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Laleham Lea

A Catholic Independent School for boys and girls aged 3 to 11

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Dear Parents

It has been a busy return to a new academic year at Laleham Lea. Our new students and staff have all received a very warm welcome to the Laleham Lea family and we have all got back into the routine of school life.

Many of our Year 6 students have been working hard preparing for the first round of the 11+ grammar tests next Tuesday, we wish them all the very best of luck.

Our new Year 6 students enjoyed leading the Wednesday Word with classes from Reception to Year 5 for the first time this week. They have also been busy writing application letters for their roles of responsibility with interviews to follow soon.

Laleham Lea students once again did amazingly well on the latest Lamda examinations, achieving 31 distinctions and 1 merit. Students received their certificates in assembly this morning. Well done everyone!

On Tuesday we celebrate our start of year Mass with students in Year 1-6 at the John Fisher Chapel at 9.30am. As always, parents and families are welcome to join us; we look forward to seeing you there.

Next week our extra curricular activities start back with exciting new clubs added to the roster including Quiz Club and Timetables. Spaces still remain in some clubs so please do contact the school office/ club providers if you would like to book a space. Likewise our peri-music teachers also have some space remaining for guitar, woodwind, violin and drum lessons; again contact the office for full details of these.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday September 16th—Mass 9.30am John Fisher
- Wednesday September 17th—Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- Wednesday September 17th—Curriculum Evening from 6pm
- Monday September 22nd—Secondary Transfer Evening (Years 3-6) 6pm



THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Our Celebration of the Word assembly this week we learnt all about two new saints who have been canonized in the Catholic Church recently, Blessed Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio, who became the first two saints of Pope Leo XIV's papacy.

Beginning of a new year Mass

Parents and families are invited to join us to celebrate our beginning of a new school year mass at the John Fisher Chapel at 9.30am on Tuesday September 16th.

Students from Years 1-6 will attend, please ensure your child is in full uniform, including blazer for this.

Gospel Values

Well done to this week's Gospel Values award winner for showing our values of Compassion, Gentleness, Justice, Love, Forgiveness and Hope.



Our Mission Statement

As we start our new school year, a reminder of our Mission Statements:

Infant Child's Mission Statement:

Please help us to be happy and kind, to always try our best and help others do the same, as we are all special.

Junior Child's Mission Statement:

We know in our school that we are all part of God's family. We all work together to make a safe, happy environment, where we can learn and develop our talents to the full.

Nursery

This week Nursery have been looking at autumn and taking part in a range of activities including:

- Completing an autumn themed sticking activity, ordering numbers from 1-5 and 1-10
- Using paints and a cork to create their own autumn tree.
- Reinforcing turn taking by playing the autumn bingo game.
- Listening to 'The Very Helpful Hedgehog' and discussing the structure of the story and its characters.
- Collecting autumn leaves



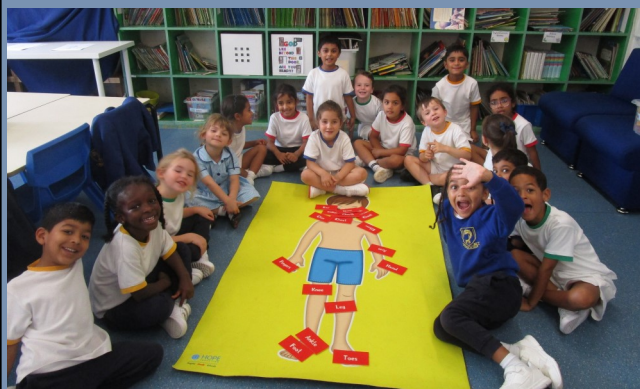
Reception



Our Reception children have settled in beautifully and are already making new friends while becoming familiar with life at school. We are especially excited about our upcoming Fairytales workshop next Friday, which promises to be a magical experience. They are a delightful class, and I am so proud of how well they have started their school journey!

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Year 1



Year 1 have been identifying and labelling body parts this week using our giant body mat. We had a great time rounding off the lesson with a quiz and a game of 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes!' Lots of great participation and enthusiasm from all- well done Y1!

Year 2



In Year 2, we wrote and presented our reasons why we should be considered to be representatives of our class for the School Council, Mini Vinnies, Eco Warrior and Little Disciples. We also discussed fair voting.

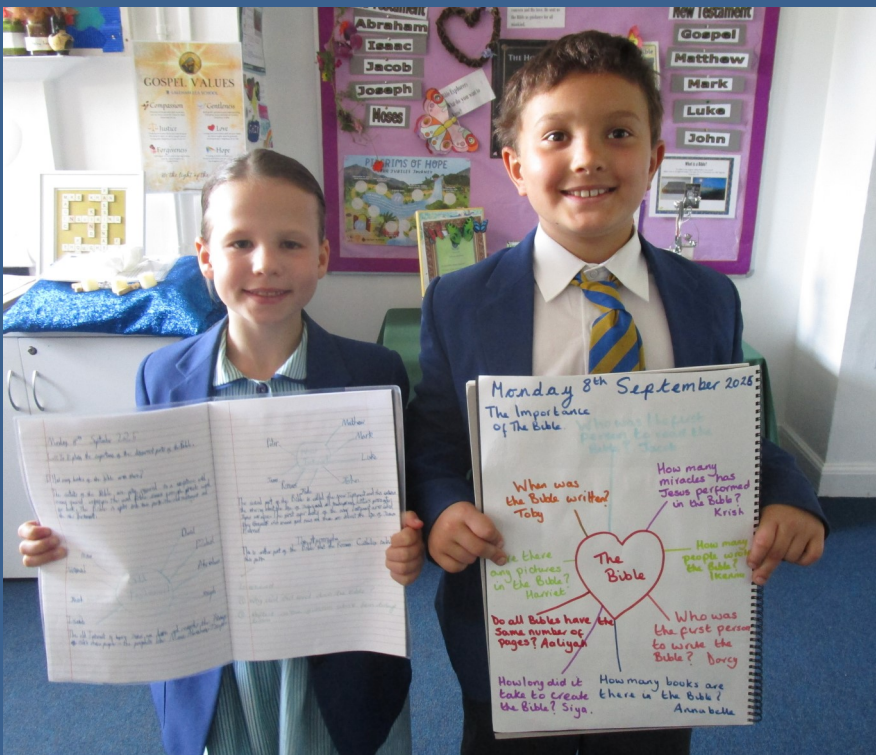
Little Princess Trust



Well done to our Year 2 students who donated 12 inches of their long hair to the Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides real hair wigs to children who've lost their hair due to cancer treatment or other conditions.

If anyone would like to support this amazing cause, please consider donating or sharing their page: <https://gofund.me/7283a25f>

Year 4



This week Year 4 have studied the history of the Bible and its different parts. They have begun to understand that the Bible is an account of God's relationship with His people, His concern and love for them.

Year 5

Children used the drama technique 'conscious alley' to debate the key question—'How did the world begin'.



Year 3

In RE Year 3 have been looking at our Catholic Social Teaching Principle. We discussed what 'solidarity' means and how we can show solidarity in our own lives. One child said "Solidarity means to me that we are all one big community fighting together for justice."



Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed finding facts around the classroom to answer questions on 'Extreme Weather'. The extreme weather outside prevented this from being an outdoor activity, ironically!



Stars of the week

