

# Weekly Newsletter

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**'And He was transfigured before them, and His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became white as light.'**

Matthew 17:2

Dear Parents and Carers

The sunshine has been a welcome change this week and it feels as though Spring has very much sprung!

The children continue to take part in Lenten activities and reflections as we journey through Lent together, drawing closer to God.



## Boccia



Our KS2 children had an absolutely brilliant time competing in the All Hallows Boccia Tournament. From the moment we arrived, the excitement was contagious, huge smiles, great team spirit and fantastic sportsmanship all round. With 8 teams competing, the standard was high and the competition was tough.

This was a wonderful opportunity to showcase their skills, teamwork and determination with some clever tactical play. They developed strategies throughout the tournament as their confidence grew with each round resulting in 2nd place and well earned silver medals.

They all represented the school with enthusiasm, resilience and outstanding behaviour. Their encouragement of one another and positive attitudes truly reflected the values of Saint Mary's. Well done to everyone who took part, you were all superstars!

## Lenten Fundraiser

"During Lent, Saint Mary's will be taking part in the 'Big Lent Walk' to raise money for CAFOD. Please support your children and the CAFOD charity by adding a donation to the just giving page that has been posted on class dojo. We aim to raise money for this essential, Catholic charity that supports development overseas."



## World Book Day

We were delighted to celebrate World Book Day in school this week and what a fantastic day it was! The excitement was clear from the moment children arrived, proudly dressed as their favourite book characters. From classic fairy-tale heroes to modern literary stars, the creativity and effort on display were truly impressive. The children took part in a range of activities including writing stories to contribute to class story books. We can't wait for the books to arrive; this will certainly feel like a big accomplishment for the children. It was also wonderful to see all the home projects, the children thoroughly enjoying sharing them—well done to our winners! Thank you to parents and carers for your continued support in helping to make the day so special. Whether through helping with costumes, sharing stories at home, or encouraging a love of reading, your involvement makes a real difference. World Book Day was a tremendous success and a true celebration of our love of reading. We look forward to continuing to nurture this enthusiasm throughout the year!



### World Book Day Winners

Nursery  
Reception  
Year 1  
Year 2  
Year 3  
Year 4  
Year 5  
Year 6

The Hungry Caterpillar  
The Café at the Edge of the Woods  
Mary Poppins  
Harry Potter  
Diary of a Wimpy Kid  
The Highway Rat  
Pokemon  
Bunny vs Monkey

Jacob  
Winnie  
Dolly-Mae  
Oscar  
Ella  
Freya  
Timothy  
Max

## Stars of the Week and Gospel Values

Nursery	Christo	For keeping our Nursery tidy
	Amber	For making amazing progress writing her name
Reception	Lila	For being a kind member of our class
	Joseph	For excellent listening and showing respect
Year 1	Hannah	For great progress in reading
	Ethan	For lovely manners
Year 2	Essah	For her hard work in all of her lessons
	Layla	For amazing kindness to her friends
Year 3	Katie	For being helpful and considerate towards others
	Brooke	For a fantastic and positive attitude towards all her work
Year 4	Anmiel	For treating all of his friends fairly and equally
	Esme	For being resilient in her learning this week
Year 5	Tiana	For superb writing in English and History including the Year 5 writing features
	Oliver	For super engagement in the 'Open for Lent' daily videos
Year 6	Blake	For fantastic participation in our World Book Day activities
	Seb	For an incredible attitude to learning

### Dojo winners

Year 5



### Talking point

This week in school, we have been reflecting on the message of St David, whose simple but powerful advice was: *"Do the little things well."* In our busy lives, it is often the small, every-day actions that make the biggest difference — a kind word, helping a sibling, trying our best with homework, saying thank you, or including someone who feels left out. These "little things" build strong friendships, happy homes and a caring school community. **This week's family talking point:** *What are the "little things" we can do at home to show love and kindness to one another?*

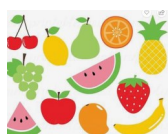
### Teeth brushing

Thank you to the NHS nurses who came in this week to speak to Year 2 about the importance of cleaning our teeth. We hope the children are practising these skills at home. The class thoroughly enjoyed the session.



### Snacks

Please ensure snacks from home are a fruit or bread based snacks rather than crisps and chocolate. Thank you for your support.



### Attendance

Nursery	96.35%	Year 3	95.75%
Reception	88.1%	<b>Year 4</b>	<b>100%</b>
Year 1	98%	Year 5	87.88%
Year 2	95.93%	Year 6	98.8%

Whole School 95.9%

**Well done Year 4!**



### Phonics meeting

Thank you to all those that attended our KS1 phonics meeting on Tuesday. We hope that you found the information shared useful. **If you were not able to attend the meeting, the information can be found on the school website under the class pages.**

## Saint David's Day

This week, the children gathered for a special assembly to learn about St David, the Patron Saint of Wales, as we marked St David's Day on 1st March. During the assembly, the children discovered how he devoted his life to serving God, living simply and teaching others to follow Jesus.



They listened carefully as they heard the famous words attributed to him: *"Do the little things well."* We reflected on how we can live out this message in our daily school life by showing kindness, working hard and helping one another.

The children also learned about how this links to British Values and how we can be tolerant and accepting of other traditions that we might not celebrate ourselves. It was a lovely opportunity for our school community to reflect on faith, service and the importance of making a difference through small, thoughtful actions each day.



## Year 2 at Mass

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed attending Mass with Father Francis on Tuesday. The children represented school really well and could answer questions carefully about Lent. All classes have the opportunity to go to Mass throughout the year. If your child's class have not attended yet, they will do soon.

### Dates for the Diary

#### **Monday 9th March**

Y4 & Y5 Wizard of Oz AHCC

Y4 swimming

#### **Tues 10th**

Y4 Mass in Church

Reception & Year 6 Big Lent Walk

#### **Wed 11th**

Springboard parent session 9am—9.45am

FHC class after school 3.15 - 4pm

#### **Thurs 12th**

Y4 Forest School

Parent Book Look 3.15 p.m.

#### **Fri 13th**

Y5 Choral Concert in Town Hall

Y6 Mass in Church

#### **Mon 16th March**

Y4 swimming

#### **Tues 17th**

Y5 attend Mass in Church

Y1 and Y4 Big Lent Walk

Tattenhall Parent Meeting 3.15 p.m.

#### **Weds 18th**

Online Parents Meetings— details to follow

FHC class after school 3.15 - 4pm

#### **Thurs 19th**

Y3 Forest School

Y5 Jodrell Bank Trip

Y6 Crucial Crew

#### **Fri 20th**

Y2 Music Performance 11 a.m.

### Prayer

Heavenly Father,

As we begin our Lenten journey,  
we remember the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert,  
praying and preparing to do Your will.

Help us to follow His example.  
Guide us to pray more deeply,  
to give generously to those in need,  
and to make small sacrifices with loving hearts.

When we are tempted to make wrong choices,  
give us the strength to choose kindness and forgiveness.  
When we fall short,  
help us to trust in Your mercy and begin again.

May this holy season prepare our hearts for the joy of  
Easter.

Bless our school, our families and our community,  
as we walk together in faith, hope and love.

Through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

