

All Hallows

Catholic High School

Newsletter

2nd May 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We were all deeply saddened and somewhat surprised to hear of the passing of Pope Francis on Easter Monday. I'm sure you will agree that he leaves behind a significant and inspiring legacy for people of all backgrounds to carry forward into the future. On Tuesday, we held a beautiful and well-attended voluntary Mass at school to give thanks for his life and service. We now look ahead with anticipation to the selection of a new Pope in the coming days.

I hope you all enjoyed a joyful Easter and a restful holiday. Many of us from All Hallows had the wonderful opportunity to travel across the Atlantic and enjoy an unforgettable visit to the West Coast of the USA. We experienced some truly amazing sights, and the pupils had a fantastic time – an experience that will surely remain one of the highlights of their time at school.

Last week, many of our young people attended a preparation Mass ahead of their Confirmation, which will take place in the coming week. Our community stands with each of them as they affirm their commitment to their faith. May God bless them, and we hold them in our prayers as they receive this important sacrament.

Yours faithfully,

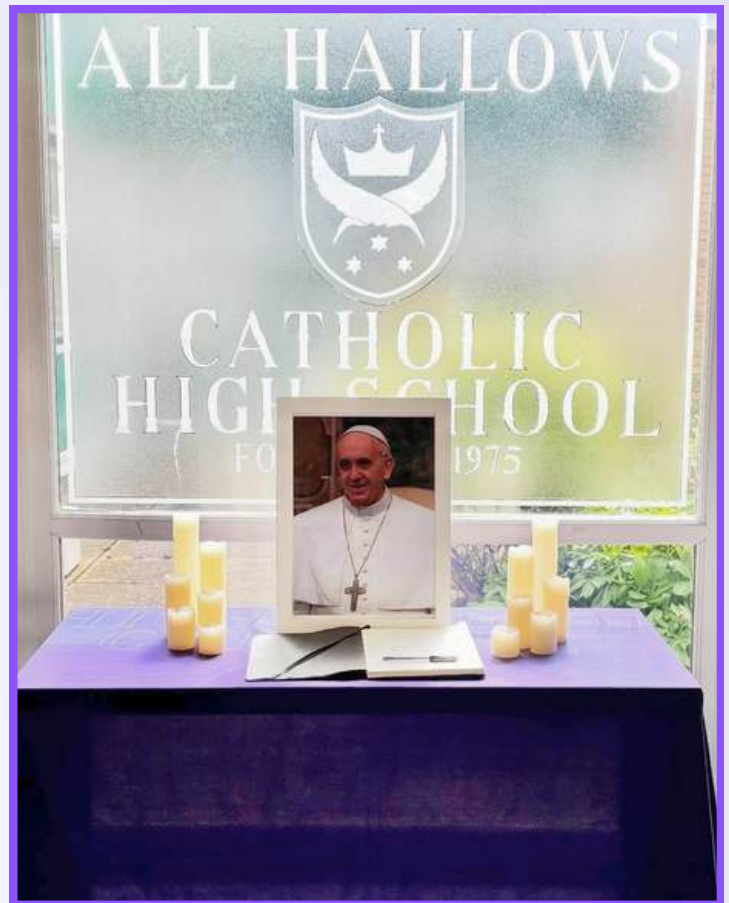
Alison Cooper

Headteacher



Staff Vacancies

We are seeking dedicated and passionate individuals to join our team. Please click on the link below to view our current vacancies.
<https://www.allhallows.lancs.sch.uk/school/information/vacancies/>



Remembering Pope Francis

The school community has been praying for the eternal rest of Pope Francis this week, as well as celebrating his life. In the school foyer, a book of condolence has been set up to give pupils and staff the chance to record their memories of the Pope and pay their respects to a life lived promoting love, compassion, reconciliation, peace and justice. Each year group also had an assembly focused on the life and achievements of Pope Francis, including prayer and reflection.

Special mention goes to 7 John who have made memorial cards to commemorate Pope Francis' life.

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Mass for Pope Francis

All Hallows marked the passing and burial of Pope Francis on Tuesday with a lunchtime Mass. Fr Ian came into to say Mass and celebrate the life of Pope Francis as a Pope of the People.

Over 150 pupils and staff attended, with a number of pupils involved in reading, saying the bidding prayers and ministering Communion. Mrs Colclough, along with the choir and musicians played hymns which linked to the theme of Pope Francis' time as Pope.

Pope Francis was a special Pope and will be remembered fondly by the All Hallows community as a person who stood for the Gospel values and Catholic social teachings which provide the foundation of the school.



Confirmation Enrolment Mass

On Sunday 27th April, over 50 Y8 pupils and their families attended a special Confirmation Mass at St Teresa's RC Church, Penwortham. It marked the start of the Confirmation period which will culminate in pupils receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation during services at Leyland St. Mary's on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th May.

Priests from our family of parishes celebrated the Mass which prepared pupils for receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith as Catholics. Pupils were involved in reading the scripture of the Mass, sharing the prayers of the faithful for their community and bringing forward the gifts in the offertory.

As part of the Mass, a personal testimony from ex-pupil Noah C was given to each family, explaining the reason he confirmed his Catholic faith journey and what a positive effect it had on his personal relationship with God. Fr Ian also gave a Novena to the Holy Spirit prayer card to be prayed each day by the Confirmation candidates and their families.

It proved to be a fantastic celebration of parish, school and family in their guidance of pupils in confirming their faith. Please keep the Confirmation candidates and their families in your prayers over the next week as they prepare for the Sacrament.



Life as a Saint Award – Spring Term

Pupils are encouraged to live out the school's mission and collect rewards through our four strands of Curriculum, Chaplaincy, Community and Extra-curricular, as well as the three tiers of Participant, Leadership or Ambassador level.

The following pupils have received the highest number of reward points during the Spring term and have been rewarded with a £10 Amazon voucher. Well done everyone!

	Bernadette	Catherine	Francis	John	Margaret	Vincent
Year 7	Corin D	Betty B	Faye R	Joseph D	Liesel D	Sophie G
Year 8	Lucy A	Matthew H	George Y	Keira Mc	Sam C	Olivia P
Year 9	Matthew C	Sophia R	Atalabi O	Israel B	Freddie B	Oliver B
Year 10	Edward C	Amy B	John D	Shivam S	Ruby L	Renae R
Year 11	Rebecca F	Joseph M	Lilly W	Lauren C	Ella M	Rebeca F



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WEST COAST USA TRIP



Over the Easter holidays, a group of 97 All Hallows pupils went on an unforgettable tour of the West Coast of the United States. Flying from London Heathrow to San Francisco, the trip offered an incredible blend of cultural, geographical and historical experiences across some of America's most iconic locations.

The journey began with two days exploring the city of San Francisco. Pupils had the chance to visit Alcatraz Island, walk across and photograph the Golden Gate Bridge, ride the city's famous historic trams, and take in views from Twin Peaks. The group also spent time discovering the city's rich history and unique neighbourhoods.

From there, the group boarded a coach to travel through the incredible landscape of Death Valley, stopping at natural landmarks including Zabriskie Point, and Badwater Basin – the lowest point in the United States.

The next stop was Las Vegas, where the pupils visited the Hoover Dam, soaked up the atmosphere on Fremont Street, and spent two nights exploring the world-famous Las Vegas Strip, including some of the city's most iconic casinos and resorts, such as The Venetian, The Bellagio, MGM Grand, and New York-New York.

A highlight of the trip for many was the visit to the breathtaking Grand Canyon, where students enjoyed a light aircraft flight over the vast natural wonder, followed by a walk along the rim. We then had a chance to pause and appreciate the sheer scale and beauty of the natural world.



Travelling along the historic Route 66, the group made their way to Los Angeles, where they visited Universal Studios, Griffith Observatory, the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Rodeo Drive, and the city's Catholic Cathedral – a peaceful and reflective end to the journey.

Throughout the trip, the pupils were an absolute credit to the school – exceptionally well-behaved, engaged and enthusiastic at every stage. Their positive attitude and sense of curiosity helped make the experience truly special for everyone involved. We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the 11 staff members who gave up their Easter holidays to accompany the trip and ensure its success. Without their time, energy and care, such an extraordinary experience would not have been possible. It was a trip filled with learning, laughter, and memories that will last a lifetime.





Congratulations to Our Marathon Runners!

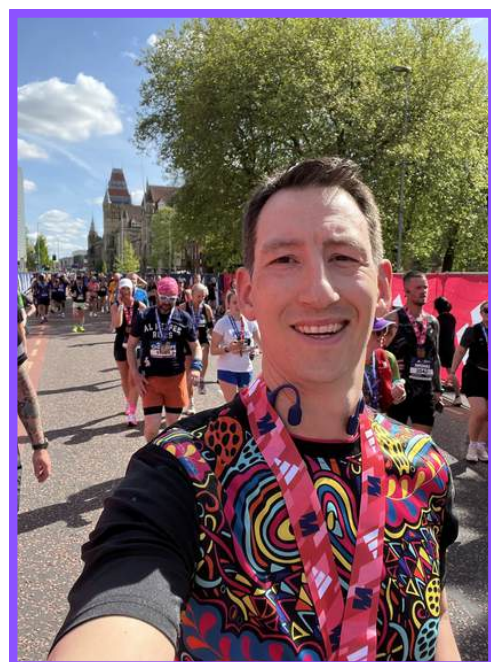
We would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to four of our dedicated staff members who ran the Manchester Marathon last Sunday. Special recognition goes to Mrs. Salisbury, who ran alongside her friend Nicki, who is celebrating 20 years since her successful liver transplant this year. Mrs. Salisbury shared that she ran in gratitude to Nicki's donor and the transplant team for their life-saving work.

Mrs. Salisbury also ran in memory of her sister-in-law, Michelle, who sadly passed away in 2017 while on the transplant register. Michelle had a successful liver transplant in 1997, which enabled her to have two children, Matthew and Molly C, both of whom attended All Hallows. Michelle desperately needed a second transplant, but time sadly ran out.

Together, Mrs. Salisbury and Nicki ran to raise awareness of the critical importance of organ donation and to thank those who gave the gift of life to both Nicki and Michelle.

If you would like to support this cause, here is the link to the JustGiving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/nicki-detko-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=015



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Year 7 Girls Football

Congratulations to our incredible Year 7 football superstars! Their hard work truly shone through tonight as they claimed an impressive 3-1 victory in the South Ribble District Cup semi-final. The determination and teamwork displayed by every player were nothing short of inspiring!

A special shout-out to Missy and Issy, who were awarded Player of the Match for their outstanding performances. However, the Crown Player of the Match goes to the entire team, who delivered the best team performance I've ever witnessed!

With some phenomenal saves, brilliant goals, solid defence, and exceptional attacking play—especially down the wings—the girls showcased their skills and heart on the field. Their efforts have paved the way to the final, and we couldn't be prouder!

Well done, girls! Let's keep this momentum going as we head into the final!



Nichola J Clinches Victory at the 70th Anniversary of the Three Peaks Fell Race

The Three Peaks Fell Race celebrated its 70th anniversary on the 26th of April. Starting from Horton-in-Ribblesdale, more than 600 individual runners completed the challenging 24-mile course with 5,300 feet of climbing. It was a day of humidity in the valleys and a chilling wind on the tops.

Nichola J, a pupil from 2003-2009, won the women's race. Nichola, who is the reigning English Fell Running champion, led until the climb up Whernside when she was overtaken by two ladies. Nichola then pushed on the downhill to the checkpoint at Hill Inn and regained the lead.

However, the top positions changed again on the ascent to Ingleborough, the final peak, with Nichola having a three-minute deficit at the summit. Not to be denied her first win in the famous race after finishing second twice, Nichola summoned immense reserves—and no little speed—on the long descent back to Horton to cross the line victorious in 3 hours, 45 minutes, and 55 seconds, winning by a margin of 1:29.

Cora S North West Hockey Finals

Congratulations to Cora S in Year 7, who plays for Preston Hockey Club, for her outstanding performance as goalkeeper in the recent competition! Cora demonstrated incredible skill and composure throughout the tournament, particularly when she made an unbelievable save in the semi-final that left spectators in awe. Her quick reflexes and calmness under pressure were instrumental in helping her team advance further in the competition. The team finished an impressive 3rd overall in the North West—a fantastic achievement that reflects the hard work and dedication of all the players. Cora's contribution as goalkeeper was vital to their success, and her determination and talent truly shone through on the day.

We are very proud of Cora's accomplishments and her commitment to excellence in sport. Well done, Cora—your dedication, skill, and positive attitude are an inspiration to us all!



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Girls Tennis

Congratulations to the girls' tennis team on their debut fixture at Stonyhurst College in the LTA Aberdare Cup this Wednesday. The girls played exceptionally well, showcasing their skills, sportsmanship, and determination throughout the match. Although they faced some outstanding opponents—many of whom are on tennis scholarships at the College—they demonstrated resilience and a positive attitude, representing our school with pride.

It was a truly memorable experience for the team, offering valuable exposure to high-level competition and the opportunity to develop their game further. The day was also notably hot, adding an extra challenge that the girls handled admirably with energy and enthusiasm.

A big well done to all the girls for their efforts and for embracing this exciting opportunity. We are incredibly proud of your performance and look forward to seeing your continued progress on the court!



PENWORTHAM TENNIS CLUB

Junior Play, Coaching and Team Tennis

Come and join our Junior Coaching programme, with beginner/improver, and performance sessions running throughout Spring/Summer/Autumn.		Junior Team tennis through Summer and Autumn, playing both Singles and Doubles.
Junior and Adult 1-to-1 coaching available with our 2 Club Coaches.		Courts available for play all year round, just book and play as part of your membership (inc. Rackets, Balls, and Floodlights as required)
Junior membership is only £60 for a full year (£5 per month!) or only £35 if joining with an Adult (Adult 'hit with kids' membership £60, or full membership from £110)		So come along and join the growing Junior & Family Tennis scene at Penwortham Tennis Club!

Contact Sue/Phil Kito (mob. 07415 905499, tel. 01772 622564, email phil.kito@btopenworld.com) or drop by the Club Friday afternoon from 16:30 to chat to us and take a look at what's going on!

clubspark.lta.org.uk/PenworthamLawnTennisClub

Search 'Penwortham Tennis'

Boys Tennis

Congratulations to everyone involved in the boys' tennis match against Manchester Grammar School! It was a fantastic evening filled with exciting and closely contested matches for our under 13 players. The level of skill and determination on display was impressive, and the match kept everyone on the edge of their seats. The score was tied at 3-3 before All Hallows narrowly lost 10-6 in the shootout, showcasing the competitiveness and spirit of the team.

A special shout-out goes to Joseph D and Theo D for their outstanding performances—they truly shone on the court and were very deserving of the players of the night award! We also want to extend our gratitude to Penwortham Lawn Tennis Club for hosting us and providing such a wonderful venue, which contributed greatly to the success of the event.

If you're interested in getting involved in tennis or want to improve your skills, please see the flyer above for more information about upcoming sessions and opportunities.

Once again, well done to all the players for your effort, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm—what a fantastic start to the season! We look forward to seeing even more great matches and progress in the future.

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"Rising Star: Stephanie B's Journey from Student to Apprentice Jockey"

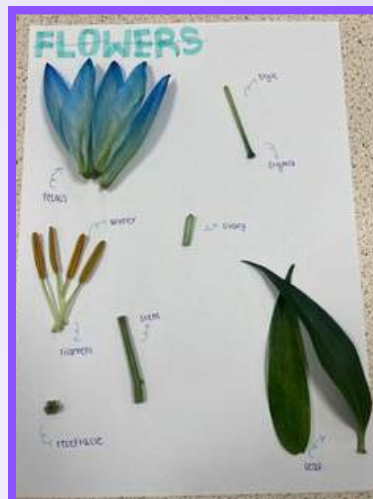
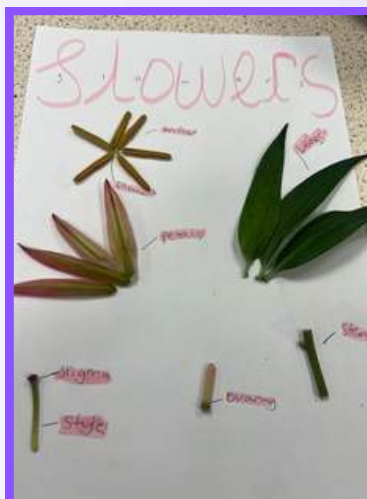
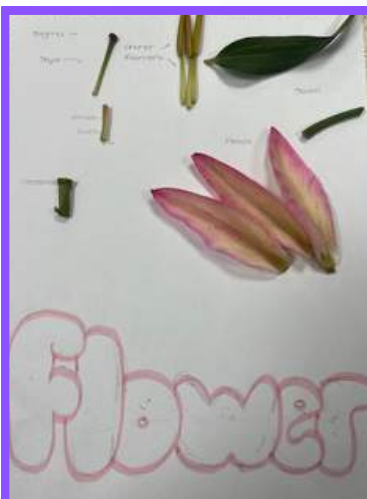
Congratulations to former pupil Stephanie B, who has recently graduated from the British Racing School in Newmarket! Stephanie is now embarking on an exciting and prestigious 18-month apprenticeship with Ralph Beckett at Kimpton Down Stables in Andover. As part of her apprenticeship, Stephanie has the incredible privilege of riding racehorses, providing detailed feedback and progress updates to their owners, and accompanying horses to racecourses where she assists with their warm-ups. This hands-on experience not only deepens her understanding of the sport but also allows her to develop valuable skills that will serve her well in the racing industry. Looking ahead, Stephanie hopes to fulfill her dream of racing the horses herself, showcasing her talent and dedication in competitions.

We are incredibly proud of Stephanie's achievements and the remarkable courage and determination she has demonstrated by moving across the country in pursuit of her dreams at such a young age. Her journey is a true testament to hard work and passion, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for her. Well done, Stephanie!



Year 9 Science

In science, Year 9 students had the exciting opportunity to explore the intricate structure of flowering plants through a hands-on dissection activity led by Miss Shirley. This engaging practical experience allowed students to observe first hand the various parts of a flower, such as the petals, stamens, pistils, and the ovary, helping them better understand the complex anatomy of flowering plants. By actively dissecting and examining these structures, students gained a deeper insight into essential biological concepts, including plant reproduction, pollination, and fertilization. This interactive approach not only reinforced theoretical knowledge from their curriculum but also fostered curiosity and critical thinking skills. Overall, the activity provided a memorable and educational experience that brought the science of plant biology to life.



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Exciting News: All Hallows School Set to Celebrate 50 Years!

As we approach the next academic year, All Hallows School is thrilled to announce that we will be celebrating our 50th anniversary! This milestone is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the incredible journey we've had over the last five decades, filled with academic achievements, personal growth, and unforgettable memories within our community.

We are planning an exciting line-up of events and activities to honour this significant occasion, and we want you to be a part of the celebrations! Whether you're a current student, a parent, an alumnus, or a member of the local community, your involvement will make this anniversary truly special.

To stay informed about all the festivities and learn how you can participate, please follow us on our social media platforms:

- . **Instagram:** [allhallowsis50](#)
- . **Twitter:** [AllHallowsis50](#)
- . **Facebook:** [AllHallowsis50](#)

As we prepare for this momentous year ahead, we look forward to honouring our past while creating new memories for the future. Together, let's make the 50th anniversary of All Hallows School a truly remarkable celebration!

Year 7 Cliff's Farm Final Reminder

If you have not yet provided online consent for the upcoming trip to Cliff's Farm in June, please do so as soon as possible. Additionally, a separate risk acceptance form must be completed and returned to the Geography Department in order for your child to select their preferred activity. Please note that places for some activities are limited and cannot be guaranteed.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter!

Year 8 Liverpool Field Trip

We would like to inform you that Year 8 students will be participating in a scheduled field trip to Liverpool on the 20th and 21st of May.

To facilitate this, please complete the required payment and consent forms through the link provided via ParentPay at your earliest convenience.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McDonnell.

School Attendance

We are delighted to share some wonderful news—our school has achieved an impressive 97% attendance rate this week! This isn't just a statistic; it's a testament to the dedication, effort, and teamwork demonstrated by our students, staff, and families every day.

This milestone reflects the positive and welcoming environment we've fostered together—one where students feel supported, engaged, and motivated to be in school. From dynamic lessons to strong communication with families, everyone's commitment plays a vital role in creating this success.

Let's take a moment to celebrate this achievement and thank everyone for their part in reaching this milestone. High attendance is closely linked to student achievement, and your ongoing efforts are helping to set our students up for continued success, growth, and confidence in their learning journey.

Well done to all!

Reminder: Download the Synergy App for Easy Access to School Updates!

We kindly remind you to download the Synergy App if you haven't already. By using the app, you'll receive all important messages directly, ensuring you never miss an update. The app also gives you easy access to:

- . Historical messages
- . Assessment reports
- . Behaviour statistics

Download the app today to stay connected and informed with everything happening at school!

If you need any assistance with the download or setup, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Uniform Pop-Up Shop

This year, students at All Hallows, alongside Faith in Action, have decided to launch the Uniform Pop-Up Shop. This initiative will provide an opportunity for old uniforms to find a new home as part of our recycling efforts. This project contributes towards the Live Simply Award here at school, and we hope that through this, we can gain a greater understanding of our impact on the environment.

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