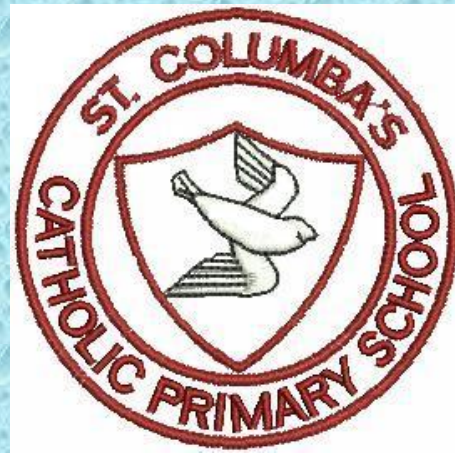


# Welcome Back!



# Gather

# Listen

Jesus had been walking with his disciples always teaching and talking with them. More and more people would see Jesus and follow him because they could sense there was something special about him. The way he spoke and what he spoke about captured everyone's attention.



# Listen

This was one of those days and people had been following and Jesus decided to stop on a hillside with his disciples and teach to all who wanted to listen.



# Listen

Jesus will make ten points in the first part of his sermon known as the **beatitudes**. All except one of these points start with the word blessed. So we should probably figure out what the word means before we continue.



# Listen

To be blessed is to be more than happy. Life doesn't always go our way, sometimes we get sick or someone gets hurt and of course this doesn't make us happy but being blessed is being full of joy on the inside even if things aren't perfect.

It's a deeper joy because we know, as believers, that the spirit of God lives in us and we will live with him in heaven someday.



# Prayer

Dear Jesus our friend,  
Be with us  
In the days ahead  
As we move forward to a new stage  
in our school life.  
Help us to remember that we are  
truly blessed.  
As we walk along  
The path  
That you set out for us  
So that we may be  
Your friend  
As you are our friend.  
Amen



# Respond

# How are you feeling at the start of the new school year?



**I'm so excited.**

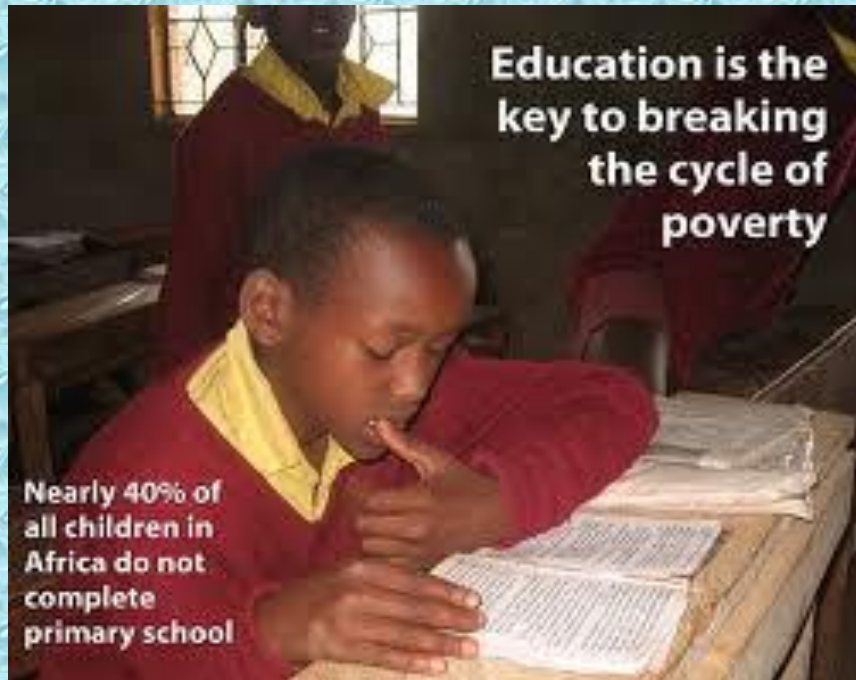




Have you made any resolutions for the start of the new school year?



# How important is attending school?



How important is getting to school  
**ON TIME?**





# How can we live our Mission this year?

*Holding Hands with Jesus  
as we love, learn and  
grow together*

*To inspire, motivate and  
achieve.*

*To unite, nurture and  
thrive.*

*To believe, pray and live.*

# CLASS MISSION

How can we keep our vision  
alive?

Tapping into talent.

Breaking down barriers.

**DARING TO DREAM**

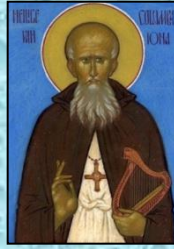
# Which Gospel Values will help us?



# Which British values will help us?







## Closing Prayer

Lord, we ask you to bless our children and every member of our school community. Strengthen us in faith, guide us to Your will, lead us to success so that we may build the Kingdom here in St. Columba's.

**Amen!**