



## Newsletter

Issue 20—Friday 8th March 2024

Mr P Whitehead—Headteacher

Miss S Esposito - Deputy Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers.

I hope you have all had a lovely week. As you can see we have had another busy week here in school. I just wanted to inform you that we have had a number of children in school this week who have had Chicken Pox and I wanted to ask for your support in ensuring you have checked your children for any signs of Chicken Pox before sending them to school. If your child has chickenpox, please keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared. Once the spots have crusted over they are fine to come back into school. Have a great weekend.

God Bless

Mr P Whitehead.

### Remembrance Service in Thornton and Allerton

This week I received an email from the Royal British Legion who explained that they are concerned that the Remembrance service this year is at risk of not taking place due to a lack of members. They have asked me to share the following information and the attached leaflet:

*The situation is that both the **Thornton and Allerton** Remembrance Services in November this year are at risk of not being in place. Without going into too many details here, there are many Thornton RBL Members who are either leaving the district or are now unable to be actively involved in the setting up and delivering Remembrance this November.*

*In short, unless we are able to find an alternative arrangement, it is likely that Remembrance at both Thornton War Memorial (Cemetery) and Ladyhill Park War Memorial will, by default, not happen.*

*Therefore there is an open **Meeting at The Thornton Community Centre on Wednesday March 13th at 7.30pm** to try to form a group, with a leadership, to do the practical things that need to happen at the Remembrance Service(s). This new group is not affiliated to the RBL, it is a group for the two villages.*

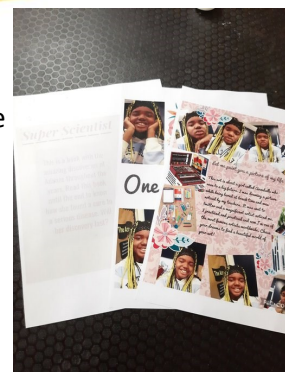
**This is not an RBL recruitment drive**, although the causes are much associated with a lack of active and able RBL Branch Members; it would be an added bonus if the Branch had an influx of new and able Members.

Mike Herbert—Royal British Legion Thornton

### World Book Day 2024!

Class 6 enjoyed looking into the future and designing the front covers and blurbs for their future biographies

Class 5 chose a character or person from their favourite book and then paired up with someone else in class to write a story about how they meet and what they get up to. There were some really creative ideas!



Class 4 enjoyed reading to foundation stage for world book day!



Class 3 loved spending the day in their PJs, they had hot chocolate whilst listening to their story. They have also been creating stories with their favourite characters.

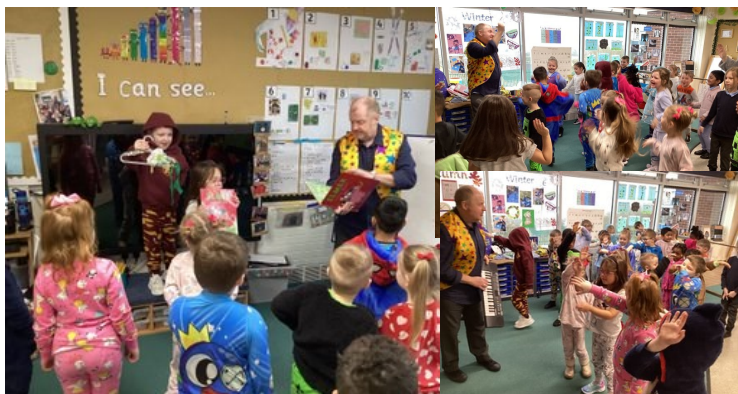


# St Matthew's Catholic Primary School

Our Mission: I try to live like Jesus: I love; I forgive; I pray  
'Come Follow Me' – Be the best that I can be.



Foundation stage had a super fun session with Mr Morrison to start their world book day.



## Nursey Places September 2024

Nursery places are available for children aged 3 years or who will be 3 years old before 1st September 2024.

Application forms are available from the school office.

(Full and Part-time places available)

## Talent Show

We have decided upon a new date for our talent show which we unfortunately had to cancel before half term.

The new date is **Thursday 28th March at 9:30**. The same children chosen last time will be performing and we would love parents to come along and watch.

## Dates for your Diary

- Thursday 14th March @ 10:00—Class 1 and Class 2 Class Mass in Church
- Thursday 14th March 2:00—7:00— Parents Evening
- Friday 15th March @ 9:05—Class 5 Oracy Assembly
- Friday 15th March @ 2:50—Reward Assembly
- Thursday 21st March @ 10:00—F2 Class Mass in Church
- Friday 22nd March @ 2:50—Reward Assembly
- Thursday 28th March @ 9:30—Talent Show
- Thursday 28th March—**School closes for the end of term at 2:00pm**

## Attendance

F1— 93.91%

F2— 87.04%

Class 1— 99.18%

Class 2— 89.58%

Class 3— 92.47%

Class 4— 98.21%

Class 5— 91.04%

Class 6— 96.76%

Whole School Attendance this week — 94.35%

Whole School Attendance year to date — 92.53%



## **Virtues to Live By**

Our Virtue for next week is:

# Love/Charity

## Reading for the Week—Matthew 25: 35-40

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.

## Parish Mass Times

**St Matthew's Church**

Sunday @ 9:30am

## Reflection

The real evidence of our belief is the way we act. To treat all those we encounter as if they are Jesus is no easy task. What we do for others demonstrates what we really think about Jesus's words to us - feed the hungry, give the homeless a place to stay, look after the sick.

**What will I do this Lent to support those who are hungry and thirsty in our local community and wider world?**

**What can I do to support those who are lonely and homeless?**

**Is there someone in my family or community who is unwell?  
Could I visit them this week and pray for their healing & peace?**