

# Newsletter

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Welcome to Issue 25 of our Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue our journey through Lent. This coming Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Lent, which is also called **Laetare Sunday**. Latin word **laetare** means **rejoice**.

It is also known as mid-Lent Sunday, for it occurs just over halfway through Lent, and as Refreshment Sunday because it may be observed with some relaxation of Lenten strictness. In medieval England simnel cakes (special rich fruitcakes) were consumed on this day.



Next week, on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April we will meet with St Charles school and have a mini, symbolic pilgrimage across the park, ending in our church of Our Lady of the Holy Souls for a joint Federation 'Pilgrims of Hope' Mass, as part of our Jubilee Year 2025 journey. The Mass will be celebrated by Father Damian at 10.00am. Please, join us if you can.



Enjoy reading the rest of the Newsletter.  
Hope all our families enjoy a restful weekend.

With the very best wishes

Magdalena Tusting  
**Head of School**

### Important dates:

<b>March 2025</b>	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Star of the Term Assembly</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Last day of term, school closes at 1.30pm</b>

### PE Days:

Please remember that children can come to school in their PE kits on PE days. Please refer to our guidance on school uniform and ensure your child has the correct PE kit. If for any reason they are not able to come in the correct kit, we require an email or phone call from home to explain the circumstances.

There will be another small change of PE days after half term. We will only have PE sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays:

Wednesdays - **Years 1 and 2 (change from last term), Nursery and Reception**  
Fridays - **Years 3 and 4; Years 5 and 6 (change from last half term)**

Thank you for your patience and support.

### Catholic Life and Mission of the school

Yesterday Year 3 had their Class Assembly on the theme of Lent. The assembly was beautifully prepared and presented, with children confidently sharing their parts, projecting their voices and speaking clearly. They chose two lovely songs and sung them both with a lot of feeling and emotion! Congratulations, Year 3, thank you for your wonderful assembly!



Today we have the MUFTY Day as part of our school Lenten Almsgiving (fundraising to share with those less fortunate than us). Children are wearing their own clothes and were asked to bring a coin for the fundraising. All money raised will be passed on to CAFOD to support their wonderful work around the world!



## Look what we've done – Key Stage Two

### Year 3



This week Year 3 have been working extremely hard to consolidate their fractions knowledge. They're brains have been prodded and picked at and stretched but the jump in understanding of fractions has been worth it! Such incredible hard work!

### Year 4



Last Thursday, Year 4 took a trip to visit the Natural History Museum. We have been studying Volcanoes as our Geography topic this half term so students got the chance to visit the Planet Earth exhibition and learn more about how our Earth is formed and the connection between volcanoes and earthquakes. Children were highly engaged in the new learning and it was a wonderful day out.

### Year 5



Year 5 have been investigating forces in science. We built parachutes, thinking about air resistance, gravity and surface area in order to make the most effective parachute possible.

## Year 6



This week, year 6 took part in the Junior Citizenship scheme at the National History Museum. Across the day, the children learned about a range of different aspects of life that they may be exposed to now that they are becoming increasingly independent.

Topics such as financial diligence, road and fire safety, police structures and first aid were all tackled. The children participated fully and represented the school brilliantly at all points.

## Star of the Week

N - Jacob  
R - Jahmiel  
Y1 - Pippa  
Y2 - Jose'  
Y3 - Whole Class  
Y4 - Alby  
Y5 - Nicholas

## Star Readers

Y1 - Darius  
Y2 - N/A  
Y3 - Fatima  
Y4 - Mimi  
Y5 - Layla

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## **Term Dates 2024 – 2025**

### **Spring Term - 2025**

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#### **Second Half Term**

First Day of School – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Last Day of School – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - **1.30pm** - *School Closed*

**Easter Holiday** – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

### **Summer Term – 2025**

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#### **First Half Term**

Staff Training – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – *School Closed*

First Day of School – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

**Bank Holiday** – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Last Day of School – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

**Half Term** – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

#### **Second Half Term**

First Day of School – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Staff Training – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – *School Closed*

Last Day of School – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July - **1.30pm** - *School Closed*

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