



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

## *A Message from Mrs. Blincow...*

Dear Parent/Carers,

At St. Mary's we recognise how important friends and family are and seek to ensure, from the first moment that a child and their family sets foot in our school, they have the impression of entering a new environment, one illumined by the light of faith and where they feel welcome into a very unique community.

This week, while speaking to parents, they got on to the subject of why they had chosen St. Mary's to educate their children. One parent talked about the sense of belonging and sense of community she had felt, walking through the doors for the first time. She was impressed by the confidence of the older children who showed her around, and talked about the school's Mission statement and how they used the teachings of Christ to help them make the best choices in life and that they were encouraged to be the best people they could be and let their 'light shine'.

At the end of another busy week, it's good to stop and reflect at the world around us and how we, as well as the children, can think about small ways we can change it for the better. May God bless you all and may we continue to work together, to provide a stable and welcoming community to which our children can belong.

*Have a wonderful week*

*Mrs Blincow*

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## The Big Lenten Walk



And they're off ... The whole school gathered together on Monday to take part in the Big Lent Walk, a project aimed at raising money to help fight global poverty. During Lent the children have been preparing through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter. Through CAFOD's Big Lenten Walk we are giving alms and supporting our global brothers and sisters in need, with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis. The children were enthusiastic in their attempt and amassed the amazing total walked of – 726 kilometres. Our dedicated school fund raising link is still active. If you would like to donate go to <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/st-mary-s-catholic-primary-sch-northampton-d9ca3> Well done everyone.

## Term Dates

### Lent Term

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Year 4 St. David's Day Assembly

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Year 3 St. Patrick's Day

Mother's Day Pop-Up Shop

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Parent Consultations

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Lenten Walk

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Term Ends

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 3.15PM

## Taxi For Year 1!



This week our Year 1 class put their creative talents to good use as they used the information they had learned about wheels, axels and chassis to help them build model cars which moved. A companion project for their Geography project Bright Lights, Big City, 'Taxi' has the children exploring how vehicles move by building prototypes, which they evaluate, before going on to make a final iconic London taxi cab.

## Lenten Reflection



On Wednesday evening, we came together at the Cathedral, with pupils from Thomas Becket Catholic Secondary, St. Gregory's and St. Good Shepherd, to remember the journey Jesus took in the final hours before His crucifixion. A huge thank you to the children who sang and read beautifully. You were an absolute credit to the school and your families.

## The Great British Spring Clean



Now in its eighth year, the Great British Spring clean is an opportunity for us to help clean up the places and spaces we love. The children took to the school grounds to help clear up litter, blown in by the wind, thus taking action to protect the environment and showing pride in where they live and where they come to school.

## Pacesetters Gymnastics



On Friday, some of our children went to represent the school at the Pacesetters Gymnastics competition. As well as finishing 4<sup>th</sup> overall, one of our children received a first place certificate for their performance on the vault. Well done everyone.

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