

Dates for your Diary

**1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> April**

**Last Week of Spring Term**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

- Y1 Homework Sharing at 2.30pm
- Arts & Crafts Special Easter Session at 3.30-4.30pm
- Confessions with Fr Shaun at St Mary's from 3.30pm

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

- Y4 Homework Sharing at 1.50pm
- Y5 Homework Sharing at 2.15pm
- Confessions with Fr Shaun at St Mary's from 3.30pm

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

- EYFS Garden Planting at 8.45am
- Y2 Homework Sharing at 2.30pm
- Convo performers at Holy Trinity Church for St Matthew's Passion at 7.30pm

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

- Ruth (piano) instrumental concert 1.30pm
- Emma (violin) & Nick (drums) instrumental concert 2.30pm
- Last day of Wrap Around

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

- Last day of Breakfast Club
- Y5 Stations of the Cross Service in the Main Hall at 10am
- SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12PM

## Happy Mother's Day

I hope you have lots of wonderful plans for Mother's Day on Sunday with your families and loved ones. Ms Sartori very kindly ran an Arts & Crafts special session on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March to help children create gifts and cards for mums and grandmothers. I'm sure you will love your hand made presents on the day!

This morning, the PTFA ran their first Annual General Meeting (AGM) where they approved their constitution. This was the first action for the PTFA to become a registered charity. This is a very exciting step for the PTFA who are an integral part of the school community. Life at St Joseph's is enriched by their fundraising, event planning and parent representation. Thank you to all members for their enduring support.

Instrumental concerts took place this afternoon and there will be more next week. Children performed poems and songs on the piano, flute and guitar in front of families. We are very lucky to have such talented peripatetic tutors come to teach our children.

*Mrs Wyatt - Executive Headteacher*

### 150 Nights Reading – An Outstanding Achievement!

Congratulations to the following children who have read on 150 nights since the start of the year. These children have shown an outstanding commitment to their learning and have taken steps to improve their vocabulary and imagination whilst developing their literacy skills.

Reception: Alice, Antonia (Toto), Julieta, Kaelyn and Rita

Year 1: Augustin, Beatrice, Benjamin, Christopher, Enrique, Franco, Inayah Mae, Ines, Isabella, Julia, Macarena, Marta and Olivia

Year 2: Alyssa, Arthur, Benedetta, Camille, Elsa, Jose, Max, Talia and Zoe

Year 3: Abigail, Cassidy, Diaz, Elisa, Gabriel, Joshua, Jorge, Nicole, Pietro, Riley, Sebastian, Trinidad, Valentina, Victor, Vitali and Vivienne

Year 4: Alexander, Clara, Dennis, Erik, Fabian, Giselle, Nicolas, Ria, Royd and Tristan

### Year 3 at Kew Gardens

Year 3 went to Kew Gardens to participate in a plant workshop and support their learning of plants and rainforests. They had a fantastic day. They loved using microscopes and magnifying glasses to help their understanding of how plants grow and visited the Palm House to understand what it feels like to be in a real rainforest. They loved walking in the tops of the trees and seeing the gardens in bloom.



W E D N E S D A Y !



Our Wednesday Word for this week which links in with the Sunday Gospel is: **FORGIVENESS**

## Children's Work – Year 6

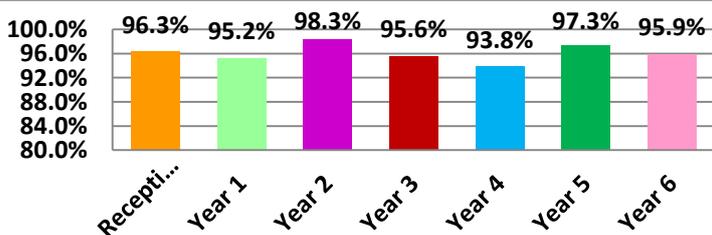
In RE, Year 6 have been focusing on the importance of the cross in Catholicism. The children explored the meanings of the four words connected to the cross: death, life, suffering and hope. The children then continued their learning by looking at different types of crosses from around the world and what they mean to Catholics internationally.

	<p><b>Crucifix</b></p> <p>A crucifix is an image of Jesus on the cross, as distinct from a bare cross. The representation of Jesus himself on the cross is referred to in English as the corpus. The crucifix is a principal symbol for many groups of Christians.</p>
	<p><b>Oscar Romero Cross</b></p> <p>Saint Oscar Romero y Galdames was a prelate of the Catholic Church in El Salvador who served as the fourth Archbishop of San Salvador. He spoke out against poverty, social injustice, assassinations, and torture.</p>
	<p><b>Lampedusa Cross</b></p> <p>It is a wooden cross of Latin type made from pieces of a boat that was wrecked off the coast of Lampedusa, Italy on 11 October, 2013. The vertical and horizontal pieces are joined with a cross.</p>

Sarah C

## Attendance

Well done, Year 2! You had the highest attendance this week with 98.3%.



## Catholic Life

Stations of the Cross at St Mary's continues on Thursday at 3.45pm. Please make every effort to attend this important part of Lent.

Children have been collecting change for the Catholic Children's Society during Lent. Please bring in your collection boxes on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Thank you.



## Environment Team's Top Tip

Do you eat cucumbers and tomatoes? Do you put strawberries on your cereal? Then you have probably eaten food grown without soil, using hydroponics. Hydroponics is a method for growing plants without using soil. Plants need water and mineral nutrients to grow. Normally, they get water when it rains or you water them and mineral nutrients needed by plants are often naturally present in the soil, but they are also in fertilizers. The soil itself is not really needed by the plants – just the nutrients in it – so if the nutrients are put in water, the plants can get what they need to grow without the soil.



## Pupil Voice

The week of 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May is Walk to School Week – the greatest national Walk to School celebration. Pupils and grown-ups around the UK will unite for one week of walking to school.

To prepare for the celebration, learn more about walking and how it can benefit the whole community as well as improve individual wellbeing.



Little Feet is tailored to support families' with younger children to understand the benefits of active, everyday journeys:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/early-years>

The Junior Travel Ambassadors will display Walk to School planners in each class and will monitor everyone's progress.