



Newsletter – 17.3.25 Spring 2 week 4

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This term is flying by - Easter will be here before we know it. Although it is sunny, it is still very cold. Please continue to send your children with a coat for break times.

Year 3 and 4 girls' Football

Mrs Kelsh-Ridge and Mrs Unsworth were blown away by the girls' team last week as they entered the Blackpool tournament, playing 5 games and won every match! Well done girls!

Boys' Football

Well done to our boys' football team for a victory against Devonshire Road Primary school in their match last Tuesday.

Catholic Life of the School

Now in the season of Lent, we reflect on this special time through prayer, fasting, and giving. Lent is a time for us to come together as a school community to show kindness and generosity, following the example of Jesus. Will you be doing anything special for Lent? I give up chocolate every year and Mrs Whitehead has given up crisps!

All children enjoyed a pancake in school and then marked the start of Lent by receiving the ashes from Father David.

You may notice that in Lent we have fewer class masses, this is because during Lent we try to be more prayerful in different ways:

15 of our Year 3/4 choir took part in the Blackpool Schools' Lenten Liturgy.

Year 5 and 6 took part in reconciliation with Father David

Stations of the Cross are being held by year 5 for years 3,4 and 6. Parents are also invited to join us in this prayerful pilgrimage.

Our Easter play is performed by year 4.

Thank you to all of you that joined us for school mass on Sunday 9th March. It is lovely to see the mass so well attended. Thanks also to our readers and those children involved in the offertory.



Big walks

Thank you all for supporting our Lenten promise to CAFOD and sending in your BIG WALK donations. The winner of the signed BFC football last week was Kole Astley from Reception class.

DATE	LAP	DISTANCE	
Friday 7 th March	LAP	210km	LAUNCH DAY
Friday 14 th March	LAP	210km	SPORTY GEAR
Friday 21 st March	LAP	210km	Uniform with SNAZZY SOCKS - wear your craziest pair!
Friday 28 th March	LAP 3	210km	Uniform with FANCY FOOTWEAR (BRING A CHOCOLATE EGG DONATION)
Friday 4 th April	LAP 4	210km	Non uniform - ITALIAN COLOURS
Tuesday 8 th April 9am	LAP 6	210km	Easter Bonnets Parade AND WE WANT YOU TO JOIN US!
	TOTAL	1260 km	

Each week, please send in a small donation so that we can raise money for CAFOD, except for on the 28th when we would like a chocolate egg donation. Cash or a donation on MCAS is accepted. Every penny raised makes a difference.

World Book day and Book Fair

Thank you for supporting World Book Day here at Holy Family, the children looked brilliant. Also, thank you to all of you who came to buy a book from the Book Fair over the past few days. For every book sold, school is given a small donation towards books of our choice - Mrs Dempsey was really pleased to see we were given £200 credit and this money will go towards new books for our class libraries.

Year 4 trip to UCLan

Year 4 had a brilliant time creating their potions in the labs at UCLan.



Parking and driving along Seacrest Avenue

Please could parents remember to be mindful that we have neighbours! On a daily basis, I see parents stop outside our neighbouring houses, often parking across a driveway or blocking the road for those who need access. The road should remain clear at all times: only deliveries, staff and those with a blue disabled badge should be using Seacrest Avenue after 8:40am. Please consider the church carpark and walk through, Links Road or our drop off carpark on Leckhampton.

Parents using the carpark for dropping off/collection at The Ark (between the times 7:45-8:30am and 4:25 - 5:45pm) do so with the understanding that they exit the carpark at an appropriate speed for the road with a blind bend. Remember, there could be a child on that corner!



Dates for your diary coming up

- 19.3.25 - Schools' shared Liturgy. Those involved will be notified.
Blackpool children's symposium. Those involved will be notified.
- 21.3.25 - Y5/6 basketball skills. Those involved will be notified.
- 28.3.25 - Y1 Mothers' Day afternoon
Mr Bodell's last day
- 3.4.25 - Y4 Easter play (afternoon performance time tbc)
- 8.4.25 - Easter bonnet and final BIG WALK
- 9.4.25 - Mr Waywell's last day
Break up for Easter 1:30pm.

- 22.4.25 - **Return to school**
- 1.5.25 - Year 3 Mass
- 5.5.25 - **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY (NO SCHOOL)**
- 7.5.25 - Year 4 mini Olympics at St. Mary's
- 8.5.25 - Year 2 Class Mass @ 2:30pm
- 12.5.25 - Year 6 SATS week
- 15.5.25 - Year 1 Class Mass @ 2:30pm
- 19.5.25 - Sports Day (juniors am and infants pm)
- 20.5.25 - Reserve Sports day
- 21.5.25 - Our Lady Statue tour at Holy Family - school picnic
- 22.5.25 - Reception class Spiritual sing-a-long and blessing
- 23.5.25 - **Break up for half term 3:15pm**

Advance warning!

Year 6 SATS will take place 12-16th May 2025

Year 1 will undertake the phonics screen during the week commencing 9th June.

Year 4 will undertake the multiplication check during the week beginning the 9th June.

We kindly request that you avoid taking our child out of school in the lead up to or during these assessment windows.

Thank you.



Year 6 Residential

Year 6 visit to Waterpark is booked for the week beginning 7th July.

Payments can be made on MCAS now to spread the cost.

