

## Latest School News

### Our Catholic Faith

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 11th June 2023 - The True Bread of Life (John 6:51-58)

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'



### Reflection

This is the final section of Jesus' great discourse in the gospel of John on the Eucharist, delivered in the synagogue at Capernaum. It is in the form of a synagogue-sermon, commenting in turn on the phrases of Psalm 78, 'He gave them bread - from heaven - to eat'. Jesus explains that these words are truly fulfilled not by Moses' historic gift of manna in the desert, but by the Father's continuous and repeated gift of Eucharistic bread. The discourse has the same pattern as the Mass, instruction followed by eating. The first two sections of the discourse were about God's gift of revelation in Christ, which is accepted and assimilated by belief in the teaching of Jesus. Now we come to the final section on God's gift of Christ as food. Particularly striking are two points. Firstly, the stress on eating: the word used for 'eat my flesh' is full of the reality of eating; it really means 'chew', and designates the sacramental eating as a real assimilation of the nourishing food. The second point is that 'my flesh for the life of the world' links firmly to the Last Supper: the Christ that we receive is the Christ at the very moment of his redemptive act of self-offering, an act which continues throughout time and into eternity.

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

### Weekend Mass Times at Our Lady of the Wayside Church

Saturday evening Vigil Mass for Sunday 5.30pm

(Year 1 will be celebrating Mass with the parish at this week's Saturday Vigil Mass)

Sunday Mass: 10am

There is a children's Liturgy of the Word at 10am Mass on Sunday.

## Mass of Celebration:

This year's First Holy Communion programme ended with a celebration on Pentecost Sunday with the parish. After mass, families and parishioners came together for refreshments in the school hall. We hope everybody enjoyed the occasion and received a slice of the First Holy Communion cake!



## Confirmation

Please remember in your prayers those young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the next few weeks.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Class 6O

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Class 6P

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
And kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.  
And you will renew the face of the earth.*



## Year 5 Field Trip to Wales

This week, children in 5E visited Mid-Wales as part of an environmental fieldtrip. A fieldtrip provides an opportunity for children to learn outside in the 'field', although in this case it was more on the beach! A real focus on this fieldtrip was considering 'how humans are impacting on our world' and the impact of climate change. The children considered this question through the context of coastal erosion and sea flooding and the impact on a small coastal community of Borth. Well done to all the children who took part, they were fantastic. A big thank you too to the staff who accompanied the children and led the programme. What beautiful weather they had!



## Y2 Shared Reading Event

St Peter's Year 12 students joined our Year 2 children earlier this week to share a reading experience together. They researched and discussed the work of Julia Donaldson and afterwards enjoyed squash and biscuits together! Our thanks to all the staff who organised the event and to all the students who participated



## Brain Teaser

No matter how little or how much you use me, you change me every month. What am I?

Answer: calendar

What type of cheese is made backward?

The answer will be in the next newsletter.

## Attendance

It is essential that children regularly attend school, poor attendance has a serious and long lasting impact on your child. To promote and encourage good attendance we publish weekly attendance figures.

Reception	Red Group 96.3%	Blue Group 93.7%
Year 1	Class 1C 93.7%	Class 1Y 94.4%
Year 2	Class 2F 88.5%	Class 2CS 88.5%
Year 3	Class 3M 90.4%	Class 3TS 96.1%
Year 4	Class 4C 94.1%	Class 4L 89.9%
Year 5	Class 5E 94.6%	Class 5V 98.9%
Year 6	Class 6O 94.7%	Class 6P 98.6%

Overall attendance for this week is 94.3%. Well done this week to Class 5V with an attendance figure of 98.9%

## Police Visit

Today police officers visited school to tell Year 5 and 6 children all about their roles in the community. They brought along some police dogs and taught the children about the benefits of having trained dogs in the police force. They also spoke about the importance of online safety and about the consequences of inappropriate behaviour.



## Reception Trip

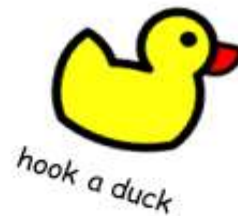
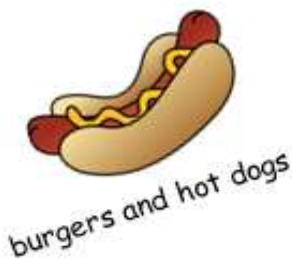
Reception had the most amazing day at All Things Wild yesterday. The trip included a tour around the Dino Barn where children learnt about a dinosaur time line and the links between birds and dinosaurs. In a practical hands-on session, they held a rabbit, snake and even a cockroach! Archie enjoyed his day so much he couldn't stop writing about it the next day. One of things he wrote was, 'I liked the oturs bcus thai can chomp on branchis.' (I liked the otters because they can chomp on branches.) What fantastic Reception writing.



## School Association News

### Our Lady of the Wayside Summer Fair - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

The School Association are very busy finalising arrangements for the summer fair. Take a look at the poster below to see all the exciting things we have planned! We are still looking for volunteers to help out with any of the following: setting up, running stalls and tidying up. If you can spare time, please let us know by email. [olwsa@aol.com](mailto:olwsa@aol.com) or let the school office know.



## Forthcoming Events

### Reception & Nursery 2023 - New Parents' Meeting

A meeting for children starting Reception in September has been arranged for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm. A meeting for children starting in Nursery has been arranged for Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm.

### Mass

Year 2 and Year 6 will celebrate Mass with Our Lady of the Wayside Parish on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. Mass starts at 10:00am; you are all most welcome.

### School/Parish Mass

Year 1 will be celebrating Mass with the parish this Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at the 5.30pm Mass. Please do join us. There will be tea and biscuits afterwards in the St Aiden's Day Chapel.

### Doughnuts with Dad

Nursery will be celebrating all the special men in their lives next Friday morning 16<sup>th</sup> June starting at 9:30am. There will be lots of sporting events to take part in and a doughnut and a coffee to end the exciting morning!