



Cornerstone CHRONICLE

Welcome to the February edition of The Cornerstone Chronicle. As we move through this busy and inspiring term, I am delighted to share some of the wonderful moments that have brought our school community together over recent weeks.

We were thrilled to welcome acclaimed author Jennifer Killick, whose visit sparked excitement and imagination across the school. Her engaging talk and book signing were a fantastic reminder of the power of storytelling, and it was wonderful to see so many students inspired by her words.

This month also saw our whole school come together for a deeply meaningful Eucharist service, a cornerstone of our shared values and identity. It was a special opportunity to pause, reflect, and celebrate the compassion, hope and sense of belonging that define St Hilda's.

A group of our students also set off on an unforgettable trip to Iceland, returning with extraordinary memories—from glaciers and geysers to the Northern Lights. Their experiences not only broadened horizons but also brought classroom learning vividly to life.

Finally, we are excited to announce the launch of our new social media accounts, which will allow us to share school news, achievements, and celebrations more widely and more frequently. We look forward to strengthening our connections with families and the wider community through these new channels.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you enjoy this edition of the newsletter and share in the pride we feel for all that our students achieve.

With warmest wishes,
Jo Code
Headteacher

Key Dates

5th March 2026
Year 9 Options Evening

27th March 2026
Last Day of term

19th March 2026
Year 7 Parents' Evening

13th April 2026
First day of term

The Lord Mayor visits St Hilda's

We were delighted to welcome the Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Barbara Murray, to our school this month for a special visit. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to share their pride in our community and showcase the many things that make our school a vibrant and inspiring place to learn. Our College Leaders began the visit by taking the Lord Mayor on a guided tour of the building. They spoke confidently about school life, our values, and the opportunities available to students, offering a student led insight into daily learning and leadership within our community.

Following the tour, the Lord Mayor met with a group of our Young Leaders for a lively Q&A session. Students asked thoughtful questions about leadership, community service, and the role of civic responsibility. In return, the Lord Mayor shared reflections from her own experiences and encouraged them to continue using their voices to create positive change.

The visit was an inspiring moment for everyone involved, and we are incredibly proud of the maturity and enthusiasm shown by all our student representatives.

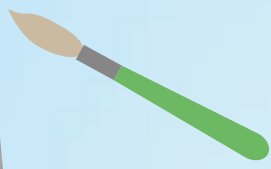
Thank you to the Lord Mayor for taking the time to visit us—your presence made the day truly memorable.



Artists of the month January



We are excited to share that the very first winners of our brand new Artist of the Month awards have now been chosen! Launched in January, this creative initiative celebrates one talented student from each year group, recognising their imagination, skill, and artistic dedication. Our inaugural winners have set an incredibly high standard, showcasing a wonderful range of styles, techniques, and ideas. Each winning piece has been beautifully framed and proudly displayed in Room 107, where students and staff can enjoy the artwork throughout the month. Alongside having their work exhibited, our January winners have also received a prize and well earned house points for their achievement. The Artist of the Month award is open to everyone, and creativity can take any form—drawing, painting, sculpture, collage, photography, digital design and more. With entries for February already coming in, we can't wait to see what our students create next. Congratulations to all our January winners, and well done to every student who submitted their work. Your creativity continues to inspire our whole school community!



Author Jennifer Killick Visits School to Celebrate New Release

Students were treated to an exciting literary event this month as celebrated children's author Jennifer Killick—best known for her thrilling Dread Wood series—visited the school to mark the publication of *The Monster in the Mines*, the second instalment in her Serial Chillers series.

During her visit, Jennifer delivered an engaging and entertaining talk, sharing insights into her writing process, the inspirations behind her spooky stories, and what it's like to craft characters who face extraordinary (and often terrifying!) adventures. Students were captivated by her humour, energy, and enthusiasm for reading and storytelling.

After the talk, pupils had the opportunity to meet Jennifer in person, ask questions, and purchase signed copies of her books. Many left the session clutching their new reads

with excitement—and perhaps just a hint of nervous anticipation for the chills ahead.

Jennifer's visit not only celebrated her latest publication but also inspired our young readers and writers, reminding them of the power of imagination and the joy of getting lost in a great book.



Grease Auditions Kick Off Our Summer Production



Excitement filled the drama studio last week as students took to the stage for auditions for our upcoming summer term production of Grease. With impressive vocals, confident dance routines and plenty of Rydell High energy, the talent on display made it clear that this year's show will be one to remember.

Students from across all year groups stepped forward to perform iconic scenes and musical numbers, bringing their own interpretations to well-loved characters such as Sandy, Danny, Rizzo and Kenickie. The audition panel were thrilled by the enthusiasm and commitment shown, making the casting decisions tougher than ever.

Rehearsals will begin shortly, and we are already looking forward to seeing the production come to life. Thank you to everyone who auditioned—you set the stage brilliantly for what promises to be a spectacular performance.

More updates will follow as we cruise closer to opening night. Summer can't come soon enough!

Children's Mental Health Week

Before half term, we were delighted to host a Parents' Coffee Morning focused on mental health and wellbeing. The event was a great success, offering families the chance to learn more about the wide range of support available in school. We received fantastic feedback from parents, who appreciated the warm atmosphere and the opportunity to speak with staff about the initiatives in place to help our students thrive.

As part of our continued commitment to wellbeing, we also celebrated Children's Mental Health Week (9th–15th February) with the theme "Place to Be". Throughout the week, students took part in activities designed to strengthen their sense of belonging and

highlight the importance of looking after their mental health. We also shared information about support available both in school and online, including the free and confidential service Kooth (www.kooth.com). This term, we are excited to introduce Talk Tuesday for our Year 11 students. Held during Lunch 1 in the Chapel, these informal drop-in sessions offer a welcoming space to talk, reflect, and connect. All Year 11s are warmly invited—and refreshments are provided!

Together, we continue to build a supportive, inclusive school environment where every student feels they belong.

A pink poster titled "Self-Care" featuring a photo of Mrs Winrow, the Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead. The text on the poster reads: "Hello, I'm Mrs Winrow", "Your Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead", "My role in school is to offer information advice and guidance to young people and to help support them with mild to moderate mental health difficulties, such as anxiety and low mood, low confidence and stress. The role of wellbeing in secondary schools is crucial for promoting students' overall development, helping them succeed academically and personally by improving concentration, resilience, and social skills. Schools foster wellbeing by creating a safe and supportive environment, teaching coping strategies and ensuring access to mental health resources. A focus on wellbeing helps students build a strong foundation for managing life's challenges both during their school years and beyond.", and "If a student requires Mental Health or wellbeing support you can speak to a Head of House who will then complete a Triage Referral form. This will then ensure we get the correct/appropriate support for each student's needs." The poster also features a "SELF-CARE" heart icon, a "mental health matters" logo, and two cartoon hearts at the bottom right.



Whole School Eucharist

This term, our school community came together for a very special whole school Eucharist, centred on the inspiring theme of "Abundant Life," taken from John 10:10. The service invited students and staff to reflect on what it truly means to live life to the fullest—embracing joy, purpose, compassion, and the gifts God offers each of us.

Through prayers, readings and music, we explored how we can contribute to a more hopeful and generous world, both within our school and beyond it. The atmosphere was uplifting and thoughtful, giving everyone a moment of stillness and connection in the midst of a busy term.

A heartfelt thank you to all who participated and helped make the service meaningful. We look forward to continuing to grow as a community rooted in faith, gratitude, and abundant life.



Celebrating LGBT+ History Month at St Hilda's

Throughout this month, our school community has taken part in a series of activities to mark LGBT+ History Month, providing students with opportunities to learn, reflect, and broaden their understanding of the diverse experiences that shape our society.

Our Diversity Champions led the way by designing and delivering a thoughtful round of assemblies to all year groups. Their presentations explored key moments in LGBT+ history, highlighted influential figures, and encouraged students to consider the importance of respect, inclusion, and understanding within our school community. The assemblies were well received, and our student leaders showed great confidence and maturity in the way they communicated their message. In addition to this, our Daily Worship sessions centred around themes linked to LGBT+ History Month, offering space for reflection and discussions on kindness, acceptance, and valuing each person's unique identity. These moments of collective reflection helped reinforce our commitment to creating a welcoming environment where everyone feels seen and supported.

We are proud of the positive engagement from students across the school and grateful to our Diversity Champions for their leadership throughout the month.



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CHOCOLATE BINGO!

FRIENDS OF ST. HILDA'S
SOCIAL EVENT

FRIDAY MARCH 20TH 7PM

VENUE: ST. HILDA'S SCHOOL

£5 ADULTS £3 KIDS (incl. bingo book)

Refreshments & tuck shop



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Community Iftar

We would like to invite you to come and celebrate Iftar with us.
Ramadan is a very special time for many people in our community and Iftar is the time
where families that have been fasting all day, come together to break their fasts. With our
Christian values at the heart of all we do, we aim to create opportunities for us to
prioritise our diversity, to explore our differences and to celebrate these, to be curious
and to learn from each other so we can create a harmonious environment and model the
behaviours we wish for our children to display.

Our community iftar is open to all parents, pupils and siblings and we welcome people of
all faiths / no faith to the event. We will provide food and drink and will also be selling
baked goods to raise money for Islamic Relief.

We have created space for anyone who wishes to pray, however, we would ask you to
come with any necessary ablutions completed. Food will be served at approximately
6.13pm and we will be inviting families to sit and open fast together.

We really hope you and your families can join us. We are asking all students who attend to
be accompanied by adults and family members.

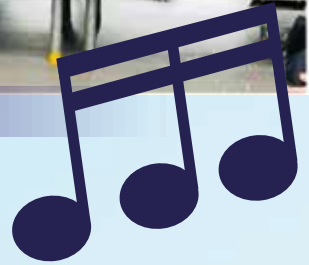
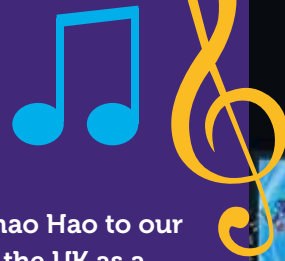
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MARCH 2026
5.45PM FOR A 6.13PM
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Shao Hao Visits St Hilda's

This term, we were delighted to welcome singer songwriter Shao Hao to our school. Originally from Hangzhou, China, Shao Hao moved to the UK as a teenager to pursue his passion for music and is now a London based artist building an exciting career. Alongside creating his own distinctive sound, he also writes songs for major East Asian artists.

Students thoroughly enjoyed his performance, which blended Kpop and Britpop influences into a vibrant, original style. Beyond the music, Shao Hao shared inspiring messages about diversity, inclusion, and embracing your own story, encouraging students to celebrate what makes them unique. It was a memorable visit that left our students feeling uplifted, motivated, and more connected through the universal language of music.



College Catch-up!

This February, our college celebrated National Apprenticeship Week, a dedicated opportunity for students to explore the exciting world of apprenticeships and the many career pathways they can open. Throughout the week, students took part in a range of activities designed to help them understand and navigate the apprenticeship journey.

These sessions will support learners in:

Identifying which apprenticeship is right for them, based on their interests and career aspirations.

Learning how to search for both local and national apprenticeship vacancies

Understanding how to apply effectively and stand out in the selection process

Developing essential skills in preparing for job interviews

A particular highlight of the week was the online Apprenticeships Fair hosted by Unifrog. During this interactive event, our students got the opportunity to meet 30 employers in just two hours, exploring the latest apprenticeship opportunities across multiple sectors. They had the chance to join live sessions led by employers and apprenticeship experts to gain valuable tips and guidance on making strong applications and succeeding in their chosen pathways.



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Ephesians 2:20

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