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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thankfulness is the overarching emotion and virtue that I am feeling today. Last night, on a very wet night, when I took on the challenge in order **to support Simon on the Streets**, I was reminded how fortunate we are. When I arrived in Leeds, I was given my cardboard, which was my bed for the evening. After making a shelter using umbrellas and plastic sheeting, I then did my best to sleep, thinking about all of those who have no choice but to do this. So, I am thankful in a number of ways: thankful that God has provided me with opportunities in life so that I have somewhere to call home; thankful that I was cheered on and supported by families, friends and all of our amazing community at Holy Name and thankful for all the people who are trying to help others day in and day out in order to have a better life.

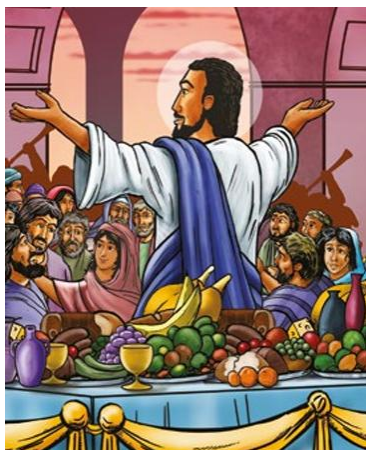
Mrs Gibbons also took on the challenge and with the support of both school communities and family and friends a **grand total of £1300** was raised for **Simon on the Streets** – thank you all for your support and well wishes in leading up to the event.

God Bless

Mr J M Gibbons

Headteacher

Spiritual Reflection - Matthew 22:1-10 The 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year A



At different times throughout our lives, we and our children will receive various invitations – some more important than others. However, the most important invitation is the one that is offered to us in the Gospel below. Throughout the Bible the joyful images of weddings are often used to describe how much God loves us. When Jesus told this story he was thinking of the Chosen People, the people of Israel, but many of their leaders did not respond to God's invitation when Jesus came. God's invitation is not just for certain people but for all of us, regardless of our past or present situation. God's banquet starts here on earth and continues right into heaven.

*Dear Lord Jesus,
please help us to remember that every moment of the day you
are inviting us into your love, to share in your happiness and peace.
Amen.*

Y5/Y6 Netball

It has been a busy couple of weeks for our netball team. They have been practising hard at Netball Club on Monday evenings with Mrs Watson ready for competitions. Last week, they attended Bee Netball at Gledhow Primary and had a taste of playing in different positions throughout the event. This week, the children went to St Urban's Catholic Primary School and played a number of games. Throughout the afternoon, they showed great teamwork and resilience, but most importantly developed their understanding of tactics and formation. Well done everyone!

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who has supported our delayed coffee morning for Macmillan. It was lovely to see so many families in school at the start of the day today. Raising money for worthy charities such as this one is very important in our Catholic service to the wider world. **The grand total is £130.80**



Kinetic Letters

This year, we have introduced a new handwriting scheme which is designed to enable the children to develop their foundational skills in order to take away the 'thinking of handwriting' as well as the children being empowered to further understand the concepts that they are learning in class. One of the ways we are developing this is by improving the children's 'power pack' – their core strength. This is done by using one of 6 animal positions:

Lizard



Bear



Penguin



Stone Lion



Meerkat



Reading/Homework challenge – this week at home, please could you encourage the children to read or complete homework in **a strong lizard position**. If you are able to send a photograph to your child's class teacher (or the school office) of the children completing this task, they will receive 5 house points.

Cross Country

Next week is our first house event of the year. All children will be running a course on the playground and the field on Friday afternoon. They can come into school wearing their house colour for the entire day. Please make sure that the children have appropriate footwear and as this is a physical activity event – no earrings are allowed to be worn. If your child can not take them out by themselves, please do not send children into school wearing them as we are not allowed to remove earrings. Children will not be able to take part whilst wearing earrings.

Certificates

	Headteacher's Award	Maths Marvel	Literacy Legend
Reception			
Year 1	Musa	Austin	JJ
Year 2	Ben	Tommy	Leo
Year 3	Patricia	Elliott	Abigail
Year 4	Lilly-Ann	Sylvia	Ethan
Year 5	Suhaan	Orla Z	Idris
Year 6	Kinza	Phoebe	Annie

Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89%	95%	99%	98%	97%	99%	98%

House Points

St George	St Andrew	St Patrick	St David
547	702	547	501

Our Safeguarding Team



Mr Gibbons
DSL



Mrs Watson
DDSL



Mr Stewardson
DDSL



Miss Godfrey
DDSL



Mrs Harrington
DDSL



Mrs Flynn
DDSL

Key Dates

13 th Oct	Year 6 Educational Visit	23 rd Oct	School Closed for INSET Day	9 th Nov	Individual Photos
16 th Oct	House Cross Country – pupils to wear team colour	2 nd Nov	School Opens Flu Immunisation	16 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
20 th Oct	Parents Evening Day 1	3 rd Nov	Year 2 Educational Visit	24 th Nov	Year 6 Educational Visit
21 st Oct	Parents Evening Day 2	4 th Nov	Open Day – Reception 2027 (9.30 am and 1.30pm)	30 th Nov	St Andrew's House – wear blue
22 nd Oct	Harvest in Church (followed by GWA)	5 th Nov	Open Day – Reception 2027 (5.00pm)	1 st -3 rd Dec	IEP Reviews

Next Week's Dinner Menu

MIGHTY MEALS MENU 2026

Great school lunches designed to help young people grow and thrive in everything they do! Seasonal vegetables are provided with all meals or children can opt out for our 'Pick Your Own' salad bar.

Holy Name Primary

N3 Week ONE

W/C 01/09/26, 21/09/26, 12/10/26, 02/11/26, 23/11/26, 14/12/26, 04/01/27, 25/01/27

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mains	Frankfurter Pizza (V) Jacket Wedges Fresh Salad	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Shawarma Wrap Sunshine Rice	Roast Gammon Yorkshire Pudding Roast & Mashed Potato Gravy	Battered Fish Chips
Meat Free	Margherita Pizza (V) Jacket Wedges Fresh Salad	Cheese and Bean Wrap (V) Herby Diced Potatoes	Vegetarian Pasta Bake (V)	Vegetarian Sausage (VE) Yorkshire Pudding Roast & Mashed Potato Gravy	Vegetarian Meatballs in Homemade Tomato and Herb Sauce (V) Chips
Spud Station Deli	Hot Pasta Pot with Homemade Tomato, Cheese and Herb Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans and Cheese (VE)	Tuna Bap (H) Herby Diced Potatoes	Hot Roast Gammon Bap (VE) Roast Potatoes	Cheese and Red Onion Panini (V) Chips
Desserts	Ice Cream with Toffee Sauce & Peaches	Pineapple Sponge with Creamy Custard	Cherry & Coconut Flapjack Bite with Fresh Fruit	Fun Fruit Thursday	Cheesecake topped with Mandarin Oranges

In addition to hot meals your child can choose:

Deli
Filled fresh Soft Bap or Tortilla Wrap with side.

Spud Station
Oven baked Jacket Potato with side.

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