

# The Saint Raphael's News

W/E 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 / 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year B, Mark 10:35-45 'The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.'



**END OF AUTUMN TERM 1:** We have had a very busy and successful start to the new school year. The children have settled really well into their new classes and are working hard. We are very proud of the way that the children come into school every day ready to learn and ready to fulfil the Gospel values at the heart of our school life. We had a great celebration of National Poetry Day with a virtual poetry workshop from the poet Ian Bland. The children had great fun listening and doing the actions as he read his poems and then wrote poems of their own. Thank you to Mrs McLeod for organizing this.

**YEAR 6 LEADERS:** Our Year 6 all have their leadership roles now and are approaching these with great enthusiasm. The children have already started some clubs at lunchtime.

**ST RAPHAEL'S DAY AND PRESENTATION OF RECEPTION CLASS BY THEIR BUDDIES:** Thank you to everyone who made St Raphael's Day such a special celebration. We welcomed the reception children to St Raphael's as they were each presented by their buddies.



**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING:** We had a MacMillan Coffee morning following Mass. Thank you for your donations of cakes and for attending the MacMillan Coffee Morning. The total raised was an amazing £631. Thank you to everyone for their support. Thank you to Miss Taylor for organising this event.

**CATHOLIC LIFE:** Thank you for sharing the October Rosary books with the children. The worship leaders in Year 6 have worked with Mrs Shields to plan and lead collective worship on the theme of October the month of the Holy Rosary in all classes.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:** The Sacramental Programme for the current year 3 children will start after Christmas. The children in Year 3 have received a letter with an invitation to enrol their child on the Sacramental Programme. If you have a children in years 4-6 and would like to enrol on the Sacramental Programme please contact school.

**The dates below are for the current Year 3 children.**

Enrolment Meeting Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2025 @3.30pm in the school hall

Sacrament of Reconciliation                      Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 @ 6pm  
St Peter's and St Raphael's Church

Sacrament of First Holy Communion      Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 @ 10am  
St Peter's and St Raphael's Church

**PARENTS' EVENINGS: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2024.** This is an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher and to look at your child's work. Links to book your appointments online have been sent out.

**HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - FINAL REMINDER:** The deadline for submitting your applications for High School for Year 6 children is fast approaching. Applications are done online via the Tameside Admissions portal. The deadline for applications is the **31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**. All applications must be made online and are managed by Tameside Council - <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions>

**RECEPTION ADMISSIONS:** The Tameside Admissions Portal will open for applications to Reception for September 2025 on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2024 and will close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Further information is available at <http://www.tameside.gov.uk/admissions>. The school is holding an **open morning on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** between 9.15am and 11.00am for prospective parents and their children and all are welcome.

**HARVEST:** Thank you for your donations for the Harvest collection. Year 6 led our Harvest Assembly beautifully. The food will be given to Barty's Foodbank in Stalybridge.

**SPORTS:** Well done to all the children who have represented St Raphael's so wonderfully in various sporting events this half term. Thank you also to Miss Wilson, Mr Williams and all staff and parents who have helped with these events.

#### **ASSEMBLIES 2024-25:**

The dates for class assemblies during this academic year are below. All are welcome.

Class	Date of Assembly	Theme
Reception	16 <sup>th</sup> May, 2025	TBC
Class 1	27 <sup>th</sup> June, 2025	TBC
Class 2	11 <sup>th</sup> April, 2025	Easter
Class 3	20 <sup>th</sup> June, 2025	Megacities/Manchester
Class 4	22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2024	Romans
Class 5	8 <sup>th</sup> November, 2024	Remembrance
Class 6	11 <sup>th</sup> October, 2024	Harvest



**POPPY APPEAL:** We will be selling Poppies after half term on behalf of the Royal British Legion Annual Poppy Appeal. The children will be able to purchase a poppy for a small donation if they wish to.

**EARRINGS:** Please could we remind parents that in line with our Uniform policy earrings and retainers are not permitted in school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

**FRUIT AT BREAKTIMES:** Children in classes Reception, 1 and 2 receive free fruit daily from the Government scheme. Children in any class can bring a snack for breaktime but this needs to be fruit please not a cereal bar or fruit winder. Thank you for your help with this.

**PARKING:** Please could we ask that parents do not park in the Millbrook Apartments car park in front of school. We have had a complaint from the residents. Please can we also ask that cars are not parked on the zig-zag lines as we have had a few near misses of accidents recently.

**CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS:** More details about Christmas activities for the children will follow in the Christmas Newsletter which will be sent home after half term. However, dates for nativities and other events are in the diary list below.

Thank you for all your support during this half term. Have a lovely half term break. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact school.  
With best wishes and prayers,

*Mrs L. Lakner*

**Mrs Lynn Lakner (Headteacher)**

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## DIARY DATES

Further details and arrangements for all Christmas Events will follow in the Christmas Newsletter

OCTOBER 2024		
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes for Half Term	3.15pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Staff INSET Day	All day
NOVEMBER 2024		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	School Opens	8.45am-8.55am
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Mini -medics in school working with Year 6 on first aid	
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening	3.30pm-6.00pm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 5	9.05am
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying Week - Theme Choose Respect	All week
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for prospective Nursery and Reception parents	9.15am-11.00am
DECEMBER 2024		
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	First Sunday of Advent (Quiet Liturgies will be held in school during Advent)	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Mass on theme of Advent	9.15am
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day - Chocolate Donations for Fair - Thank You	All Day
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Non Uniform Day - Bottle Donations for Fair - Thank You	All day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS - Nursery & Reception Nativity Performance	9.15am
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance	1.45pm and 6pm
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner	Lunchtime
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5 and 6) Carol Performance in assembly	9.05am
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair in school	3.30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Party Day - Non -Uniform Day Party Dinner	All day Lunchtime
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	School Closes	3.15pm
JANUARY 2025		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Opens	8.45-8.55am
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Freddy Fit Day in School	All day