St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Serving with love, striving for excellence

Spring Term Newsletter 23: 14th March 2025

Well, the weather has certainly taken a colder turn after so many lovely signs of Spring lately. We are gathering up quite a collection of lost coats and winter outdoor attire in our lost property. If you have lost a child's coat please do pop in and have a look.

The children have taken part in British Science Week participating in various activities from nature walks, yoga and animal adaptations, to creating a wormery in the Forest School. See pictures below. The staff have really brought science to life

Next week is the first of our parent evenings on 18th March. If you haven't yet made an appointment, please do using our booking system or call the school office and they can assist you.

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Katharine Sexton

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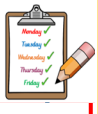
Today is **Cafod Family Fast Day**. This is a day when we eat a little less than usual with the money saved from the food we haven't bought ,being donated to Cafod. Its not necessary for children to fast today but perhaps not having a treat like a bar of chocolate or a packet of crisps and the money saved from not buying these items could go towards further fund raising during this Lenten season. The children have all received their Cafod envelopes so the money saved from Family Fast Day can just be popped in the envelope

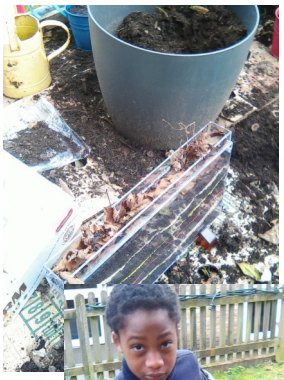
Attendance

Overall attendance for this week 94.7%
KS1 class with the highest attendance: Willow & Cherry 94.2%
KS2 class with the highest attendance: Poplar 100%



Science Week

During Science week, children have enjoyed making a wormery and planting some pepper seeds.



Celebrating our Achievements

House Points

For term 4 thus far:

1st	1st	3rd	4th	5th
Red	Orange	Yellow	Green	Blue
1037	1037	995	912	891

Stars of the week

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Jadon	Thomas	Connor	Destiny	Alex	Kaydion	Imran
Ryan	Isaac	Saul	Kathryn	Chidinma	Adawna	Abigail

Catholic Social Teaching Awards participation

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Lyla	Sarah-Grace	Rita	Olly	Zara	Varun	Roxanne
Florence	Jerah	Aarav	Angela	Sienna	Precious	Naomi

We're pleased to announce that St Mary's is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.
Please get the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

Events

18th and 27th March Parent consultations

20th March Ash Class Assembly 9am / YR4 Parent's invite to Mass 10am / Poplar & Holly Class: FOREST SCHOOL

21st March Comic Relief - Wear RED.

27th March Yew Class Assembly 9am / YR3 Parent's invite to Mass 10am / EYFS - FOREST SCHOOL

3rd April Nursery AM & PM - FOREST SCHOOL

7th April to 21st April Easter holidays

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout
The earth. To you our God, eternally blessed,
Be glory and praise for ever and ever AMEN

Birthdays

The following children have celebrated a birthday this week or will do so over the weekend:

Evangeline, Isaac, Johaan, Jaxson, Violet, Connor, Hassanah & Hussieniah.