



*"With Christ as our guide we let our light shine."*

## *A Message from Mrs. Blicow...*

Dear Parent/Carers,

It only seems like two minutes ago we were returning from the Christmas break and here we are at half term. What a lot of fantastic learning we have seen both inside and outside the classroom and with the signs of Spring already showing, bringing the promise of warmer weather, our outdoor learning is gathering speed, with children recording the changes in the weather and looking at seasonal changes, to recording the different species of birds in the school grounds and making wild bird feeders.

Taking to the outdoors also gives us the opportunity to look around us and wonder at the beauty of God's creation, taking stock of the simpler things in life. Nature reveals to us God's beauty, glory, power, wisdom, presence, creativity, and, most of all, his loving care.

Have a great half term. I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

*Have a wonderful week*  
*Mrs Blicow*



## Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal



On Monday 6 February at 4:17am local time, a 7.8 magnitude earthquake struck southern Turkey, devastating parts of Turkey and Syria. With homes destroyed, power down, and hospitals, bridges and roads damaged, thousands of people are in urgent need of help.

Today the pupils and staff at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, held a non-uniform day in order to raise money to send to those affected by the disaster. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the fund so far. Your generosity is very much appreciated. Parent Pay will remain open until after half term for any further donations.

## Term Dates

**Lent Term**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February - 3.15pm

**School Returns**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

**Year 4 St. David's Day Assembly**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Term Ends**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 3.15PM

## Tag Rugby



Year 6 took advantage of the good weather this week, as they took their PE lesson outside and honed their tag rugby skills. A fast-moving, non-contact invasion game, the interchangeable nature of possession, means that a range of skills is cultivated and developed. You never know there may be a budding rugby star among them.

## Year 4 Explore Particle Theory



Particle Theory isn't that difficult to understand, just ask the children in Year 4. They learned that matter is made up of extremely tiny particles - such as atoms or molecules - that are always moving. Armed with only a few hoopla hoops, they acted out how the particles of solids liquids and gases move are arranged. Simple!

## Reception Mathematicians



Reception class have been learning number bonds up to 8. They have been using a tens frame to support learning when adding two groups. They have also been challenging themselves by writing the corresponding number sentence.

## Paul's Journey Continues



Reverend Rodger visited again this week to continue the story of Paul. This time the whole school got involved as they became the crowds shouting and jeering, while Paul and his friend Barnabas, continued to spread the Good News.

**Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion**

