



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Lent Term 2024 Newsletter 7



“With Christ as our guide, we let our light shine.”

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week saw the start of Lent. The school came together for an Ash Wednesday Liturgy where we received ash on our foreheads reminding us of our call to repent and believe in the Gospel. The Mission team brought the candle and bible into the newly created prayer space and supported in leading prayer. All the children have made Lenten promises, these will be placed on our Mission Tree in the hall. Alongside this newsletter, you will also receive a Lent letter outlining all the various activities in support of our Lenten charities. Please do support us in helping these worthwhile causes.

You may have noticed the new parents' noticeboard, that has just been installed opposite the nest. Please do have a look.

Thank you for all your support with costumes for World Book day. The children thoroughly enjoyed participating in a variety of activities throughout the day. Please do exchange your book day voucher for a free book. There are a lot of excellent titles this year.

A polite reminder that children bringing bicycles or scooters on the school premises need to ensure they are pushed on the school grounds and parked in our bicycle bay, then collected when they are ready to exit the site. Please can parents be vigilant on pick up that these safety rules are being followed. There should be no bicycles or scooters being taken or used on the playground.

**Best Wishes,
Mrs Yuen**

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Ash Wednesday Liturgy



We joined together at the start of Lent for a special Ash Wednesday Liturgy. Thank you to Fr Daniel for joining us and to the Mission team for leading prayers.

Key Dates

- Monday 17th March**- Wear green for St Patrick's day
£1 donation to Lenten charities
- Thursday 20th March** – CAFOD Assembly followed by, workshops for Year 3 / 4 classes.
- Friday 21st March** – The Lent Walk.
- Wednesday 26th March**- Lent Reflection at the Cathedral- 5pm
- Friday 28th March** – Cake sale in support of our Lenten Campaign (more details to follow)
- Wednesday 2nd April** – “Here comes Jesus” - a passion play led by Year 4
- Monday 24th March**- Parents Evening
- Tuesday 25th March** – Parents Evening
- Easter Holidays**
5th April -21st April 2025
- Summer Term**
22nd April- 18th July 2025
- Bank Holiday 5th May**
Half term Break
26th May- 1st June 2025
Last day of school year
18th July 2025

Cafod Big Lent Walk 2025

Once again, we are supporting CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. On Friday 21st March, the children will walk laps of the field. Our target distance together is 200km. Please support us in this challenge by donating using this QR Code or via our just giving page. This year, CAFOD's Lent appeal is helping communities feed their families in Kenya and to support women to be chicken farmers. With your support, together we will change lives.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-catholic-primary-school-big-lent-walk2025>



Wooden Spoon Character Competition



We were impressed by the entries for our competition. Well done to the winners- such creativity! As part of World Book Day, each class recited a poem to the rest of the school. We were impressed by the variety and the delivery.

Poetry Recital



World Book Day 2025



The children had a wonderful day. The whole school focussed on the book, “Here we are” by Oliver Jeffers- which takes the children on an exploration of our planet and how we live on it. From land and sky, to people and time. The children produced excellent poetry, artistic biome creations and so much more...

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