

# Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School

# MESSENGER

Friday 7th June 2024



Dear Overleigh Family,

Welcome back to Summer Term 2 at Overleigh. This is always a busy term with children preparing for different transitions both within school and out of school, as well as trying to complete those last expectations within their work before they move up to the next year. We hope that all our families had a peaceful and enjoyable half-term. It is already evident that a lot of our children have come back refreshed and ready for the learning that lies ahead of them.



There are numerous lovely opportunities ahead for children across school. Year 3 have today undertaken a trip to the Liverpool Museum on the train, Year 4 are gearing up for their Deva Museum walk, Year 2 are organising their West Kirby Beach learning activity

later in the term, we have our Sports Days lined up, children across KS2 have already been attempting to qualify for representing school in the Cheshire District Sports, Miss Axam is busying organising musical end of year events and Year 5 are looking forward to a delightful learning day at Catholic High. All of this, whilst Year 6 are busy rehearsing for their end of year leavers' performance. These are just some of the great activities lined up across school.

In Time Tilly, our attendance Bear, is making a much awaited reappearance next week. Tilly will be welcoming everyone in to school next week with a high five, if you are there before 8.50! Thank you for the vast improvement in punctuality last week, especially for those who have made a special effort to improve their morning routines to ensure timely arrival and avoid a late mark. Once again, a big thank you to those children and their families who consistently turn up on time and have continued to do so. Could we remind parents and carers that the adult bringing any child to school after 8.50am needs to record a reason on the school inventory screen by the office as to the reason for lateness. Please do not just send your child to the office door without accompanying them if they are late.



On Monday 17th June, after school drop off, the school pop up uniform shop will be open in the canteen. Please access the canteen door on the Nursery side of school. All are welcome to attend and top up any uniform needs for September. All the boxes with various

sizes of uniform will be out for parents/carers to access.



It was a delight to see the number of children collecting Rainbow Readers badges this week and also how many children have completed their Secrets to Success awards. Keep going there is a lot of time left yet to achieve more badges and awards. We hope that everyone has had a happy and productive first week back in school and are looking forward eagerly to the rest of the Summer Term.

We included a special prayer during our celebration assembly this morning in memory of all those D-Day veterans that so bravely risked or gave their lives 80 years ago to protect the freedom and future of others. We know that a vast majority of our families will have a family member, or have memories of a family member, that would have been involved in those operations and will be proudly remembering them this week and weekend. Our Year 6 children researched all about World War 2 earlier in the school year and this helps to ensure that the sacrifices and lessons of those times are passed forward to future generations.



In love and peace,  
Miss Emma Drew

Key Dates:- (Other key dates will be sent out via SCOPAY as appropriate)

- Friday 7th June**                    **Y3 Trip to Liverpool Museum**  
**Friday 14th June**                **Y4 Trip to Deva Roman Museum**  
**Week of 24<sup>th</sup> June**                **Sports Day Events**

Day Date	Year Groups	Timings	Amount of events
Monday 24th June	Year 5	9.30am Start approx. 1 hr 30	8 to 9 events
Tuesday 25th June	Year 1/2	9.30am Start approx. 1 hour	5 to 6 events
Wednesday 26th June	Year 3/4	9.30am Start approx. 1 hr 30	8 to 9 events
Thursday 27th June	Year EYFS/Nursery	9.30am Start approx. 1 hour	5 to 6 events
Friday 28th June	Year 6	9.30am Start approx. 1 hr 30	8 to 9 events

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July**                    **Healthy & Safe Week**    **Includes Relationship & Sex Education**  
**Wednesday 17th July**        **Y6 Leavers' Performance**  
**Friday 19th July**                **Y6 Leavers' Disco**  
**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**                **Last Day of Term**            **2.15pm Finish**

## **Class Assembly Dates:**

**All at 2.30pm on Tuesday (unless stated) in the main school hall.**

**Tuesday 11th June:- YR Minim Class**

**Tuesday 18th June:- YR Crotchet Class**

**Thursday 11th July:- Nursery Graduation Day Assembly 2.00pm in the Nursery Outdoor Area.**

## Dates For 24-25

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September INSET Day for Staff**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September First Day of Autumn 1 Values Day: Christian Love**

**Wed 4th-Fri 6th Sept PSHE Themed Days Begin Again**

**Mon 14th-Thurs 24th Oct Zoom Parents Meetings**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct Last Day Autumn 1 3,20pm Finish**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October INSET DAY SCH CLOSED**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov INSET DAY SCH CLOSED**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov First Day Autumn 2 Values Day: Hope**

**14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Oct Anti-Bullying & Anti-Harassment Focus Days**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec Last Day Autumn 2 2.15pm Finish**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan INSET Day for Staff**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan First Day Spring 1 Values Day: Respect**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb Last Day Spring 1 3.20pm Finish**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb First Day Spring 2 Values Day: Integrity**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April Last Day Spring 2 2.15pm Finish**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April First Day Summer 1 Values Day: Service & Stewardship**

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May Last Day Summer 1 3,20pm Finish**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June First Day Summer 2 Values Day: Thankfulness**

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Last Day Summer 2 2.15pm Finish**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July INSET SCHOOL CLOSED**



# Can you help?

Are you interested in conservation in the local environment?



A member of our local community, James, has looked into developing the area of land between the Catholic High School and Duke's Drive into a local conservation area. He is developing plans and has looked into funding from a range of sources but needs community backing to push the project forward beginning hopefully from Autumn this year.

He has approached Catholic High and Overleigh to ask us to further promote the message and to engage further community support in the project which would provide a much valued conservation area for wildlife and everyone in the vicinity to enjoy.

James is looking for to see if there is anyone out there who would like to support the project in an any way from helping with the design of the area, landscape support or resources, campaigning for the project, helping with the renovation of the land, providing further funding or just an offer of volunteer support to help maintain the area over the coming years. If you are conscientious about the environment and wildlife, then James would really welcome your backing in any way. Please let any relatives or neighbours know of the project if you think they might be interested.

Both Catholic High and Overleigh pupils would benefit from this in the future as a place for them to engage further with the environment and wildlife in the area. As a result, both schools are looking to support the project.

If you can help then please let school know via email by June 24th (Please just title your email 'conservation area') of how your expertise might help or even if it is just to go on a volunteer team list of people to help with the renovation and maintenance of the area on a casual basis.

James has already worked hard on this and is just looking for that extra bit of support to ensure that the funding grants can be accessed and that a plan can be fully developed.



# Football Star

Clara and her team, Upton JFC, have won the Under 9 Cheshire Girls Football League. And also won the Cheshire League Under 9 Cup. A magnificent double celebration for Clara and her team mates.



Our pop up shop is back on Monday 17th June in the school canteen after school drop. Please enter during the canteen door on the Nursery side of school.

It is the perfect opportunity for anyone to come along and pick up some uniform for September for free. The boxes of spare uniform will be out in age sizes and there is a good range of good quality uniform to access. All are welcome.

Thank you to all of those children and adults who contributed to the cake sale at the end of last half-term. The children were delighted with the money raised and are currently planning how to put it to best use. We will keep you informed of their decisions.



The below is an offer to all Parents/Carers. It is not a school run activity so please use the contact details below. It has been recommended to us by the Cheshire School Sports Partnership.

Deeside Orienteering Club have organised eight Thursday evening events with a FREE course for children & newcomers plus FREE Coaching & FREE Refreshments. Click the ENTER link below to enter the event of your choice, no previous experience necessary. Dates and venues on the flyer below.

- **FREE Informal Coaching** (from 5:30 pm): We will hold an informal coaching session anytime from 5:30pm for newcomers and children. We will show you how to use an orienteering map, explain what the O symbols mean and provide technique advice. Just head for the DEE Flag where an experienced friendly club member (in the yellow jacket) will be available to assist you.
- **FREE Refreshments & Map Chat** (afterwards): If you bring your own Beaker (BYOB) we can offer you a FREE cold drink and biscuit, over which to natter with club members and others, about how you got on. There will be a few cups available in case you forget!

Please pre-enter if you can, to help our map printing. To enter simply click [ENTER](#), alternatively email the organiser [Graham](#) directly to



**DEESIDE ORIENTEERING CLUB**

# SUMMER PARK ORIENTEERING

## THURSDAY EVENINGS (6PM)

### EVERYONE WELCOME - FUN FOR ALL

**Liverpool (University) 5 Sept** **7**

**Liverpool (Clarke Gardens) 11 July** **5**

**Runcorn (Murdishaw) 13 June** **1**

**Chester (Grosvenor) 12 Sept** **8**

**Chester (Alexandra) 4 July** **4**

**Warrington (Orford) 18 July** **6**

**Northwich (Verdin) 27 June** **3**

**Nantwich (Riverside) 20 June** **2**

*FREE Coaching, Entry & Refreshments for Children!*

More info



# Friday Certificates 7.06.24



Class	Value	Comment
<b>Crotchet</b> Miss Evans	<b>Service and Stewardship</b>	Gigi for the value of service and stewardship. She has come back to school with a positive attitude and has taken ownership of her own learning. She is working hard in her phonics to catch up and understands what she needs to do in order to learn her phase 4 words. I am so proud of you Gigi. Keep up the hard work!
<b>Minim</b> Miss Burns	<b>Respect</b>	Kira is constantly seen showing respect for others in our class and our school. She can always be seen following the teacher's instruction right away and shows great respect for our classroom resources.
<b>Ballad</b> Mrs Birchall Mrs Barnes	<b>Love</b>	Zoey is our star for being a delightful member of the class. Zoey has an amazing attitude to learning, she takes pride in her work and is always happy to share her knowledge. She works hard at school and at home, completing all the homework tasks. Well done Zoey, we are very proud of you.
<b>High Note</b> Miss Hunter	<b>Thankfulness</b>	Andrea is a lovely friend to everybody in her class, over this year her confidence has grown. She arrived from Hong Kong and spoke little English a year ago - now she chats to everybody! She is kind, polite, and always helps friends in need. She works hard and has made lots of progress with her maths and English and is now writing beautiful sentences. Well done Andrea - we are proud!
<b>Melody</b> Miss Morgan	<b>Integrity</b>	When Arman first joined us at Overleigh he did not understand or speak any English. I am so proud to say that through his determination and integrity of working hard he is making great progress in his phonics, reading and writing. Please keep up the hard work Arman.
<b>Glissando</b> Miss Griffiths Mrs Jones	<b>Wisdom</b>	George has had such a fantastic half term! He has been working so hard on his learning, he has been persevering and trying his best. He's become a much more independent learner and we are SO proud of him. Well done George!
<b>Note</b> Miss Noakes	<b>Trust</b>	Every single day I can trust that Juliette will do the right thing. Her behaviour in school is fantastic and she is a role model to others. Juliette is always kind to others and she is a wonderful member of our class.
<b>Maestoso</b> Mr Mander	<b>Friendship</b>	Maia has been chosen for the Christian value of Friendship. During our work on Trust, she worked fantastically with her partner and really trusted her. She is always kind, helpful and supportive to others and is a really good role model for friendship. Well done Maia!
<b>Pizzicato</b>	<b>Wisdom</b>	I have been really pleased with how diligently Rose has working in all lessons recently and I was especially pleased with how hard she has worked creating a poem in English.
<b>Allegro</b> Miss Axam	<b>Wisdom</b>	Leighton has impressed all the staff in the last couple of weeks with his brilliant focus on his work. He produced an outstanding piece of writing, showing great stamina and imagination. Keep up the brilliant work Leighton!
<b>Joyeux</b> Miss Jones	<b>Integrity</b>	Isabelly is an example of one of our pupils, who is always doing the right thing even when nobody is watching. She will always actively participate in lessons and shows such a positive attitude to her learning. After half term, she has returned back and got stuck straight in to our new units for learning. Well done Isabelly, it is a pleasure being your teacher!
<b>Heptatonic</b> Mrs McGoldrick Mr Skinner	<b>Wisdom</b>	Reuben continues to impress us with his attitude to Year 6 including his diligent hard work towards his SATs, his engagement and insightful answers every lesson, his attitude towards his friends and his willingness to give everything a go (like auditioning for Buggy Malone) What a great role model!
<b>Finale</b> Mrs Dickson Mrs Flanagan	<b>Integrity</b>	Recently, Mia has really impressed us with the amount of effort she has been putting into all subjects. She shows that she is 'ready, respectful and safe' and in turn has produced some beautiful pieces of work, especially in English! Keep up the great attitude to learning, Mia!

We have been asked to pass on information about this art project run by Save the Children...

## ARTWORKSHOP FOR KIDS



BIRDS OF GAZA IS A COMMUNITY ART PROJECT FOR CHILDREN TO  
CRAFT UNIQUE BIRDS IN MEMORY OF EACH CHILD KILLED IN  
GAZA

**Saturday 15th June**

**12am - 3pm**

Save The Children  
Upstairs at the Community Space  
9 Grosvenor Street  
Chester  
CHI 2DD

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS FREE DROP-IN  
FAMILY WORKSHOP

[www.birdsofgaza.com](http://www.birdsofgaza.com)  
@marylouiseevans



# Trust Day

On Tuesday this week we launched our Christian value for this half term, **Trust**.

We were thinking about Christian Trust, and what it means to have trust in God. Throughout the day we were reflecting on the Bible verse:-

## **Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart**

But trusting in God when life is difficult can be hard, really hard. We looked at the Calming of the Storm from the Bible and how Jesus asked his disciples why they hadn't had 'Faith' or 'Trust' in him. We discussed how this can be very difficult when we are going through challenging times. When we are worried, scared and anxious it's really difficult to let go and put our trust in someone else. The children had to try to do this throughout the day through a series of games and activities. One of the activities involved creating a crafted heart but allowing their friend to make their heart and trusting their friend to make it as they would like it made. They also had to show that they were 'trustworthy' and make sure that they did their best to create their friends heart as their friend would like it even if their friend had made a mistake with their heart.



In Worship we reflected on why we have to go through struggles in life. Keeping our trust in God's plan for us. Knowing that we should trust in our own abilities and qualities that God has made us so unique, there has never been anyone on the Earth, nor will there ever be anyone on the Earth, just like us, we are uniquely just as we are because God has a plan for each and every one of us. The Bible tells us to take our worries, wants and needs to God in prayer and if we ask "it shall be given". But God doesn't give us the finished product, if we ask for strength he doesn't wave a magic wand and we grow enormous biceps! We ask for strength and God gives us difficulties to make us stronger, we ask for Wisdom and God gives us problems to solve, we ask for courage and God gives us dangers to overcome. When we are going through these difficult times we are becoming what we need to be and developing the skills we are going to need to have for what we will be doing. We need to trust in God's plan for us all.

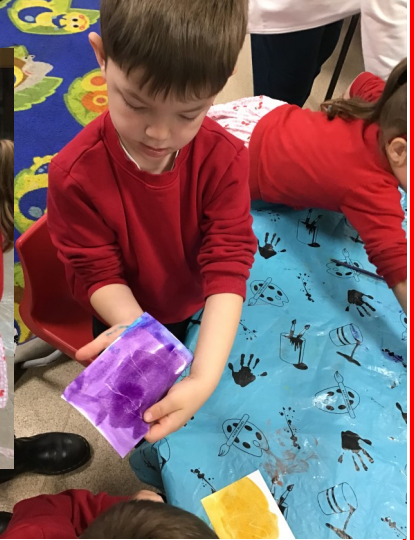
It's about trusting in God, putting faith in God's plan for us and that when times are hard and feeling very difficult we need to remember and know that God is with us and is holding us through those painful times.

## **Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart**

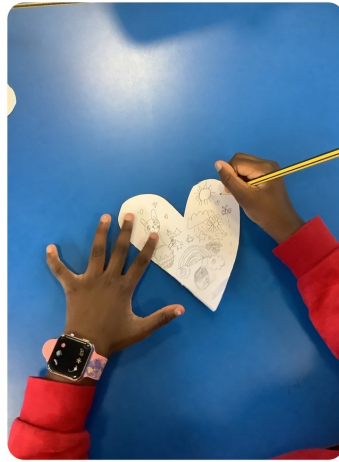
On the following pages are some of the photos connected to our values day work.

# Reception

Reception have been busy on our values day learning about trust. First we played a trust game where we had to pass a hula hoop around the circle without 'breaking the trust'. We created our own 'trust' obstacle course and guided our friends around, who had their eyes closed! Finally, we trusted our friends to make pictures for each other. We had to trust in the process whilst making our brusho hearts - first we used white crayon to draw a heart design on white paper,



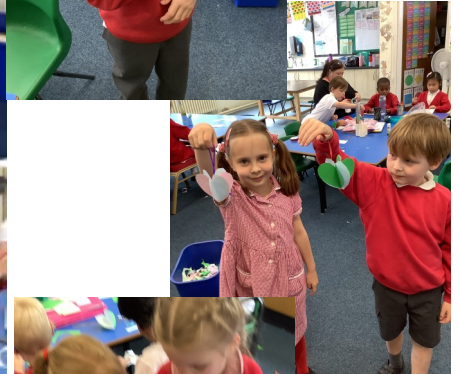
# Year 1



For Trust Day we thought about how trust is a belief in the strength or truth of a person or a thing. We thought about how trust is a skill that we can practice and learn from the people in our lives.

We can trust others when they are honest, caring and reliable. We can also trust ourselves when we do our best and follow our values. We put our trust in our friend to make a heart exactly the way we would like it.

# Year 2



To learn about the Christian value TRUST we made a heart for our friend based on the instructions they gave us. Can you trust your friend to make the heart exactly as you want it?

# Year 4



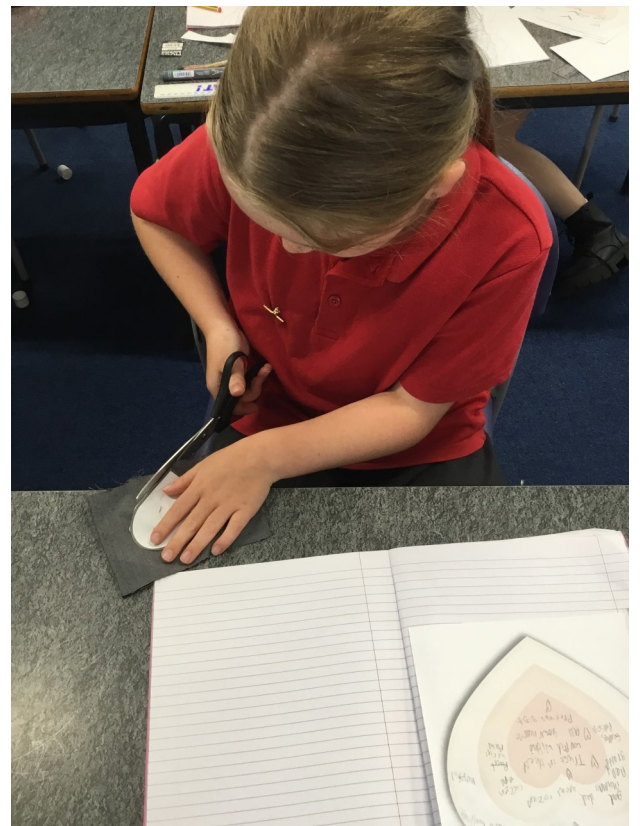
During Trust day, Children in Year 4 worked together and trusted each other to make each other's hearts for them. The children worked together fantastically and produced amazing hearts for each other.



We also played some trust games, guiding each other verbally around obstacles and through hoops while we closed our eyes. We trusted that our partners would guide us correctly and look after our safety. Everyone did a great job of guiding us around the obstacles and it was great fun.



# Year 5

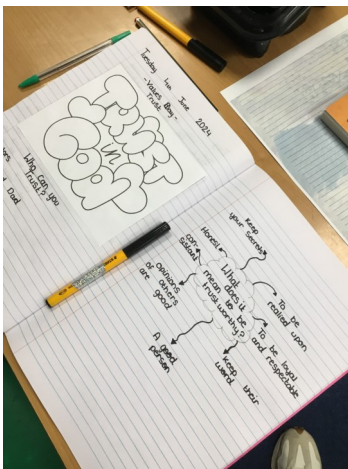


*Allegro class reflected on what it meant to be trustworthy then did some 'heart art'. We cut out fabric hearts and sewed them on to fabric. All the pieces will be pieced together by Miss Axam and hung in our reflection area.*

# Year 6



Trust Game...Do you trust your partner?



As part of our Values Day, Year 6 reflected on what it meant to them for someone to be trustworthy.

We then worked with a partner we trusted to create a piece of art based around trust.

