



St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Lent Term 2026 Newsletter 19



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

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, I would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and to celebrate all that the children have achieved over the past few weeks. It has been a busy and productive half term, filled with enthusiasm, determination and many wonderful learning experiences.

This week has been full of energy and excitement. Today, the whole school took part in our Fit Fence event. The children had a fantastic time developing new skills, building resilience and enjoying this dynamic sport together. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they encouraged one another and embraced the challenge. Events such as this not only promote physical wellbeing but also teamwork and perseverance.

We now look forward to the half term holiday, and I hope it provides a well-earned rest for the children and an opportunity for family time. During the half term break, we enter the season of Lent — a special time in the Church's year when we are reminded to turn our hearts more fully towards God. Lent invites us to reflect, to pray, to show kindness and generosity, and to think of others, especially those in need.

This year, our Lenten charity is Mary's Meals. This wonderful organisation provides life-changing school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities, including Malawi and many other countries. For many children, the meal they receive at school through Mary's Meals is the only meal they will eat that day. We are proud to support such a worthwhile cause and will be holding a variety of fun activities next half term to help raise money.

I encourage you to visit <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/> to learn more about the incredible difference this charity makes to children's lives around the world.

Looking ahead to next half term, we are delighted to be expanding our range of before and after school clubs. Our ever-popular Football and Gymnastics clubs will be returning — please do sign up promptly as places fill very quickly. In addition, we are excited to introduce several new clubs including STEM, Art & Craft and Dodgeball. We are delighted to be able to offer such a rich and varied programme of clubs, giving our children opportunities to explore new interests, develop talents and build friendships beyond the classroom. Please see the attached flyer for further details.

As we enter this Lenten season, may it be a time of reflection, generosity and hope for us all. May we walk gently, act kindly and grow closer to God through our words and actions.

Wishing you all a peaceful and restful half term.

Best Wishes Mrs Yuen

Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion



Dramatisation of the Miracles of Jesus



This week we welcomed back Reverend Roger, to share in our Celebration of the Word, one of Jesus' Miracles. The children enjoyed taking on various roles including pouring water into jars as servants at the Wedding at Cana. The Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-12) marks Jesus' first miracle, symbolising the start of his public ministry.

Key Dates

Half Term:

Monday 16th February 2026-Friday 20th February 2026

- 18th February – Ash Wednesday
- 27th March – 'The heart that sees' – One Life Retreat
- 3rd and 4th March – Parents Evenings
- 5th March – World Book Day
- 6-12th March – British Science Week
- 13th March- Non-Uniform Day in support of Lenten Charities
- 16th March – Rise Theatre whole school event day
- 18th March – Lent Reflection at the Cathedral. KS2 invited to participate as part of the choir.
- 20th March – Lent Bake Sale in support of Mary's Meals
- 27th March – 10p challenge in support of Mary's meals
- 27th March - End of term

Peacemakers Spread Joy



We are incredibly proud of our large group of Year 3 and 4 children who serve as our **Peacemakers**. In preparation for St Valentine's Day, the children have been busy decorating beautiful hearts and creating thoughtful heart-themed crafts. Today, they presented these to members of staff, wishing them a Happy Valentine's Day and thanking them for all that they do for our school community. Through simple acts of kindness like this, they remind us all of the importance of generosity of spirit and spreading joy to others.

Literary Study in Year 3



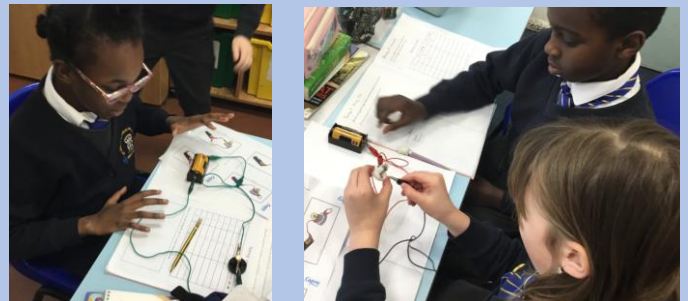
This term in English, we have been learning about Ug. Boy the genius of the Stone Age. In the final lesson, they focused on the theme inventions. The children worked in groups to design and create their own Stone Age style invention. This activity encouraged teamwork, creativity, and problem solving.

Fit Fence – Whole School Event



Today, the whole school took part in our Fit Fence event. They had a wonderful time learning new skills and working together on technique.

Creating Electric Circuits in Year 4



The children have been investigating circuits using different components identifying the brightness of bulbs.



LENTEN REFLECTION

Based on the Stations of the Cross

You are invited to join pupils from the Northampton OLICAT Schools on their Lenten journey:
Take time to be with Jesus to relive His suffering through the eyes of our young people in reflection, prayer and music.



Wednesday 18th March 2026

5.00pm - 6.00pm
FREE TO ATTEND

**The Catholic Cathedral of Our Lady Immaculate & St Thomas of
Canterbury
NN2 6AG**





WHO WE ARE

Rhino Sports Academy is an Ofsted registered, innovative coaching and childcare company dedicated to raising the standard of teaching and learning in local schools. We're excited to announce that we'll be partnering with your school this Spring Term! Our team of enthusiastic and passionate coaches are committed to bringing energy, expertise and enthusiasm to every session.

Joining Rhino Sports Academy gives students the chance to thrive in a fun, skill-building environment where they develop leadership skills, embrace healthy competition, discover new abilities, and grow their existing interests and talents. We're also thrilled to offer families more flexibility by accepting multiple childcare vouchers as well as Tax-Free Childcare.

WHAT WE OFFER AT ST MARY'S

- MONDAY - Dodgeball KS2 - 8 - 8.45 AM
- MONDAY - Gymnastics - 3.15 - 4.15 PM
- WEDNESDAY - Arts and Crafts - 3.15 - 4.15 PM
- FRIDAY - STEM Club - 8 - 8.45 AM
- FRIDAY - Football KS2 - 3.15 - 4.15 PM

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