

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

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term break. It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school this week. We returned to school into the season of Lent, and the children have spent time reflecting and writing their own Lenten promises. This has been a thoughtful opportunity for them to consider how they can grow in kindness, generosity and faith during this special time in the Church's year.

Congratulations to the children who made their First Reconciliation this week. This is a very special and important step in their faith journey. As they continue their preparation for First Holy Communion, we keep them in our prayers.

We were also very pleased to welcome a representative from the Charity-Mary's Meals, which is our Lent focus charity this year. The children learned about the wonderful work of Mary's Meals and the life-changing difference the charity makes to some of the world's poorest communities. They heard how Mary's Meals provides a daily meal in a place of education, helping children to attend school, concentrate in class and gain hope for a brighter future. They were especially moved to learn that just 10p can provide a meal for a child in Malawi, showing how even the smallest contribution can make a real and lasting impact. The children also explored simple ways they can support the charity through fundraising and acts of generosity, recognising that together we can help change lives.

This week, the whole school also took part in our Lenten retreat, centred around the theme *A Heart That Sees*. Through prayer, discussion and quiet reflection, the children explored the importance of compassion, kindness and understanding. They considered how seeing with the heart helps us to notice when someone needs help, to show empathy, and to respond with love. The retreat gave everyone the opportunity to pause during this Lenten season, reflect on their actions, and think about how they can make a positive difference in the lives of others.

Next week we look forward to welcoming you into school for our parent consultation meetings with class teachers. These meetings are a very important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate their achievements and talk about the next steps in their learning. Working together in partnership ensures that we can support every child in the best possible way. **Please make sure you book your parents' evening appointment via MCAS** as soon as possible. We greatly value these conversations and look forward to meeting with you.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support

Best Wishes
Mrs Yuen

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Mary's Meals – Our Lenten Charity



We enjoyed a visit from Jane from the charity Mary's Meals, which provides a daily meal for children in some of the world's poorest communities, helping them to attend school and hope for a brighter future. The children were particularly struck by how a small amount can make such a big difference. It was a valuable opportunity for the children to deepen their awareness of global responsibility.

Key Dates

Half Term:

Monday 16th February 2026-Friday 20th February 2026

- 18th February – Ash Wednesday
- 27th February – '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

Our Lenten Journey has begun...



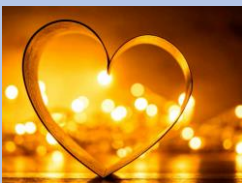
This morning at Celebration Assembly, each child placed their Lenten promise into a special basket as they entered the hall, taking a quiet moment to reflect on their commitment. The Mission Team have now arranged for the promises to be displayed on the Mission Tree in the hall

Inuit Art in Year 6



Year 6 have been exploring Inuit art and culture through their wonderful clay animal sculptures. Inspired by traditional Inuit carvings, they carefully shaped and smoothed their clay to create animals such as polar bears, seals and arctic foxes. They focused on simple, strong forms and thoughtful detailing, just as Inuit artists do, producing some beautifully crafted pieces that reflect both creativity and cultural appreciation.

'A Heart that Sees' - Lent Retreat



This afternoon, the whole school took part in a special Lenten retreat called A Heart That Sees. It was a calm and reflective time where the children were invited to think more deeply about what it means to truly see others — not just with our eyes, but with our hearts.

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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.

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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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