



St Joseph's News

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We had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found. **Luke 15:32**

Catholic Life of the School

The Gospel reading we will hear at Mass this weekend is taken from Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Many of us will be familiar with this parable in which we hear of a father's joy when his wayward son returns home and asks for forgiveness. The father is so delighted to receive his son that he arranges an immediate celebration.

Pope Francis tells us that *"The Church invites everyone to be embraced by the Father's tenderness and forgiveness"*.

When we turn to Jesus and ask for forgiveness for our sins, our heavenly Father also celebrates at our choice to repent.

Reconciliation

On Wednesday, Fr Stephen and Fr Gabriel had lunch with the children at St Joseph's then spent the afternoon with some of the children as part of their current Reconciliation visits.

St Patrick's and St Joseph's Mass

On Thursday 17 March, Fr Stephen will be celebrating the 10.00am mass for St Patrick and for St Joseph too as our children will be in attendance. Parents are welcome to join us at the church.



Merit of the Week Award

The following children received Merit Certificates in our whole school assembly this morning for excellent standards in their learning and behaviour:

Marcela 2M, Cyrus 2W, Jack 3C, Avin 3M, Julia 4K, Nyra 4G,
Kylan 4W, Mariana 5L, Josie 5M, Naomi 6M and Tyise 6R

Student of the Week Award

2W	Shernice	For being a great role model
5L	Leone	For being responsible and respectful
6R	Ella	For setting high standards for others to follow

Attendance

During week beginning 22 February, Classes 4G, 5L and 6M achieved 100% attendance. More classes must aim for 100% every week to ensure they have the opportunity to enjoy the attendance reward trip.

Children must also arrive on time every day to ensure they access the full curriculum. Poor punctuality affects your child's learning, the learning of others and is very inconsiderate.

Parents who choose to take their child out of school during term time will each be issued with a £120 Education Penalty Notice Fine per child (reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days of issue date)

Please remember that the last school day of this term is Thursday 24 March

Children return to school on Monday 11 April

World Book Day

On Wednesday 3 March, children and staff came to school dressed as their favourite book character. This also provided an opportunity to raise additional funds for the Catholic Children's Society. Thank you to children, parents and staff for all your continuing support.

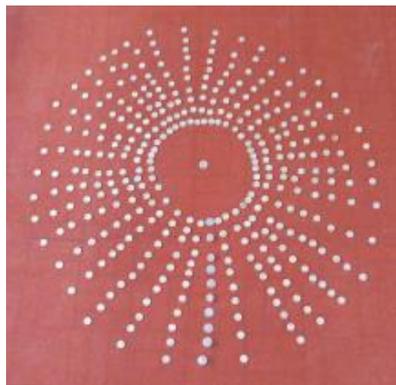


Lenten Appeal

Please continue to support your children with the Lenten Appeal to raise funds for the Catholic Children's Society.

We were truly blessed when the Catholic Children's Society supported our families with their wonderful donation of £10,000 which was used to replace uniform lost in the school fire.

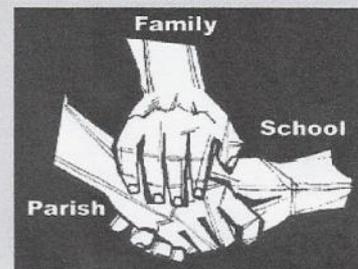
Please remember the Catholic Children's Society in your prayers during the Lent period. You may find it helpful to visit their [website](#) to find out more about their work and the ways in which they support different groups and families.



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From Lent to Easter - Year C

Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea:

This framework is intended as the second in the Spring Term 2016– leading from the beginning of Lent to Good Friday. It continues to focus on the Gospel of Luke in inviting pupils to read and study Luke's account of the Passion of Jesus. During this unit, pupils will also learn about the Stations of the Cross.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

Spiritual Outcomes: *It is hoped that pupils will develop:*

- A sense of reflection and prayer
- An openness to the presence of God in the Eucharist

- A willingness to be part of Lent and Easter celebrations

Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much greater if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs.

- Adopt some Lenten practices at home this Lent: Pray; given alms (give to charity) and give ups something. As a family decide to give up a negative attitude or behaviour this Lent such as being critical, thoughtless, nagging or avoiding responsibilities.

An idea for prayer at home

Prayer Activity



Lord,

As we begin (continue) this journey with you to Easter, help us to remember to stay close to you in what we do, and what we think, and what we say.

Make us mindful of those around us, particularly those who suffer, and help us to give generously of our time, our thoughtfulness and our gifts this Lent.

We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord,

Amen