

ST MARY'S BROUGHTON GIFFORD



DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

As we approach the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all the fantastic things that have happened at school so far. It has been a term full of growth, learning, and memorable moments, and I couldn't be more proud of our students, staff, and the wider school community.

As we approach Easter, I would like to highlight the meaningful Lent reflections that our students have participated in this term. It has been wonderful to see how thoughtfully our pupils have embraced the season of reflection and renewal. During our special Easter service, students shared their personal reflections and thoughts around love, joy, peace and hope. The service was a beautiful reminder of the importance of community, giving, and looking after one another.

We are so proud of everything our students have achieved, and none of this would be possible without your continued support and involvement. Looking ahead to the rest of the year, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead, including more learning, more celebrations, and more moments to cherish as a school community. Thank you once again for being such an important part of our school's journey. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to seeing you in the next term. Miss Butcher and Mrs Duck.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



LENT REFLECTION



MOTHER'S DAY ART EXHIBITION



MAPLE CLASS WORSHIP



CHURCH SERVICE



LAMBS IN SCHOOL



EASTER BONNET PARADE



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KEY DATES



SATs 12th-15th May



Bikeability (Year 6) - 16th May



Break the Rules Non-school Uniform Day



The next PTA meeting will be held on 1st May 2025. We would love for you to join us!

WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have enjoyed exploring the stories The Gruffalo and Little Red Riding Hood this term. We have retold the stories and written about them. In Maths we have been finding different ways to make a total and Year one have been understanding fractions and turns. In RE we looked for signs of Spring. We planted a seed to look after and observe the changes. We were lucky to have lambs come into visit us too and we all had a cuddle. We learnt a lot about how to look after them. The youngest lamb was a day old and we named them Buttercup. We made pancakes for the start of Lent and hot cross buns, understanding why we eat them at certain times of the year. We discussed why Christians celebrate Easter and we learnt about the Easter story. In Geography we explored physical and human features. We made a model of natural features such as a mountain, sea, river and a beach. We are always working hard on our daily phonics, reading and writing. Keep practising!

MAPLE CLASS

As part of a rotation, we evaluated our healthy snacks at home and recorded results from an experiment on the effects of different liquids on a hard-boiled egg, linking it to dental health. In PHSE, we discussed healthy eating and exercise, creating workout plans. Check out the oil pastel crocus sketches on your Mother's Day cards!

Our reading text has been Sheep Pig, alongside comprehension from unseen texts. In writing, Fly, Eagle Fly inspired narratives, followed by non-chronological reports on eagles and persuasive speeches on zoos using rhetorical questions. In phonics, we recapped silent letters, alternative graphemes for 'j' (ge/dge), suffixes (chopped/racing), and plural rules (s, es, ies).

Year 2 applied multiplication (2s, 5s, 10s) to money and time, improving rapid recall of doubles with rekonreks. Year 3 used rapid recall of times tables (2x-6x) to multiply and divide larger numbers, applying skills to money and column methods.

OAK CLASS

What a wonderful and reflective term it's been in Oak Class!

We began with our Lent Reflection, where the children showed such maturity and thoughtfulness as they explored the meaning of Lent and how we can show kindness and compassion in our daily lives. In English, we've been incredibly proud of the children's creative writing inspired by Varmints. Their alternative endings and descriptive language were so powerful, we've proudly displayed their work in the school hall – be sure to take a look! To end the term, Oak Class led our Easter Church Service with confidence and care. Their reflections on Joy were heartfelt and inspiring, helping the whole school community reflect on the true meaning of Easter. Well done, Oak Class – you've worked hard, supported one another, and made us very proud. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved Easter break!



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