

Live Simply



St George and St Martin

Global actions



Collegiate fundraising for Caritas

As a Collegiate, we raised over £2000 for Caritas. The children across the Collegiate then voted for the area of Caritas that they wanted the fundraising to go to. The options were:

- Pakistan flood appeal;
- Ukraine;
- Tonga tsunami.

The children across the Collegiate decided on Pakistan flood appeal and Ukraine.

We held a non-uniform day and asked for a minimum donation of £1 per child and we raised £210.

Catholic Social Teaching links:
Dignity of the human person,
The Worker, Rights and
Responsibilities, Promotion of
Peace

Thank you, your donation is complete

Dear Thomas,

Thank you so much for supporting Caritas' work in Pakistan.

Thanks to your support, we will be able to provide flood-affected families with food, shelter, drinkable water, and medicine.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for more information at donations@caritas.va, and feel free to share your support for the work of Caritas among friends, parishes, groups, and your loved ones.

Thank you

Thank you, your donation for Ukrainian refugee crisis is complete

Dear Thomas,

Thank you for supporting Caritas' life-saving work in helping people who are fleeing the war in Ukraine.

Caritas organisations in Ukraine's neighbouring countries are helping hundreds of thousands of people fleeing the war.

In Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Moldova, Romania as well as Bulgaria, refugees are welcomed and given food, shelter and assistance.

Caritas staff and volunteers throughout eastern Europe are working tirelessly to go out and meet thousands of refugees fleeing Ukraine, providing them with food, medicine and temporary accommodation in spite of a highly volatile and dangerous situation.

Please consider to regularly support Caritas, so we can plan programs on a long term basis for improving lives definitely. For proceeding please contact donations@caritas.va or select the monthly giving option in our webpage.

Please do not hesitate to share your generous support to the work of Caritas among friends, parishes, groups and your loved ones.

Thank you.

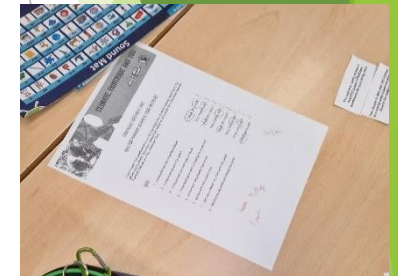
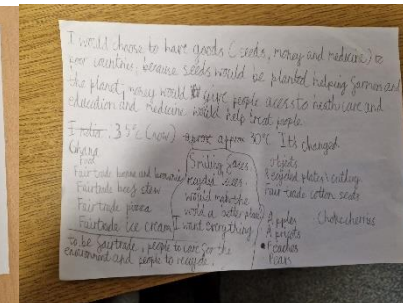
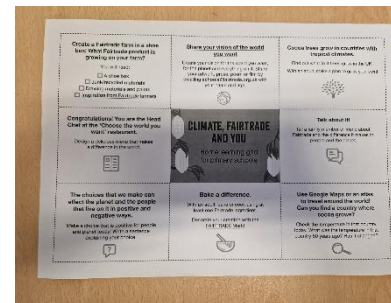
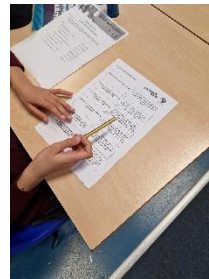
Sincerely,

Aloysius John
Secretary General

Take part in Fair Trade Fortnight



From 27th February 2023, for 2 weeks, the children took part in Fair Trade Fortnight. The children took part in a whole school assembly and lessons in their classes as part of their RHE lessons.



To reduce the amount of clothing in landfill, we collect old school uniform and provide a 'sale' for families during the Summer holidays ready for the new year. This reduces the toxic gases that cause climate change and impact our world.

This is a sample of some of the work completed by the children. One task involved the children completing tasks at home and sharing what they know about Fair Trade.

Catholic Social Teaching links: Rights and Responsibilities, The Worker, Dignity of the Human Person, Caring for God's Creation

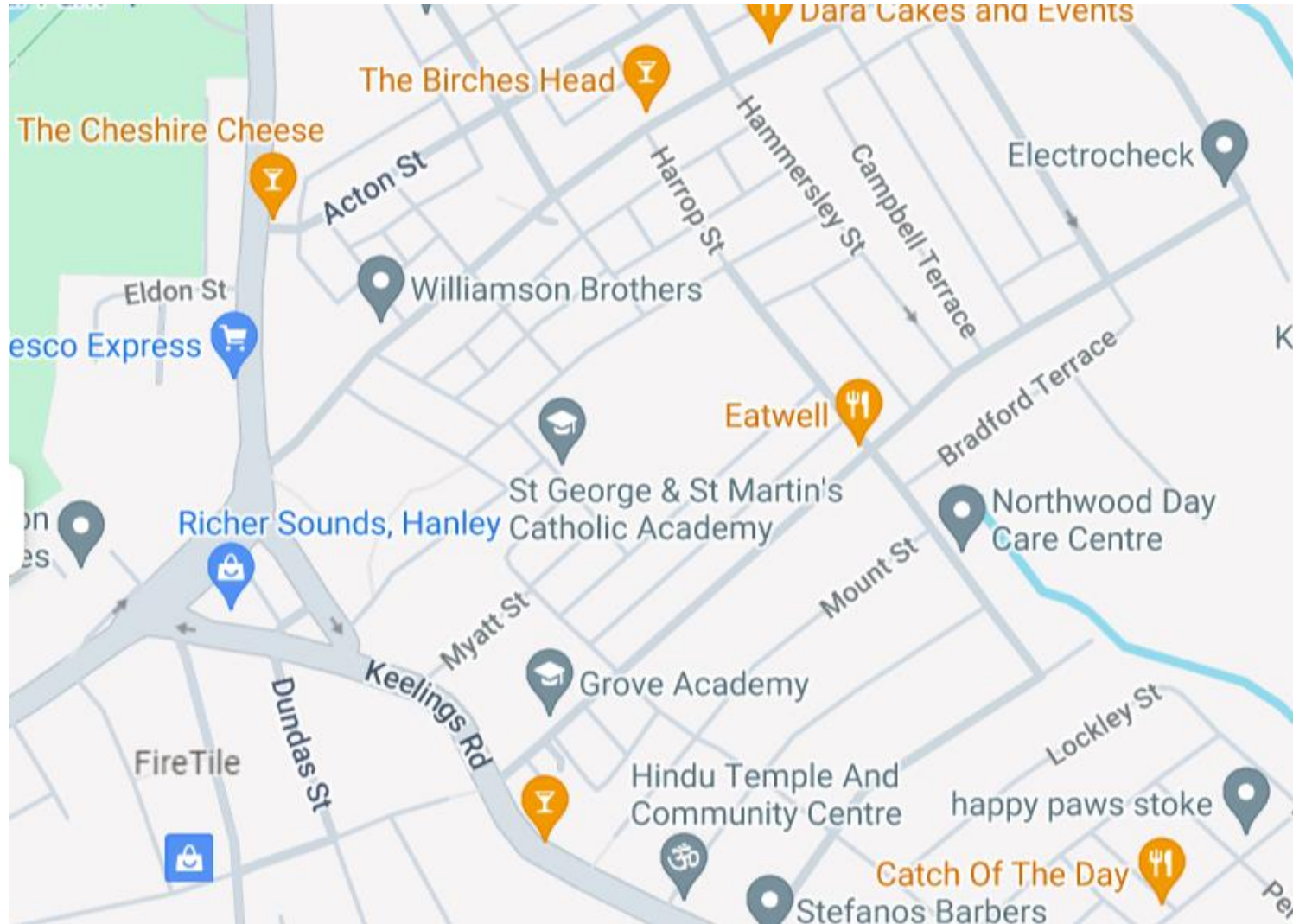
Celebrate International Day of Peace



On 21st September 2023, we celebrated International Day of Peace. As part of this, all children took part in prayer and liturgy to pray for peace in our world.

Catholic Social Teaching links:
Promotion of Peace, Dignity of the Human Person

Local actions



Form an Eco Club



Catholic Social Teaching links:
Caring for God's Creation

We have formed a successful Eco Club. This is now in its second year and currently has 14 members.

During the 2022-23 academic year, the Eco Club were responsible for:

- Developed the school grounds by adding plants to encourage insects and brighten up our immediate area.
- Have litter picked in the local area.
- Took part in Planet League and encouraged the rest of the school to take part through assemblies and competition. Planet League was an initiative led by the football teams across the country. Children chose their favourite team and as they completed activities they 'scored goals'. The more goals they scored, they moved up the Planet League and their chosen team moved up the Planet League.
- Sent out Laudato'Si postcards to all families to make a pledge.
- Worked with Stoke City Community Trust to make bird feeders and bird houses.
- Worked with a local scientist to set up a pond area on our school grounds to encourage further wildlife.

Links with Northwood Day Care Centre



We have excellent links with our local Day Care Centre. Each class visits the members once every term. The children also send cards, letters and presents. Our Northwood Day Care friends also come to visit us at Christmas to share in our Christmas concerts. Our children love visiting our friends at Northwood Day Care Centre and our friends at Northwood Day Care Centre love seeing our children.

Catholic Social Teaching links:
Rights and Responsibilities,
Family and Community, Dignity
of Human Person

Links with Food Bank



For many years, we have held collections for our local food bank. We collected food for the Food Bank as part of our Harvest Service. In order to support the Food Bank all year round, we now have a permanent collection point and have also organised one for our church.

Catholic Social Teaching links:
Dignity of the human person



School actions

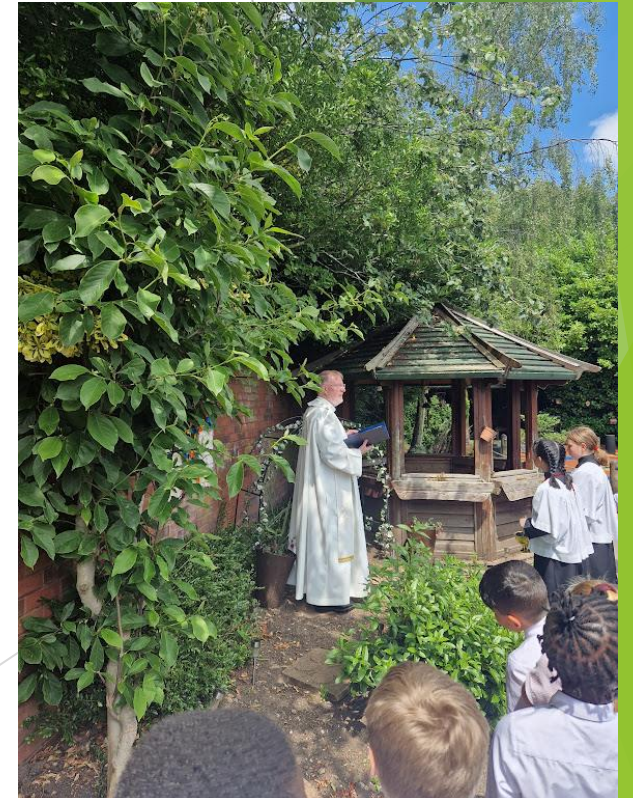


Develop a Prayer Garden



Our Eco Club decided to utilise this space and wanted to make a prayer garden that the whole school community could use. Father Adrian blessed our prayer garden on St Peter and St Paul's feast day. Our children view this as a special area and a place that they can come to pray. As part of our Inspire days, families are also able to use the prayer garden.

Catholic Social Teaching links:
Family and community



Form a Mini Vinnies Group



Our Mini Vinnies group was formed in November 2022 following a visit from Gill Hodgkinson who led an assembly. The Mini Vinnies group worked to raise money to buy gifts for our friends from Northwood Day Care Centre and elderly parishioners. They were on the playground each day for a week collecting any donations from families. These gifts were given out following our Christmas concert.

Catholic Social Teaching links:
Family and Community, Rights and Responsibilities, Dignity of the Human Person



Since September 2023, our Mini Vinnies have been involved in raising money for Dougie Mac, and encouraging Food Bank donations.

Photography Competition



In the Springtime, we launched a competition for children to photograph examples of 'God's Wonderful World'. We had a range of photographs and the below winners were announced after being judged by staff, governors and Fr Adrian.

Catholic Social Teaching links:
Caring for God's creation, Rights and Responsibilities

Live Simply - Prayer Garden

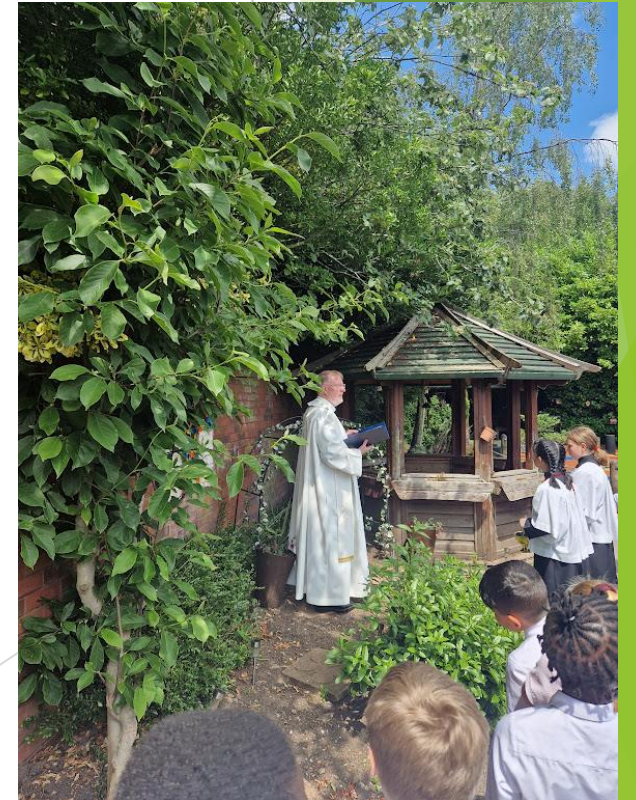


Children have used the prayer garden in their classes during prayer and liturgy.

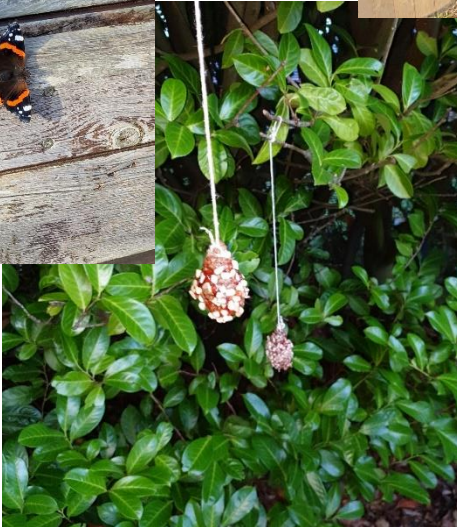
They spent time during the month of October - Mary's special month. This year we have launched Inspire days, so that during the year each year group has a morning session where families are able to come and spend time learning about a particular RE focus and then take part in prayer and liturgy. These sessions are aimed at supporting families in understanding different aspects of our RE curriculum and also support families in how to pray.



*One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."
Luke 11:1 - 4*



Live Sustainably - Eco Club



So far in 2023-24, our Eco Club have:

- Replanted and added to the planters done last year.
- Researched animals that live in our local area.
- Set up bird feeders, including window ones.
- Started research on science project - what impact will plants have on our school?
- Applied for Ruby Robin award as part of songbird survival.

*And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good
Genesis 1:31*

We took part in God's Planet and became Planet Heroes



Live in Solidarity - Links with Food Bank



Each year, as part of our Harvest Service, we collect items for our local Food Bank.

Prior to this, we have a volunteer from the local Food Bank to deliver an assembly to the children explaining what the Food Bank is and what they do.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl took part in a visit to the Food Bank to see what happens to the food we donate. They also helped to sort the food. Our permanent collection point has donations all year round and is emptied periodically,

Love one another as I have loved you
John 13:34