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Dear Parent and Carer

In the last week before the end of term, there are several important pieces of information that I would like to bring to your attention.

Last week, each year group attended a **Lenten Mass** at St Oswald's Church to remember that this is the most important time of the year and that we can make a difference by caring for others and listening more attentively to the readings from Scripture over the Easter period. I would like to thank **Deacon Jim and Canon John** for the wonderful Masses they have provided for our school community.

It has been another very busy term in school, with many wonderful examples of our pupils going 'above and beyond' to produce fantastic efforts in a whole host of different areas, I hope that you have enjoyed the examples we have shared with you on [Bluesky Social Media](#) and the school website [SEA News Website](#).

I have not received the Ofsted report yet, but as soon as it is available I will communicate this to you.

As you know from my previous letters, traffic congestion around school has given me some causes for concern, hence I always ask that parents use our designated drop-off/pick up point at St Oswald's Church car park. Unfortunately, we are increasingly experiencing heavy congestion around school by some parents not using the designated drop-off/pick-up point. **Could I please ask that all parents and family members use St Oswald's car park?** It is less than a 5-minute walk into school from there, unless pupils are physically incapable of doing so (for example when on crutches following injury). Many thanks in anticipation of your support.

After 19 years' dedicated service to the school, our School Business Manager, **Mrs Chapman** is retiring this week. Her contribution to the school has been immense and she will be missed by everyone. I am sure that you will join our school community in wishing Mrs Chapman every happiness in her retirement. Finally, school will close for pupils this **Wednesday 1 April 2026** at the normal time of **3.05pm** (Thursday is an INSET day for staff). School re-opens for pupils on **Monday 20 April 2026**.

On behalf of the staff, pupils and governors of the school *I wish you all a wonderful Easter.*

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher