



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

**Newsletter No. 27: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Weekly News**

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, we heard the celebration and joy of the return of the prodigal son. The son discovers his father's forgiving love. This teaches us that when we forgive and are forgiven, we are filled with great joy and a feeling of peace.

We are continuing our journey through Lent in school and thinking about our key words 'give, act, pray' and how we can put them into action as part of our preparation. Thank you again to everyone for supporting the initiatives led by the Mini Vinnies in order to help both our local and global families. This week we were overwhelmed with the number of cleaning product items you have donated for the local food bank - thank you! Next Friday, the Mini Vinnies are asking if you can kindly donate Easter eggs. Please do not feel you have to give every week, but donate what you can. Your generosity is always appreciated.

Thank you to Y2 and Y4 parents who attended our Jubilee prayer services this week. We hope that you enjoyed praying with your child and reflecting on how we can be 'Pilgrims of Hope' through our actions. We are so pleased that so many of you could attend.

Well done to Y3 who made their First Confessions today. They prepared and delivered a beautiful prayer service for us and were so sensible and reverent throughout their Sacramental afternoon. Thank you to Fr Ramesh and all parents who joined us as well.

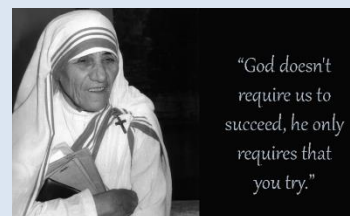
Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Science Extravaganza on Tuesday. We hope that you enjoyed looking at the range of practical experiments and investigations that the children have participated in this half term. We are sure that you will agree the standard of work and level of vocabulary demonstrated was excellent. If you were unable to make it, we will put some photos on the website shortly. Thank you to Mrs Steele for organising this event and all of the pupils and staff for their hard work in putting it together.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Kindest regards,  
Mrs Hill



**Peer Mentors**

During our Congratulations Assembly today, our Peer Mentors led us through the story of Jesus being tempted and how he overcame this. We have used this as a model to try to overcome our own temptations and the distractions around us to make sure that we are focusing on the right things. The children have been reminded about the importance of trying our best through the inspiring words of Mother Teresa.



Children have been congratulated for being independent, resilient, beautifully behaved, producing excellent writing and for earning the most Dojo points! Well done, everyone.

**Catholic Social Teachings**

One of our focus Catholic Social Teachings this term is PREFERENTIAL OPTION FOR THE POOR.

Here is the story of Poppy the Popokotea's story.



When Poppy hatched, she was all alone and never knew her parents. She remembers having to rely on kind birds caring for her and bringing her worms to eat.

As one of the youngest and most vulnerable, she understands what it was like to have nothing and the need to rely on others.

She is much older now and has started a "Worms-4-U" service for birds in need everywhere.

Poppy's story tells us that we should think first about the needs of people who need help the most.



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## Notices

- Holy Week Assemblies: Different year groups will be leading assemblies to talk us through the events of Holy Week. These will take place on the following dates. Parents are welcome to attend. They all start at 9:10am.
- Palm Sunday Prayer Service led by Y1 and Y2 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April
- Last Supper Prayer Service led by Y3 and Y4 Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April
- Agony in the Garden Prayer Service led by Y6 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April
- Stations of the Cross Prayer Service led by Y5 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April
- Our School Council are still looking for donations of sports equipment or colouring equipment. Please let the school office know if you have any items. Thank you.
- A reminder that as it gets warmer, the summer uniform can be worn from April. Please see our school website - useful information tab - uniform page for full information.
- If your child has grown out of their red PE jumper and they are still in good condition, please could you donate them to us at school. Please drop them into the school office.
- We have received complaints regarding parking and cars that are parked blocking residents' driveways and blocking most or all of the footpath causing children to have to walk onto the road. Please be mindful of considerate parking and pedestrians.

## Events

Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> April: Holy Week Assemblies

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 9:15am Mass in school - all welcome

Term ends on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 1:30pm

Summer term starts on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - school closed for Bank Holiday

Y6 SATs week begins Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Half term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Y4 Multiplication checks begin week beginning Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Y1 Phonics screening begins week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June

End of term: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm

## Reflection and Prayer

**This Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent.**

In this Sunday's Gospel we hear about how Jesus showed mercy; showing that he is always merciful and forgiving. Jesus also teaches us that often we notice the mistakes and faults of others before we notice our own. We should be ready to forgive others, just as others forgive our own faults.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs N. Hill  
Headteacher

