excellent attendance and celebrate the commitment of our pupils during this festive season.

#### **Catholic Life**

#### **Harvest Food Bank Collection**

As part of our Harvest celebrations and commitment to giving back to the community, we are collecting donations for two local food banks until Monday 15th December. We would



greatly appreciate contributions of tinned and canned foods, which will help support those who need it most. Thank you for your generosity.

# **Caritas Fundraising**

We are proud to support the charity Caritas, which is guided by the values and principles of Catholic Social Teaching and inspired by the Gospel. Caritas works with people facing poverty. To support this important work, we will be hosting a non-uniform day on Friday 19th December and kindly ask that donations are made via ParentPay.

#### **Year 7 RE Retreats**

This week, Year 7 pupils have taken time away from their usual timetable to participate in the "How High Can I Fly?" retreat with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT). The retreat focused on team-building activities designed to strengthen resilience and communication skills. Pupils also reflected on what makes them unique and explored areas where they might need support throughout the year. In addition, they learned about the roles of Saints in the Catholic Church and discussed how we can all strive to be saintly through our actions toward others. It was a wonderful experience, thoroughly enjoyed by both pupils and staff!

#### **ASAPs – Celebrating Achievement**

We continue to celebrate pupil success through our All Saints Achievement Points (ASAPs) system. Pupils earn ASAPs for positive behaviour, effort, and contributions to school life. Once a pupil reaches 1,000 ASAPs, they will be awarded a Bronze Badge to recognise their achievement. The current highest score is an impressive 1187, held by Lydia C in Year 9 – well done, Lydia!

Some of our star pupils this week are:

- Phoebe W 7 Kolbe
- Nik E 8 Carlo Acutis
- Brooke E M 9 Assisi
- Jamie O 10 Assisi
- Imman A 11 Kolbe

Well done everyone!



# <u>Attendance</u>

Ensuring that your child attends school each day is essential to their progress and academic achievement. We thank you for your support in ensuring that your child has excellent attendance.

Best form attendance this week:

- 7 Kolbe
- 8 Kolbe
- 9 Teresa
- 10 Teresa
- 11 Ward

The attendance of the whole school continues to be in line with national average.

# Save the dates:

- Carol Concert Thursday 11th December 2025
- Options Evening 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

# Final message

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful extended weekend.

Best wishes,

Ms Gilligan