



10<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Celebration of the Word**

This week's Celebration of the Word focuses on the Parable of the Sower, giving children an opportunity to reflect on the many messages that are still relevant today. The farmer scattering seeds on dry and desert land symbolises Jesus teaching to a closed heart. The first three times, the farmer's seeds either fail to grow or wilt and die. If our hearts are closed and full of bitterness, the teachings of Jesus fall upon us like the farmer's seeds upon the path. When we become excited by Jesus' teachings, but our excitement soon fades as our understanding is too shallow, it's like the seeds landing on the rocky soil. When we believe the teachings but continue to act and think in ways that aren't as God would want, then our growth is stunted, like seeds being planted on the weeds. Only when our hearts are fully open, and truly believe the Word of God will we bloom as people. Just like the plants that bloom on fertile ground, Jesus' teachings will help us to flourish and help us become the best we can be.

The children will be asked to reflect on this parable and think about what they can do this week to allow Jesus' message into their hearts fully so that all of us in our School community blossom.

Our end of the day prayer for June and our lunchtime prayer are as follows.

End of day prayer for June:

June is the month in the church's year which is dedicated to the sacred heart of Jesus

O most holy heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you, and with lively sorrow for my sins, I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.

Amen

Lunchtime prayer:

Bless us, Oh Lord,  
and these thy gifts which  
we are about to receive from thy bounty,  
through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.



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We are always happy to receive feedback so please do get in touch if you have any comments or queries, my email address is [c.pickles@stjamesheadle.co.uk](mailto:c.pickles@stjamesheadle.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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