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Dear Parents,

What a fantastic first half term we have had at St Charles! It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the half-term break. The past few weeks have been incredibly busy, but also hugely successful, and I am so proud of everything our children have achieved. This academic year so far has been particularly successful due to all the children's strong attendance – we are actually one of our Trust's highest performing schools for attendance. Well done everyone, let's keep this up next half term.

It has been wonderful to see the children settle so well into their new classes, embrace new learning opportunities and demonstrate our St Charles values in all that they do. Our school has been filled with enthusiasm, positivity and a real sense of belonging to the St Charles family.



This week alone has been a particularly exciting one!

- Our Year 6 children have taken part in Bikeability Week, developing their cycling skills, road safety awareness and confidence when riding their bikes.
- Classes 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed their 'Places of Peace' faith trip, which provided a wonderful opportunity to explore different places of worship, deepen their understanding of other faiths and reflect on the importance of respect, tolerance and celebrating our differences. Experiences such as these are so valuable in helping our children grow into thoughtful, respectful and compassionate young people.
- We also brightened up the school with our CAFOD Bright Colours Fundraising Day! It was fantastic to see so many children arriving in their colourful outfits, all coming together to support such a worthwhile cause. As a Catholic school, putting our faith into action and helping those less fortunate than ourselves is at the heart of everything we do. Thank you to all our families for your generosity and continued support.

A message from Father Andrew ...

Please see details of a course that maybe of interest to you.

1. **PARENTING COURSE** – a new, free online course run by the parish for families or expectant families. Our next session is **Weds 21st Oct, 8 to 9pm**. Topics covered down the line are 2) Making time for your children, 3) Meals and celebrations in the family, 4) Living your faith as a family, 5) Praying as a family, 6) Dealing with difficulties in family life, 7) Moral values and family life, 8) Smartphones, screentime and social media, 9) Education, school, and special needs. **To receive the link to join via Teams you need to email: rita.hicklinPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk.**

As we reach the end of this first half term, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful staff for their continued hard work, dedication and commitment to providing the very best experiences for our children. Thank you also to our parents and carers for your ongoing support and partnership with school.

Most importantly, well done to our fantastic children, who make St Charles such a special place to be every single day.



Wishing all our St Charles families a happy, peaceful and restful half term!

Mrs Knight
Head Teacher
Friday 16th October 2026

