



# School News

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## The Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for our family and friends.

Thank you for the love we share  
with one another.

Help us to make it stronger day by day.

Amen



## 'Well Done'

*to the following pupils who received  
special awards this week:*

Reception - Lara, Mason, Enna

Year 1 – Savannah, Milo, Vinne

Year 2 – Sasha, Ernie, Lily

Year 3 – Harris, Amelia, Evie

Year 4 – Mei, Olivia, Sidney

Year 5 – Grace, Aleksas, Karina

Year 6 - Ruben, Hansel, Bea



## Message from the Headteacher

Lent is the time of year when Christians prepare for Easter. Lent this year falls within half term and starts on Wednesday 14th February. The word Lent comes from an older English word meaning "springtime."

It is a time of reflection and of asking for forgiveness, and when we prepare to celebrate Jesus's resurrection at the feast of Easter. During Lent this year we are encouraging all the children to take part in the Lenten walk, please could I ask you to support us with this. For further details please overleaf.

Mr Goodall and Rowena from the Cotswold Youth Choir came in on Wednesday to run a choir workshop for Year 5 and 6. They sang recall songs, practised scales, harmonies and rounds. The sound of the children's voices was beautiful.

On Wednesday, Year 3 & 4 attended the Ball Skills Tournament at Chipping Norton School. The children had a wonderful time taking part in a variety of activities and many were chosen, by Sports Leaders, for Sporting Champions. The teachers said what a credit to our school they were. Well done Year 3 and 4!

Today, we celebrated what makes us all unique and special through our Express Yourself Day. It was wonderful to see the children looking so happy and colourful in their dress and sharing their hobbies and interests with each other.

We have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year with Reception and KS1 welcoming in the Year of the Dragon and learning some Chinese traditions, including a Dragon dance. The children feasted on Prawn Crackers and Stir Fry Noodles with Soy Sauce, they loved it! They also shared Chinese fortunes, which they wrote themselves and delivered them around the school. Miss Hickman taught Year 2 how to sing 'Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' in Mandarin.

Wishing you a restful half term.

## World Book Day Thursday 7th March

Get ready for one of our favourite days of the year - the annual celebration of books, stories and the sheer love of reading!

Who will you transform into this year? Start planning your costume now – prizes and certificates for each class.

Take part in our Book Fair competitions (forms attached). Key Stage 1 – draw your favourite book character, Key Stage 2 - design a new front cover for your favourite book. £5 book voucher for each class winner to be spent at the Book Fair.

Spend your £1 book vouchers at our Travelling Book Fair arriving on March 20th. Latest book titles at bargain prices!

Watch this space for lots of games, fun and trips planned for World Book Day!



## BIG LENT WALK 2024

We are taking part in the Big Lent Walk for CAFOD! CAFOD is an international development charity and the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

Our school community will join thousands of others to help fight global poverty.

We will be having a Big Lent Walk event in school, on Friday 1st March 2024. As a school community, our target is to walk 200km during the 40 days of Lent. The link to our JustGiving page is here for those who would like to support this cause and our efforts:

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/holy-trinitys-big-lent-walk-fund-raising-page>

You can join the Big Lent Walk too! We would love if you could get involved outside of school. You can log your steps on the sheets that have been sent home to help contribute to our 200km target and please send in any photos of your walks so that we can add them to our donation page.



## This Week in Photos





# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

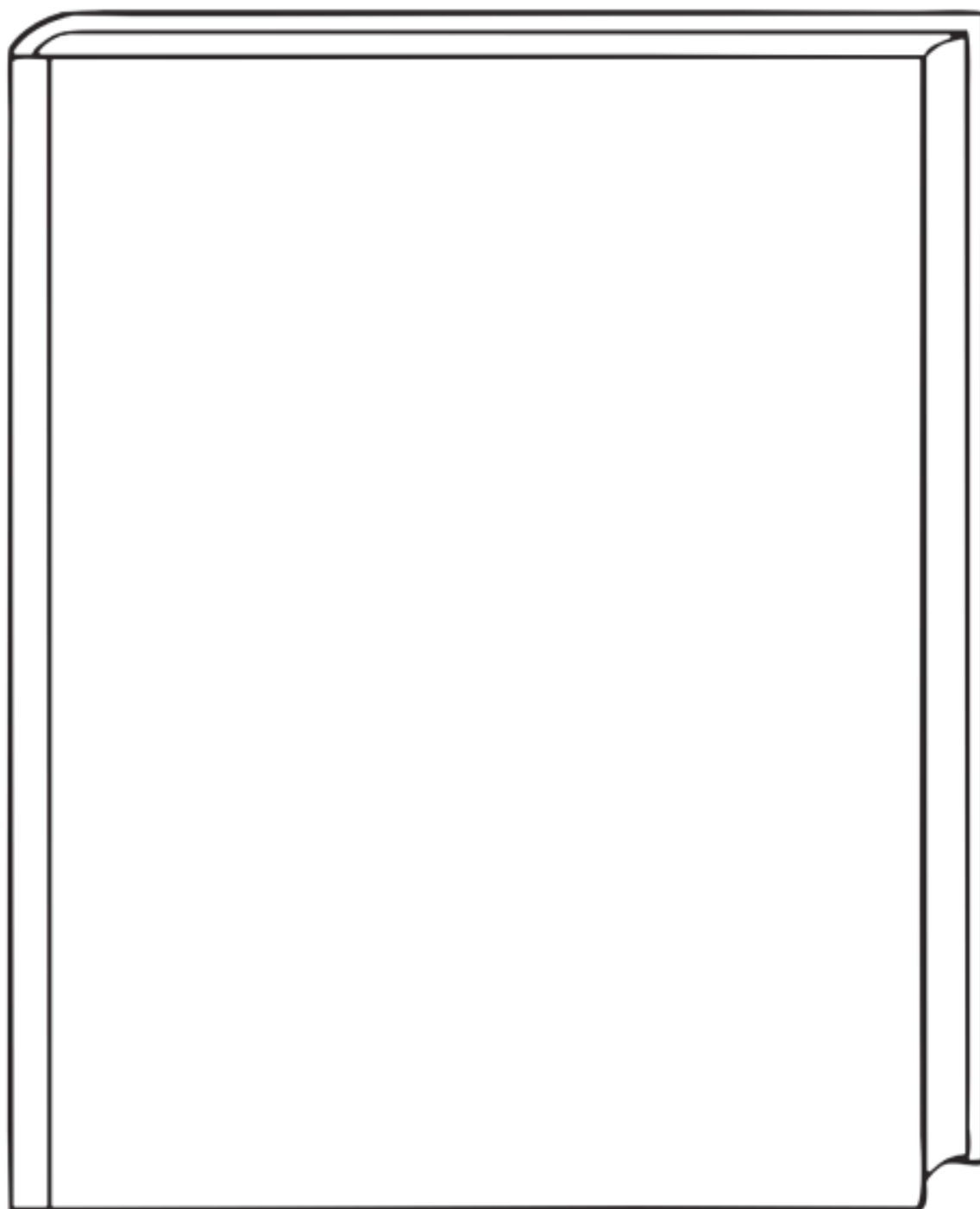
Dates for Lentern Term	
Monday 12th February	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Beginning of Term Mass
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Pottery Workshop - CNS (NEW)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Big Lent Walk (NEW)
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Dance Festival
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Mother's Day Assembly (NEW)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day (NEW)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 & 3 Multi Skills Festival
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 St Patrick's Day Assembly (NEW)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evening 3.20 -5.30
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Chipping Norton Music Festival
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evening 3.20-5.50
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Week Mass
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 & 4 Easter Production
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closes at 12.05pm for Easter
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Beginning of Rosary Term
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Beginning of Term Mass
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 MFL Festival
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Trip to the Pitt Rivers Museum (NEW)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	U10s Rugby Tournament
	Confirmation Service - 7pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day Mass
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Yenworthy Residential
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	First Reconciliation - During School
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Beginning of Trinity Term
June - Date to be Confirmed	Reception Trip to the Cotswold Farm Park (NEW)
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photos - NEW DATE
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	First Holy Communion - 11am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Everdon Residential Trip
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Drama Workshop
	U11 Cricket Tournament
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Festival of Voices - Dorchester Abbey (NEW)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Backup Sports Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 5 Kids in the Kitchen
& Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Transitions Days - CNS
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Move Up Day
	Meet the Teacher Afternoon - 3.15pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 End of Year Production (NEW)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	School Closes at 12.05pm for the Summer

## **Class Book Fair Competition - Key Stage 1**

Draw your favourite story character - this could be a person, animal or alien! Deadline - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. One winner per class will receive a £5 voucher to spend at school book fair.

## **Class Book Fair Competition - Key Stage 2**

Design and draw a new book cover for your favourite book. Deadline - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.  
One winner per class will receives a £5 voucher to spend at school book fair.



Dear Parent / Carer

Finally, the days are getting longer and the weather is beginning to improve, so hopefully in next week's half term you and your children will be able to spend some time outdoors.

Half term would be a great chance for you to use our **Footsteps** programme to begin to support your children in their journey to becoming safer, independent pedestrians and road users.

Our **Footsteps** guide will give you some ideas of how to begin to support your child in developing the decision-making skills that will help them become a pedestrian able to keep themselves safer when they eventually walk to school or a friend's home independently.

If they are ill-prepared, children are more likely to be killed or injured in a road traffic incident, as seen by the fact that the number of child pedestrians injured rises significantly around 10 -12 years of age – the time at which they begin to go out unaccompanied by adults.

The **Footsteps** programme is simple to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than *telling* children what to do, you are encouraged to *ask* lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Making these decisions safely, while in the company of a supporting adult, will mean they will be better prepared for dealing with roads and traffic once they begin going out on their own.

Learning to cope with traffic is a practical skill, which can't be learnt in the classroom. As parents / carers, you are the best people to help your child develop this knowledge as you spend the most time out and about with them.

It is never too early to start talking to your child about road safety as, having a good understanding of road safety skills, could one day save their life.

Please follow the link to the **Footsteps** guide [Walking with children | 365Alive](#) and start giving your children the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safer on our roads.

Oxfordshire Fire & Resue Service Road Safety Team  
Oxfordshire County Council

