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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

### **St Carlo Acutis – 1991-2006 – God's Influencer**



"To always be close to Jesus, that's my life plan." St Carlo Acutis

This week we have been celebrating the exciting event of the Canonisation of St Carlo Acutis, which took place at the Vatican, in Rome last weekend. In doing so we have been finding about his life, his background and what made him such a special and unique person. When praying to and learning about saints we often think of those who lived a long-time ago and are captured and brought to life through stained glass windows, statues and dressed in clothes from a time that we are unable to relate to.

St Carlo Acutis is different. He is the first Catholic Saint of this millennium. Carlo was born in 1991. An English-born Italian Catholic. Carlo was born in London but grew up in Milan. He was known for his devotion to the Eucharist, his devotion to Mary and the Rosary and his use of gaming and social media to promote Catholic devotion and share his faith. He also loved football, computers and had many friends.

Some of the many attributes that demonstrated Carlo's devotion and faith from such a young age are; his ability with computers and the use of this to make an exhibition about the evidence of Eucharistic miracles. This was put together by Carlo as evidence of the power of the Eucharist and the presence of

Jesus in our lives when we receive Holy Communion. This exhibition has been seen in thousands of parishes across the world.

Carlo always stood up for the vulnerable from a very young age. He was a friend to anyone he saw being bullied and had love and concern for the poor and homeless. Carlo would approach and chat to

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the homeless on the street and regularly handed-out dishes of food in tupperware boxes to them, on the streets where he lived.

Aged just 15 Carlo became ill with leukaemia. When the doctors treating Carlo asked him if he was in pain he said, "There are people who suffer much more than me".

Carlo told his parents, 'I'm happy to die because I've lived my life without wasting even a minute of it doing things that wouldn't have pleased God.'

Following his death, the streets of Milan were overflowing with people who wanted to pay their respects. In the following years at least two formally recognised miracles have been attributed to Carlo's intercession. Carlo was beatified in 2020 and hundreds of thousands of pilgrims have visited his tomb in Assisi, Italy. Last Sunday, Carlo was canonised by Pope Leo XIV in Rome and is now officially St Carlo Acutis.

During this Jubilee Year, as we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope, may we take inspiration and example from this truly modern saint.

### **Good Luck Mrs McHugh**

Today we say goodbye to Mrs McHugh, as she prepares to begin her maternity leave. We send Mrs McHugh our love and best wishes as she begins her time away from school and look forward to sharing exciting news with our school community over the coming weeks.



### **After School Clubs**

Following correspondence earlier this week, a reminder that our after school clubs begin from Monday for Years 1 to Year 6. Please log-on to our school app, School Gateway, to see limited availability for some clubs.



### **Emmaus CAT INSET Day**

Yesterday, we were informed by Daniel Copley CSEL/CEO of Emmaus Trust, of a CAT-wide INSET day that will be taking place later this academic year. This is for all staff across the Emmaus Trust including our school and will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026. This will result in our school being closed on this day. A letter from the trust will be shared with you next week.



### **School Messages and Communication**

A reminder from last year that we are moving towards sending all our messages, emails and communication via our school app, School Gateway. We know that the vast majority of parents/carers are signed up to the app or at least one parent per family is, but we ask that you ensure you are signed up as soon as possible as we will no longer be sending text messages. If you have any issues downloading or using the app please come and speak to a member of staff in the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support.





Reception have settled in so well ... they have been exploring their classroom and making new friends ...



1/2S and 2M have been exploring the book "Lost and Found" this week in English and have created missing posters for the penguin the book ...



3/4D have created their own version of "Eric" and can't wait to see what Eric does over the weekend ...







Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week' ...



## Compassionate and Loving



Well done to all of our pupils who demonstrated our school virtues – 'compassionate and loving' this week ...





3/4D are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 100% attendance!

<b>Nur W</b> 98.5%	<b>Nur/RecW</b> 92.9%	<b>RecW</b> 98.3%	<b>1H</b> 98.6%	<b>1/2S</b> 96.2%	<b>2M</b> 98.2%
<b>3W</b> 99.3%	<b>3/4D</b> 100%	<b>4J</b> 97.9%	<b>5C</b> 95.7%	<b>5/6G</b> 98.3%	<b>6W</b> 96.2%

### Dates to remember

Wednesday 8th October 2025 ~ Flu Immunisations in school (Rec—Y6)

Monday 20th October 2025 ~ EYFS & KS1 (Nurs, Rec, Y1 & Y2) Parents' Evening

Tuesday 21st October 2025 ~ KS2 (Y3—Y6) Parents' Evening



## The Season of Creation 2025

The Season of Creation is an annual campaign that runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, uniting Christians around the world in reflecting upon our call to be responsible and loving stewards of God's creation. This year the theme is Peace in Creation. It invites us to consider our relationship with the earth and how we can exist in harmony and balance with God's creation.

Our Season of Creation this year also coincides with our Jubilee for the Environment, inviting us to seek renewal and restoration in our relationship with our common home, our brothers and sisters around the world, and Creator God.



The symbol for the Season of Creation 2025 is a tree in a world of two halves. On one side, the tree is barren and the landscape exploited. On the other side, the tree is lush and green, in a flourishing landscape. Above is a dove, carrying an olive branch in its beak.

Through this year's Season of Creation, we will reflect on the connection between caring for creation and fostering peace.

Once again, thank you for your on-going support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher