



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Dear Parents/Carers

Sporting News: Swimming

On Thursday 29th February 26 of our Key Stage 2 pupils participated in the Westminster Schools Swimming Competition at Queen Mother Sport Centre. We are delighted to announce that St. Mary of the Angels came fourth out of 12 schools in the overall competition, winning an impressive 20 medals. As we know, a team event is so much more than who comes away with medals; each and every participant was a valued and integral part of the team and are the very reason we were able to achieve as well as we did on the day. We would like to thank the swimmers for their excellent behaviour and commitment throughout the competition. In particular, the comradery each child showed towards their team mates which made Ms Cox and Mrs Murphy incredibly proud. The cheering was loud as was the applause which was indicative of the support each member of the team gave to those taking part in individual and relay races. We are all very proud of you all and thank you for representing our school in such an exemplary manner. *Miss Cox – PE Lead*

Results

Naomi Silver 25m Butterfly

Robert Gold 25m Front Crawl & Bronze 25m Butterfly

Toni Silver 25m Front Crawl

David Bronze 25m Butterfly

Alexander, Oliver, David, Teddie – Bronze Upper Key Stage 2 Medley Relay

Abbie, Elnathan, Florence, Bella Mae – Bronze Lower Key Stage 2 Girls Freestyle Relay

Emanuele, Toni, Patrick, Oliver – Bronze Lower Key Stage 2 Boys Freestyle Relay

Oliver, Alex, Teddie, David – Silver Upper Key Stage 2 Boys Freestyle Relay

New Year' Disco

It was such a joy to see the children enjoy our recent school discos on Friday 26th January. The excitement in the days prior to the event was palpable with talks of outfits and dance moves in the playground and lunch hall. DJ Lee was so impressed with the children's dancing and behaviour – we certainly know how to have fun at St. Mary of the Angels! Thank you to Lee and all the staff who stayed behind after school to supervise the disco. With your support we raised £420 for school funds which we are going to put towards the cost of new gymnastics equipment.

Budding Writers

We are delighted to share that a number of children from Swallows class (Year 4) have been selected by Young Writers publishing company to have their poems published in a book of original poetry entitled 'Once Upon A Dream - Starlit Whispers'. This is an amazing opportunity and the school will receive a special book with all of the children's poems in. More news to follow soon via the school website. Well done to you all - we are very proud of you. *Miss O'Brien*

Parent Teacher Consultations

These in person meetings will take place during the week beginning Monday 11th March. Further information has been sent home via email earlier this week including how to book your face to face appointment. If you have not received an email or have any difficulties booking your appointment please contact the school office. Foundation Stage parents/carers have been invited to a Stay and Play session in the week prior to the meetings to visit their child's classroom and look at their work. Key Stage 1 parents/carers have been invited to a Stay and Share session. Key Stage 2 parents/carers will have the opportunity to look at their children's work when they come in for their appointment. Please see the list of dates below.

Season of Lent: Ash Wednesday - Holy Saturday

Lent is the time of preparation for the celebration of Easter and the Paschal Mystery. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter Saturday. The last three days of Holy Week are called the Triduum and this begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday (following the Jewish counting of time with the day beginning at sunset) and continuing until the evening of Easter Sunday. The Stations of the Cross are often reflected upon during this season.

As Ash Wednesday fell in half term this year, we were delighted that Fr. Keith arranged for a special Lenten Mass for the school community on Thursday 22nd February. Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils and staff were joined by parents and carers at our parish Church where Fr. Jim celebrated Mass and distributed ashes to all who wished to receive them. For more information regarding Lent and our chosen Lenten Appeal for 2024, please click [here](#) to read our Lent Newsletter which was emailed home last week.

Ten Ten Newsletter

This month's newsletter reminds us that March is packed with celebrations! From the Feast Days of St David, St Patrick and St Joseph to Mothering Sunday. Then as the clocks spring forward, we reach Holy Week and the joy of Easter! Ten Ten's monthly newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout March and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. The March newsletter for parents/carers can be viewed by clicking [here](#) and includes an overview of our Gospel assemblies for the term ahead.



Catholic Social Teaching: Community and Participation

Next week, we continue our *Rooted in Love* journey as we reflect on what it means to be part of a community and to participate. As humans, we are made to live in community with one another and this means being active members of the world we live in. We are meant to look out for each other and build each other up. This is how God wants us to live and we will be exploring this theme starting with a special assembly led by our dedicated Pupil Chaplaincy Team followed by age appropriate lessons in class. If you would like to find out more about the Rooted in Love programme please [click here](#). One of the suggested activities which you may like to support your child at home is to research the history of their local parish or place of worship.

World Book Day: Thursday 7th March

St. Mary of the Angels will celebrate **World Book Day** by having a **Book Character Parade on Thursday 7th March**. All staff and children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book. Remember to bring your book along for the parade! To further encourage our love of stories and books, we will be also be running an exciting '**Book in a Box**' competition. Children are invited to think about how a favourite book could be represented in a simple box. Please make sure that your 'Book in a Box' competition entries are clearly labelled with the book that is being represented, your child's full name and year group. All entries must be in school on the morning of Friday 8th March for judging. Winners for both the 'Book in a Box' and our annual book costume parade will be announced at our Key Stage Assemblies the following week.



Book Fair: Monday 11th-Friday 15th March

Our annual Book Fair will be held again this year from Monday 11th - Friday 15th March. This is a wonderful opportunity to buy some new books to read and enjoy at home, as well as help our school to buy new books for the classrooms. Last year, we were able to buy over £1,000 worth of books for the school due to the success of our previous book fairs. Let's continue to help and support the school and makes this year's Book Fair even more successful! A timetable for the book fair will be sent out next week.

School closure: Thursday 2nd May

The Mayor of London Elections are taking place on Thursday 2nd May and St. Mary of the Angels Will be used as a polling station. The school will be closed to all pupils on Thursday 2nd May.

The Asaka Quartet Performance Workshop: Monday 19th February

On Monday 19th February we started Term 3 off by welcoming The Asaka Quartet into our school as part of our ongoing partnership with Wigmore Hall. The musicians performed for each Key Stage and the pupils and staff were captivated by their performance. To find out more about the Asaka Quartet then please [click here](#). A huge thank you to Wigmore Hall and the quartet.

March Dates

Parent Teacher Consultations

Monday 11th & Wednesday 13th

Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th

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Monday 4th

Tuesday 5th

Wednesday 6th

Robins, Goldfinches, Kingfishers & Hummingbirds

Kestrels, Swallows, Herons & Swans

Ducklings

Forest School: Robins (am) & Goldfinches (pm)

Swans Library visit (am)

Library visit: Goldfinches (am) & Swallows (pm)

Year 4: Floating Classroom

Ducklings & Robins Stay and Play (8.30 – 8.50/3.20 – 3.40)

Hummingbirds Stay & Share (8.30 – 8.50/3.30 – 3.50)

Thursday 7 th	Kestrels Library visit (pm) Robins Library visit (am) Hummingbirds Library visit (pm)
Friday 8 th	WORLD BOOK DAY Goldfinches & Kingfishers Stay & Share (8.30 – 8.50/3.30 – 3.50) INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY Swans to Transport Museum: Junior Citizenship Programme (am) Kingfishers Library Visit (am) Herons Library Visit (am) Swallows Prayer Service 3pm Book in a Box competition
Tuesday 12 th	Year 2 Cinema Trip (more details to follow)
Wednesday 13 th	Kestrels Cinema Trip (more details to follow)
Thursday 14 th	Swallows Cinema Trip (more details to follow)
Friday 15 th	Goldfinches Assembly 9.10am
Friday 22 nd	Key Stage 1 to Wigmore Hall (more details to follow) Marie Curie-pupils and staff may wear something yellow along with their school uniform in return for a small donation to show their support for the Great Daffodil Appeal 2024.
Holy Week Assemblies	
Tuesday 26 th	Palm Sunday Assembly: Herons 9:10am (Herons parents/carers invited)
Wednesday 27 th	Holy Thursday Assembly: Swans 9:10am (Swans parents/carers invited)
Thursday 28 th March	Stations of the Cross Assembly MAUNDY THURSDAY/Last day of Term 3. School closes at 1.30
Friday 29 th	GOOD FRIDAY
Sunday 31 st	EASTER SUNDAY

April Dates

Monday 15 th	School reopens: Start of Term 4
Friday 19 th	Swans Prayer Service 3pm

Assemblies and Prayer Services

Please [click here](#) for upcoming dates for the Spring and Summer term.

Prayer

Loving God,

We thank you for our communities. You created us to live with each other and show Your love to those in need. Let us give thanks for the joy that our communities bring us and ask You to help us make our communities better. Amen

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wilson	Mrs Hough
Headteacher	Deputy Headteacher