



## Reflection



This Sunday, we hear how Jesus is the vine and how he gives life to us, his branches.

Jesus calls us his branches because he supports us, like a tree trunk supports its branches. And he wants us to bear fruit for him.

What Jesus means is that he wants us to stay close to him and follow his teachings. This means being the best we can be, loving each other, and loving the beautiful world he has given us.

There are many ways that we can show love for our neighbour and care for our world. Can you think of some, so that you will be like the strong, healthy branches on the vine that Jesus talks about?

## Prayer

Generous God, support us in all that we do as a vine supports its branches, and help us to support and share with others around the world. Amen.

## Mass time change

As announced at recent Masses, the slightly adjusted plans for the new times of Sunday Masses are as follows:

### Saturday

5.30pm Vigil (HN)

### Sunday

8.15am (SM)

9.30am (A)

10.00am (HN)

11.15am (SM)

These will be brought into effect on Pentecost **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.**

## Trinity Sunday – invitation from Leeds Trinity University

We are delighted to invite you to join us for Trinity Sunday celebrations on campus on Sunday 26 May. This is a day for all staff, students, alumni and friends of Leeds Trinity University to celebrate our patronal feast together as a community.

Festivities will begin at 12:00pm in the Chapel where Mass will be celebrated by Rt Rev Marcus Stock (Bishop of Leeds), with music from the St Mary's Catholic Primary School Choir. Celebrations will then continue outside the main entrance from 1:00pm with a complimentary lunch and fun day for all. This should be a really enjoyable day, so please do come to some or all of the day's activities!

**It is free to attend but booking is essential so please register [via Eventbrite](#). Registration will be open until Thursday 16 May so please ensure you have booked your place by this date.**

If you have any specific dietary or access requirements, please note these in your response.

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### Family Mass

Our next family Mass will be on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at the new Mass time of **11.15am**. All our families are invited to join us.

### Resilience and Perseverance



Our current virtues are resilience and perseverance which Mrs Wray certainly showed when she ran the London Marathon last weekend. We are so proud of her for all her training and her perseverance after a very busy week in school last week.

### Class photos

Don't forget whole class photos on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. **Year 3 and Year 4 should wear their normal school uniform to school for the photographs and bring their PE kits into school with them to get changed into after the photograph. Year 3 should be swim ready under their school uniform.**

### Jungle Book

A huge thank you to all who were able to contribute towards the whole school production of Jungle Book by M and M theatrical productions and the Year 5 workshop. The feedback from all the children was very positive and a lovely start to our week. If you haven't made payment, please do log onto ParentPay to do so as unfortunately without parental contributions, we are unable to enrich the curriculum in these ways.



### Pupil survey

We know from Ofsted that the pupil surveys were overwhelmingly positive but prior to the holidays we did our own pupil survey with all our children which we would like to share with you as this will continue to inform our actions moving forward. It was very positive feedback across the school.

### Reception and Key Stage 1 – pupil survey March 2024

Question	Yes	No
I enjoy school	100%	0%
Teachers help me to do my best	100%	0%
Teachers give me work that challenges me	99%	1%
I enjoy learning at this school	99%	1%
Teachers listen to what I have to say in lessons	100%	0%
The behaviour of other pupils in my lessons is good	97%	3%
The behaviour of other pupils around school is good	100%	0%
Is bullying a problem at your school?	0%	100%
I feel safe when I am in school	99%	1%
My school encourages me to look after my physical health	100%	0%
My school encourages me to look after my emotional and mental health	100%	0%
My school encourages me to be independent and to take on responsibilities	100%	0%
My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and treat everyone equally	100%	0%
I would recommend this school to a friend moving to the area	100%	0%
There is an adult at school I can talk to is something is worrying me	98%	2%

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### Actions:

- Use NSPCC assembly to ensure children know to speak out to stay safe.
- Continue to use Class Dojos to praise good behaviour within class.
- Pre warn children of fire alarms as this is what made 1 child feel unsafe.
- Continue to remind children who they can talk to in school as the 2 children identified said they would speak to parents.

### Key Stage 2 – pupil survey March 2024

Question	All the time	Some of the time	Never
I enjoy school	29%	69%	2%
Teachers help me to do my best	76%	24%	0%
Teachers give me work that challenges me	39%	60%	1%
I enjoy learning at this school	64%	34%	2%
	<b>Agree</b>		<b>Disagree</b>
Teachers listen to what I have to say in lessons	97%		3%
The behaviour of other pupils in my lessons is good	92%		8%
The behaviour of other pupils around school is good	95%		5%
I feel safe when I am in school	99%		1%
My school encourages me to look after my physical health	100%		0%
My school encourages me to look after my emotional and mental health	98%		2%
I take part in school activities outside of lessons	80%		20%
My school encourages me to be independent and to take on responsibilities	97%		3%
My school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and treat everyone equally	98%		2%
I would recommend this school to a friend moving to the area	97%		3%
There is an adult at school I can talk to if something is worrying me	98%		2%
	<b>It doesn't happen</b>	<b>It happens and teachers are really good at resolving it</b>	<b>It happens and teachers do nothing about it</b>
Is bullying a problem at your school	84%	16%	0%

### Actions:

- Continue to use Class Dojos to praise good behaviour within class.
- Pre warn children of fire alarms/lockdown practices as this is what made children feel unsafe.
- Continue to remind children who they can talk to in school if they are worried or to use the online worry box on our website.
- School Council to get feedback from children as to what would improve our school prior to beginning to develop the school development plan for 2024-2025.
- Continue to develop challenge and be explicit about this in class.
- Use NSPCC assembly to ensure children know to speak out to stay safe.

### Online safety

Please see on our website and [attached](#) for the April online safety newsletter. This month, there is lots of information about cyberbullying. There is also a useful section on group chats with links to the NSPCC. Parents are also made aware of the game Poppy Playtime and highlights some of the unsuitable images used in this game.

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### NSPCC assembly

All our children have completed the speak out stay safe assembly either this week or last week. The 'Speak out. Stay safe.' virtual assemblies and supporting resources are an effective way to support our school's safeguarding duties and link directly to the curriculum. They also help reinforce key messages about child abuse and neglect as part of a school's teaching on relationships. They support children to feel empowered - knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

Our Safeguarding leads in school are Mrs Hurley, Mrs Polzin, Miss Roberts, Mrs Robertshaw and Mrs Leng.

You are able to contact us via the school office or can raise a safeguarding concern via the [school website](#).

### MVMNT Girls Football Club Wednesday Lunchtime

There are available spaces in the girls football club, which is being run by MVMNT on a Wednesday lunchtime. If your child is in Y4, Y5 or Y6 and would be interested in joining this club, please contact the office via email to express an interest.

### Athlete Event - reminder

The children are very excited to meet Acrobatic Gymnast Isabel Haigh in our athlete event on 1<sup>st</sup> May.

On the event day all pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit run by Isabel. This is a terrific way to get all children excited about sport and realise that getting moving is really fun.

Isabel will then share her incredible sporting journey, a story of resilience and determination in a fun and interactive assembly. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions in a Q&A session with their inspiring role-model at the end.

Fundraising for the event has already begun and the children have brought home a sponsor form. The money raised for the event will go towards investing in new resources to improve levels of physical activity in our school, such as new sports equipment. You can sponsor your child by visiting: <https://portal.sportsforschools.org/events/landing>. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code on the poster below to go directly to the online sponsorship page.

**All children should wear their PE kits on Wednesday for this event.**

### Headteacher Awards

Reception – Indie C & Orla V  
Year 1 – Jacob M & Marion W  
Year 2 – Emily M & Elias W  
Year 3 – Laurel B & Alfred C  
Year 4 – William S & Noah I  
Year 5 – Jackson T & Isobel S  
Year 6 – Zachary J & Charlotte C

### Virtue Awards – Resilience and Perseverance

Reception – Thomas EN  
Year 1 – George C  
Year 2 – Noah H  
Year 3 – Alexander TF  
Year 4 – Arthur D  
Year 5 – Jacob P  
Year 6 – Esmae V

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### Diary Dates

Please note changes or additions in red. \*denotes parents welcome.

#### April

Monday	29	Reception farm trip
Monday	29	Islam assembly and workshop for Y3 and Y4
Tuesday	30	Class photos

#### May

Wednesday	1		Athlete event in school
Thursday	2	9am	Year 3 open classroom*
Friday	3	9am	Year 4 open classroom*
Tuesday	7	9am	Year 1 open classroom*
Wednesday	8	9am	Year 2 open classroom*
Thursday	9	9.30am	Whole School Mass led by Year 4*
Friday	10		Bring a flower for Mary
Friday	10		Mary Day
Friday	10	9.05am	Year 2 class assembly*
W/B	13		Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Sunday	19	<b>11.15am</b>	Family Mass*
Monday	20		Pentecost Picnic
Monday	20	2.00pm	Reception Stay and Play*
Tuesday	21	9am	Year 6 open classroom*
Wednesday	22	9am	Year 5 open classroom*
Thursday	23	9.15am	Reception class assembly*
Thursday	23		School closes
Friday	24		Training Day

### Parish News

#### OLK First Holy Communion Preparation

Preparation continues with Session 4 today Sunday 28th April. For more information regarding the parish sacramental preparation programme please speak to one of our priests or email:

[catechist.ourladyofkirkstall@dioceseofleeds.org.uk](mailto:catechist.ourladyofkirkstall@dioceseofleeds.org.uk)

#### EXHIBITION OF THE HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN REPLICA

The Holy Name Hall will be open Monday 13th – Sunday 19th 9am – 5pm - except Tuesday 14th 9am-12noon and Friday 17th 1-3pm for anyone to view the exhibition. Pam Moon will be giving a talk on Sunday 12th May at 6pm and Wednesday 15th May at 7pm. Refreshments will be available however, there may be times when this is self-service! Please do volunteer for an hour's slot to be in the hall and help. There is now a sign up sheet in the porch at Holy Name.

#### SUNDAY MASSES (Saturday Vigil)

Holy Name	6.30pm
St. Mary's	8.15am
Holy Name	9.00am
Assumption	9.45am
St Mary's	11.00am
Holy Name	11.15am