

St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School

Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of Term 4, which has been a very busy one. We would like to congratulate the children on their continued hard work and commitment to learning. It is always amazing to write the fortnightly newsletter and share the wealth of enriching experiences our children engage with across the curriculum thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of our staff in organising and arranging these events. Thank you to all of you for your continued support and participation in school life and activities.

Wigmore Hall Key Stage 1: Friday 22nd March

On Friday 22nd March, KS1 were invited to take a dive down into the deep blue sea for an aquatic musical adventure at Wigmore Hall. This underwater extravaganza was brought to life by the Lawson Piano trio, presenter Jessie Maryone Davies and the students themselves. The children sang sea shanties and were even involved in the creation of a stormy piece of music. It was an incredible, interactive experience which truly inspired a love of music and storytelling.

Here are some quotes from our Year 2 Pupils:

'I really enjoyed when we were making the thunder music.' - Chace

'I liked when we did the amazing sea shanties.' - Eliud

'I liked when we were clapping.' - Olivia-Rose



Sporting News: Year 3 and Year 4 Boys Football: Friday 22nd March

On Friday 22nd March ten boys from Kestrel's and Swallows class were selected to represent the school at the Westminster's Year 3 And 4's Boy's Football Competition at Paddington Rec. Mr Drury and Mrs Murphy reported that our pupils played fairly, consistently and skilfully. This was the first ever football competition for some of the team so well done!

Easter Bonnet Parade: Monday 25th March

We are delighted to announce the winners of our Easter Bonnet Parade who all received the prize of an Easter Egg.

FS/KS1	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Ducklings	Freddie	Ethan	Isabella
Robins	Kyrie	Max	Nicolas
Goldfinches	Hunter	Elias	Vinny
Hummingbirds	Kit	William	Lucia
Kingfishers	Chace	Dylan	Mary

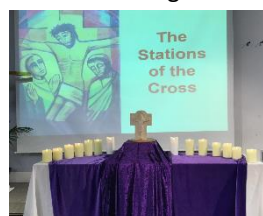


Thank you to all the entries - they were truly amazing! All children who participated in our Easter Bonnet Parade received a certificate thanking and congratulating them on their wonderful creations. We hope parents and carers enjoyed the morning runway show and helping make the bonnets of course!

Journey to the Cross

Thank you to the Herons (Year 5) who began our journey with Jesus to the Cross on Tuesday 26th March with a very special Palm Sunday Assembly. Herons retold the story of Jesus' triumphant ride into Jerusalem travelling on a donkey, which showed that He is a friend of the poor and that He came in peace. Thank you Herons for a wonderful assembly.

The following day, Swans (Year 6) retold the story of The Last Supper. Through confident narration, acting and song, the children led all gathered through the events of Holy Week with great reverence. A huge thank you to our Upper Key Stage 2 pupils and staff for leading us so beautifully on our journey to the foot of the cross which concluded today with the Stations of the Cross.



The Stations of the Cross is a form of prayer used traditionally in Lent with each of the fourteen stations retelling part of Jesus' Passion – His suffering and death. However, the Stations of the Cross are more than the retelling of Jesus' Passion story: they are a prayerful participation in the event that lies at the heart of Christianity – Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. The children, as always, showed great reverence throughout this moving and solemn ceremony and we pass on our thanks to Miss Hulands, Miss O'Brien, Miss Cox, Miss Smaller and our Year 6 Pupil Chaplaincy Team (Beatrice, Justin James, Kyla and Julia) who read so beautifully and also to our wonderful school choir who lead us in

worshipful song. A special thanks to Fr. Keith who joined us for our Holy Week assemblies. Thank you also to Mrs Murphy, Mrs Rastelli and Mrs Fahss who helped set up a Prayer Room for the children to go and pray the Stations of the Cross this week.

The Great Daffodil Appeal 2024

On Friday 22nd March pupils and staff were encouraged to wear something yellow along with their school uniform in return for a small donation to show their support for the Great Daffodil Appeal 2024. I'm please to inform you that collectively we raised **£178** for this wonderful cause. Thank you for supporting your child in raising funds for Marie Curie and the Great Daffodil Appeal. Your donation can make a huge difference. Thank you!

Catholic Children's Society Lenten Appeal

At the beginning of Lent, each child was given a purple money box from the Catholic Children's Society. **Please return your boxes to the school office by Monday 15th April.** To find out more about the Catholic Children's Society, please click [here](#).

Book Fair

Thank you all for visiting our Book Fair, which was held in our school hall in the week beginning 11th March. Research shows that children are five times more likely to finish a book if they have chosen it themselves. Every book bought raised funds for the school to spend on new books. We are thrilled to tell you that we raised an amazing **£465.52**, which we will use to buy new books for our class libraries.

STEM Week 2024: Monday 15th April-Friday 26th April

We are looking forward to beginning next term with a science-filled couple of weeks. This year British Science Week celebrates its 30th anniversary and the theme very aptly is 'TIME'. We are encouraging all pupils to take part in a homework project based on the theme which is due in the first week back. Some ideas could be; how technology has changed over time, life cycles of animals or even what the future could look like.

Many thanks,
Miss O'Brien (Science Lead).

Uniform

Pupils in Years 1 – 6 should return to school after the Easter holidays wearing the school's summer uniform, more information about which can be found by clicking [here](#). Thank you to everyone who came along to our second-hand uniform sales this week. We will hold another in Term 5 and again in Term 6 – dates to be confirmed. A special thanks to Mrs Murphy and Mrs Desouza who organised the sales.

After School Clubs

Booking for after school clubs for Term 5 is now open and places can be booked via www.schoolgateway.com

Easter Holidays/Start of Term 5

School is closed for the Easter Holidays from Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April and reopens on Monday 15th April.

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.

Sports Day

We are very happy to tell you our dates for this year's Sports Day, taking place at Paddington Recreation Ground from 9am-12pm. More details will follow nearer the time.

Foundation Stage & Key Stage 1: Thursday 23rd May

Key Stage 2: Thursday 6th June

Summer Fair

Exciting announcement! Our summer fair will take place on Friday 21st June from 3:30-7:00pm. More information to follow about how you can get involved in helping to make our summer fair a huge success!

March Dates

Friday 29 th	GOOD FRIDAY
Sunday 31 st	EASTER SUNDAY

April Dates

Monday 15 th	School reopens: Start of Term 5
Monday 15 th -26 th	Science Week
Friday 19 th	Swans Prayer Service 3pm
Monday 22 nd	Herons Trip: Arts Award Discovery Day

Tuesday 23rd
Thursday 25th

Friday 26th

Monday 29th

Whole School Mass: St George's Day 11am
Hummingbirds: Forest School am
Kingfishers: Forest School pm
Robins: Forest School am
Goldfinches: Forest School pm
Kingfishers Assembly 9:10am
Year 3 and Year 4 Learn to Ride (more info to follow)

May Dates

Thursday 2nd

Monday 6th

Thursday 9th

Monday 13th – Friday 19th

Thursday 23rd

Friday 24th

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st

School Closed-Polling Station
May Bank Holiday – School closed
Whole School Mass-The Feast of the Ascension 11am
Year 6 SATS Week
Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 Sports Day at Paddington Rec
School closes at usual time – End of Term 5
Half Term – school closed

June Dates

Monday 3rd

School reopens: Start of Term 6

Assemblies and Prayer Services

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

Easter

As we look with hope towards Easter Sunday, we are reminded of the profound significance of Jesus' resurrection. By rising from the dead Jesus demonstrated victory over sin and death and gives us hope in the promise of eternal life.

But Easter does not finish at Easter Sunday...

The Easter Season (Eastertide) or Paschal Season, is a liturgical period that begins on Easter Sunday and lasts for fifty days, concluding with the feast of Pentecost. It is one of the most significant seasons in our liturgical calendar. Throughout the Easter Season, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and reflect on the implications of this event for our faith and lives. It should be a time of joy, renewal, and spiritual growth, marked by special liturgies and traditions that emphasise the victory of Christ over sin and death. The Easter Season culminating in the celebration of Pentecost, which commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the beginning of the Church.



We hope you have a very special and blessed Easter holidays with those you hold dear. May the Lord bless your families and friends, and all in our school community, with good health and happiness during this time, and provide you with time for rest and reflection before the summer term begins again soon.

Wishing you all a happy and Holy Easter!

Mrs Wilson

Mrs Hough

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher