

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday continues the story of Jesus after his baptism. John the Baptist sees Jesus and tells the people that he is the Lamb of God. He also explains that he saw the Spirit come down on Jesus and remain with him. This was a sign that Jesus was the one sent by God.

The Spirit resting on Jesus shows that he is chosen for a special mission. He has come to bring people back to God. John was sent to prepare the way, but now his role is to point people to Jesus. He tells them that Jesus is greater than him because Jesus is the one who will save them.

John did not know who the Messiah would be at first. But God gave him a sign. The Spirit coming down on Jesus showed John that Jesus was the one. This moment confirmed everything John had been preaching.

This Sunday reminds believers that Jesus was chosen and sent by God. He is not just another teacher or prophet. He is the Son of God, filled with the Spirit, ready to lead people to salvation. It is a time to think about what it means to be called by God. Jesus was sent to bring salvation, and believers are also called to share his light. Reflecting on these readings can help deepen faith and strengthen the desire to follow Jesus.

### Theme of this weekend's Gospel:

In this week's Gospel, John the Baptist understands Jesus' true identity. With the help of the Holy Spirit we too can recognise Jesus as God and be witnesses for Him in the world.



### Going forth for this weekend's Gospel:



How can you be a witness for Jesus through your words and actions this week?

### This month's Virtue to Live By

Our Virtue to Live by:

## Respect and Courtesy

I am respectful.

I treat others as I would like to be treated.

I show courtesy to everyone as we are all made in God's image and likeness.

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." Matthew 7:12

**Prayer Intentions:** We pray for peace and stability across the world. We pray for countries to find diplomatic solutions that will bring harmony between nations.

**Collective Worship Newsletter:** Please find the newsletter for January by clicking on this link:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

## Picture News

**Story:** Recently, a new award, called the Jane Goodall Earth Medal, has been created to celebrate people who work to help others and care for the world.

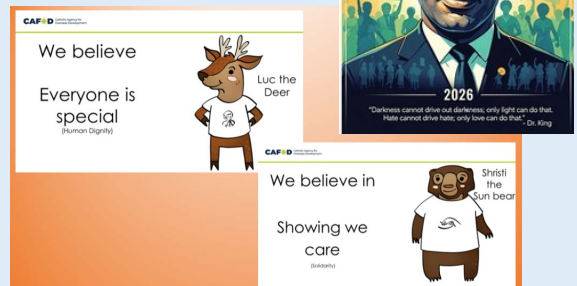
**Question:** Can awards encourage people to help others and care for the world?



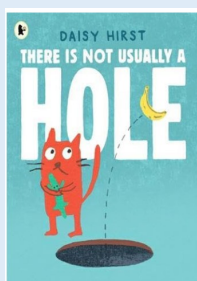
## Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic social teaching assembly this week will be about Martin Luther King day.

**Catholic Social Teaching Principles:**



## Book Recommendations



## Prayer of the Month

Our prayer for January is:

Morning offering

O Jesus,  
through the most pure heart of Mary,  
I offer you all my prayers,  
thoughts, works and sufferings of this day  
for all the intentions of your most Sacred heart.

**Word of the week:** Discipleship

# Information / Messages

**Parent workshop:** Mrs Reeves will be running a 30 minute parent workshop for **children in YR** on **Wednesday 21st January at 8:45am** to give information about how we teach phonics at St. Mary's and how you can support your child.

**Late Arrivals**—Please can we remind parents that the school gates open at **8:40am** and school starts at **8:45am**. Once the gates are closed, please bring children to the school office to be signed in and provide a reason for their lateness. If children arrive at the office without an adult, we will need to contact parents to obtain a reason for their lateness.

**Phones**—We have noticed that a number of children are leaving their phone on all day. Please remind your child that if they have permission to bring a phone to school, it should be switched off before they come into the school grounds, then placed in their class phone box. At the end of the day, phones should not be switched back on until they are out of the school gates.

**Dogs**—Please can we remind parents/carers that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds. This includes on the drive and in the carpark.

**Spare clothes**—Our spare clothes supply is getting very low in Y1 especially. If your child has been sent home in school spares, please could we ask that they are washed and returned as soon as possible. If anyone has any spare uniform at home (tights, pants, trousers, dresses, skirts, tops) that they no longer use, donations would be gratefully accepted.

**Steel City Dodgeball**—please see flyer attached with this newsletter for dodgeball sessions being offered at Stocksbridge High School.

**World Book Day**—Please be aware that we have moved the date for our school's World Book Day celebrations to **Wednesday 4th March**. More information about how we will be celebrating this year will be shared beforehand. World Book Day tokens have arrived in school and will be sent home this week.

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 19th January

8:45am Y4 parent workshop - Multiplication check

### Wednesday 21st January

8:45am—YR parent workshop—phonics

### Thursday 22nd January

3:15—4:30pm—Young Voices rehearsal

### Wednesday 28th January

PJ Day (FOSM)— moved to following week

9am—High School Musical visit to Ecclesfield High

6pm—~~Bedtime stories~~ moved to following week

### Friday 30th January

12pm—9pm—Young Voices at the Arena

### Monday 2nd February

2:45pm—Candlemas Service

### Tuesday 3rd February

Y5/6 Handball competition

### Wednesday 4th February

PJ Day—FOSM

8:45am—9:15am—Reading Morning

Team Event

6pm-6:30pm—Bedtime stories

### Saturday 7th February

9:30am—Cross country at Norfolk Park

### Monday 9th February

Beginning of Children's Mental health week

Start of Y5 swimming

### Thursday 12th February

Y6 weights and measures

2pm—Y6 bridges parent workshop

### Friday 13th February

Break for half term

### Good Work—handwriting and presentation

Anya B, Emilia A, Alice W, Edward W, Leo R, Chidindu A

### Stars of the week

Jacob M, Camille W, Arthur T, Alexandra C, Jacob A, Lilia G

### Hot Chocolate

Ruby T, Mila A, Rosie GS

### School Council Star

Emilia P

### Mini Vinnie Award

Zayn M

### Acts of Kindness

Jacob A, Sienna C, Abel F, Joseph B, Sophia P, Eliza S, Richard B, Chidindu A, Sofia S

### Reading Awards

**Lexia**—Joseph H

**50,000** - Bethany H, Arthur T; **100,000**—Teddy T;

**250,000** - Phoebe P;

**Reading for Pleasure**—Joseph E

### Maths Awards

**Numbots**— Billie B, Elsie T, Teddy CM, Alexander I, Emilia P, Reggie U, Halle B, Emilia A, Bernie B, Olivia B, Olivia B, Isla R

**TT Rockstars—Improved speed:** Penelope CS, Rocky G, Jack C, Freddie J, Molly M, Annie BB, Finley C

**Breakthrough Artist**—Merryn; **Headliner**—Reggie; **Rocks star**—Samuel RH;

**Rocks legend**—James S & Jack C & **Rock Hero**—Jax

### Vocab Ninja