



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

A Message from Mrs. Bincow...

Dear Parent/Carers,

Thank you to all the children, parents and family who came to the Lenten Reflection at the Cathedral on Thursday night. It was a beautiful occasion and a poignant reminder of God's love for us that He gave us Jesus to show us how to live and to help bring us closer to Him.

As we move into the last few weeks of Lent, we have been thinking about how we can share God's love. As He calls us to care for our global family and to share generously with them all that we have been given, we look forward to our Big Lent Walk next Friday, as we prepare to join together to raise money for Cafod. Please see the links below and if you can, support this worthwhile cause.

God bless for the week ahead.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Bincow



Celebrating Our Faith



On Tuesday evening, a group of children from St. Mary's, who form part of the Diocesan Choir, led by their musical director Marcela Campana, sang at a beautiful Mass at Northampton cathedral, which was celebrated by the Bishop. In his closing address he congratulated the children on their wonderful performance.

On Thursday, the children from the four Northampton OLICAT Schools, invited friends and family to join them on their Lenten journey at the Cathedral. The service was an opportunity to take time to be with Jesus and to relive His suffering through the eyes of the young people in reflection, prayer and music. As always, the children of St. Mary's were a credit to the school.

Term Dates

Term Begins

Thursday 4th January 2024

Ash Wednesday

Start of Lent

14th February

Half Term

19th – 25th February

Parents Evening

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday

14th March

Term Ends

Thursday 28th March (3.15PM)

New Term Begins

Monday 15th April

Celebrating Girls In Sport



This week, a long awaited package arrived at school. Back in September we received an email from Football England, who, after the successes of the Lionesses wanted to promote girls football in schools. We applied for kit for the girls to play football in and were successful in our application. Pictured above are some of the girl's team. New sessions will resume after Easter.

Turn On The Subtitles



Turning on quality subtitles means your child will read a staggering number of words. Put them on and your child will read the equivalent number of words that are in all the

Harry Potter books, all of the Lord of the Rings, all of the Chronicles of Narnia and everything Roald Dahl wrote, combined! Research has shown that it can double the chance of your child leaving school as a proficient reader. You can turn them on for the whole family or most streaming services will now allow you to do it just for children's profiles. **Please visit** <https://turnonthesubtitles.org/parents/> to see **Hollywood legend Jack Black explain how you can turn screen time into reading time in 10 seconds.**

Net/Wall Tournament



Some of our KS2 children attended KS2 School Games Values NET/WALL Festival this week. The Games provide an opportunity for the children to experience a mass participation event without the pressure of 'competition'. The children had a great time and are looking forward to the next 'Games'.

Big Lent Walk



This year we are once again supporting CAFOD's 'Big Lent Walk'. Please scan the QR code or click on the link to donate to our charity page and raise vital funds for our global family around the world. The children (and staff) will walk together, in school, on 22nd March.

https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-putting-catholic-social-teaching-in?utm_medium=email&utm_source=PostOffice&utm_campaign=DS_EVENTS-LFC_Trans_PageCreated

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