



Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another.

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Weekly News

Dear Parents,

In this week's Gospel, Jesus is telling us that we must look at and change the way we act, before we can expect anyone else to change. We can pray and let God fill our hearts with goodness and love.

We had a beautiful Mass on Ash Wednesday, marking the start of our journey through Lent. Our Mini Vinnies have been thinking of ways in which we can demonstrate that we are living our faith in action. Please see the letter attached with their plans for Lent. We would really appreciate your support with these.

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening this week. We are sure that you found the meetings informative and enjoyed looking at your children's books.

Well done, Reception, who performed their first class showcase this week. They were wonderful in their speaking in front of an audience and singing. We were wowed by their knowledge of animals, sea creatures and we know that they are looking forward to learning all about space! Thank you to everyone who came to watch.

Finally, well done to all of the children and staff who made a huge effort for World Book Day! We have had a fantastic day celebrating and promoting the joy of reading and the children have been thinking about their favourite books. We had a wide range of characters from Harry Potter, Where's Wally, detectives, superheroes, princesses and many more!

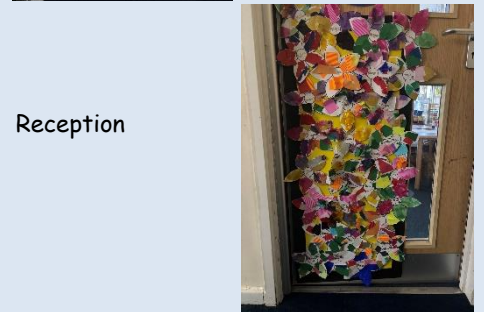
Have a lovely weekend.
Kindest regards,
Mrs Hill

Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope

We have been thinking about how we are being 'Pilgrims of Hope' this year by growing in our prayer life and thinking of ways that we can join in fundraising and social action. As part of this, we have taken inspiration from the Jubilee Prayer and the children have created a Jubilee door for their classroom. The key words we have linked to each door are: love, hope, joy, faith, forgiveness, prayer, charity and peace. We think they have done a wonderful job. Thank you, Mrs Hayes, for organising these.



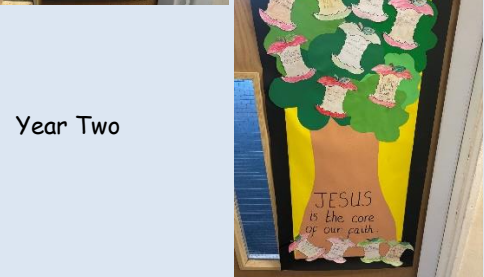
Nursery



Reception



Year One



Year Two



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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 7th April](#)
- [Last Supper Prayer Service led by Y3 and Y4 Tuesday 8th April](#)
- [Agony in the Garden Prayer Service led by Y6 Wednesday 9th April](#)
- [Stations of the Cross Prayer Service led by Y5 Thursday 10th April](#)
- PTA news: January's 50/50 winner was Anna Meadows, who won £48.75. Well done.
- Please see an attached letter from our School Council - we hope you can help.
- We have enjoyed celebrating world book week this week; however, our culture of reading is evident on a daily basis around school and not just during a themed week. We are always stocking up on the 'recommended reads' for each year group and children have the opportunity to read them for pleasure. Here is a document which can help parents make the most of reading time at home:
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read/10-top-tips-to-encourage-children-to-read>

Events

- Tuesday 11th March - Y5 attending Church for Mass with the Parish
- Tuesday 11th March 2:45pm Y1 Prayer service (parents welcome)
- Wednesday 12th March Y5 Rainforest Roadshow in school (see separate letter)
- Thursday 13th March 7pm - Confirmation Mass for Y6
- Tuesday 18th March - Y4 attending Church for Mass with the Parish
- Wednesday 19th March 2:45pm Y5 Prayer service (parents welcome)
- Thursday 20th March 9am Y3 Sacramental workshop (see separate letter)
- Term ends on Friday 11th April 1:30pm and summer term starts on Monday 28th April

Reflection and Prayer

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Lent.

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday. We remember the forty days which Jesus spent fasting and praying in the desert. We are called to turn away from selfishness and grow closer to God's love.

Jesus showed us the importance of spending some time growing closer to God through prayer. With God's help, he was able to choose to do the right thing and turn away from temptation.

Luke, Chapter 4: "But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'"

Yours sincerely,
Mrs N. Hill
Headteacher

