



St John Fisher Catholic Primary School

"Growing through God, we learn, laugh and love"

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Last Saturday some of our year 4's made their First Holy Communion at St John Fisher Church with Fr Mark.

The weather was marvellous, the children all looked beautiful and smart and their behaviour was impeccable. We were very proud of them and let's hope it's a day that they will remember for a long time.

Year 4 visit Crosby Hall



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Year 4 had a fantastic time on their residential to Crosby Hall. They had the opportunity to carry out many different activities such as low ropes, archery, rafting, zip wiring and many more. The children's behaviour, attitude and enthusiasm was amazing and they should be proud of themselves. Well done Year 4!



**Adopt a
teddy**

The reception class have all adopted a teddy and have made a promise to read to them every day for 15 minutes.



This week year 3 have made pin wheels to represent the energy of Pentecost



Year 5 have had a great time at Bikeability



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ONLINE SAFETY FOR UNDER 5s

10 Top Tips for Parents and Carers

According to Ofcom's most recent research, a significant proportion of children are already online by the time they start school, with 17% of 5-year-olds owning their own mobile phone and 50% using messaging platforms. As becoming familiar with technology is generally encouraged in younger children – and has been essential for education during the pandemic – it is crucial that trusted adults recognise both the benefits and the risks of infants and toddlers using digital devices. We've compiled our top tips to help the under-5s start their online safety journey.

1 USE DEVICES TOGETHER

This lets you monitor and control what your child is using the device for. It also provides the interaction that supports children's understanding of what they're seeing – allowing them to ask you questions, and so on.

PARENT CODE:

6 BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

If your child uses a device that's linked to a payment method (such as a bank card), use the parental controls to block buys from app stores, as well as in-app purchases. That will prevent your child from accidentally spending money while on your device.

2 ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most digital devices have built-in parental controls that can limit the type of content children have access to. If your little one uses any device (even borrowing yours), it's a good idea to explore what controls the device has and enable them whenever they have access to it.

7 CHOOSE SAFE APPS AND SITES

There are some fantastic apps and platforms that are specifically designed to be safer for children. Always check the PEGI age rating before downloading an app, and test it yourself before allowing your child to use it.

3 MANAGE SCREEN TIME

This can be tricky, especially if your child is interested in a certain video, app or game. Try to agree on some ground rules and get your child into a routine which includes certain times of the day when they go without devices.

8 INVOLVE THE FAMILY

If your toddler has older siblings, it's likely that their rules for device use will be different – and that they'll access content that isn't appropriate for younger ones (a particular worry if they share devices). Encourage the whole family to be good role models and help little ones stay safe online.

4 TALK ABOUT BEING SAFE ONLINE

Just like we teach children about being safe in the real world, we need to educate them about how to stay safe online. Use age-appropriate language to help them understand, and plenty of hand gestures can reinforce what you're telling them.

9 IF IN DOUBT, ASK

The easiest way to find out what your child is doing online is usually just to talk about it with them. Developing an open dialogue at an early age helps them grow up feeling able to talk to you about their digital life – providing opportunities to intervene if you're concerned.

5 SET A GOOD EXAMPLE

Children often learn by watching and copying those around them, and using digital devices is no exception. When you're around your child, try to follow the same rules that you've set for them. Let them see you balancing your time online with interacting with people in real life, too.

10 SUPPORT CREATIVE & ACTIVE PLAY

Physical and creative activities are important for a child's wellbeing, and there are plenty of ways to incorporate technology into that. For example, you could encourage games that require physical movement; dance and sing along to songs your child loves; and follow step-by-step crafting videos.

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A MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Starring

The Harts and Voices Choir

St John Fisher Children's Choir

Warrington Concert Band

Thursday 19th May

7pm

The Foundry, Widnes

**Tickets £8 via www.hartsandvoices.com
Or Email hartsandvoices@hotmail.com**

Join us for a night of Music Magic.

The school choir is taking part in this concert, it will be an exciting experience for them as they will be performing alongside two other local, talented groups—the H'arts and Voices Choir and Warrington Concert Band.

The programme will include a variety of well known music.

My aim in organising this concert is to give the children an experience they will never forget—performing to a live audience, on a large stage with other talented musicians in a lovely venue. In addition, money raised from the concert will help to buy much needed sound and lightning equipment for the school hall for future productions. It has become customary for us to put on a 'good show' at the end of the year which is enhanced by good sound and lightning equipment. These items are expensive and a luxury that is beyond the school budget.

Congratulations to the following children:



Smile Awards



Superstar Awards



Dojo Awards





Here is the link if you would wish to read the Wednesday Word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/love?pid=MTA101634&v=59.18>

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Dates for your Diary

19th May	Choir singing at the Musical Extravaganza at the Foundry, 7.00pm
24th May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, please wear red, white and blue.
10th June	Year 6 Residential—Final payments deadline.

Lunchtime and after school clubs

Tuesday before school (8.30am)	Running club, years 4 and 6
Tuesday after school	Multi skills for years 2 and 3
Wednesday after school	Choir with Mrs Cunliffe
Thursday before school (8.30am)	Running club, years 3 and 5
Thursday after school	Year 6 Sports Club with Mr Ray
Friday lunchtime	French Club with Miss Brown