



To follow Jesus' footsteps, caring for each other when we work, play and pray.

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Fortnightly News

Dear Parents,

We have been really impressed with the children over the last few weeks who have been working really hard and showing kindness to others. As part of our continuing development of our Outstanding school, we are always looking for ways in which we can improve. Having excellent communication with parents is a priority for us. One way in which we feel we can improve this is through developing our school newsletter further. In this issue you will see our new feature which gives you an extract from what each year group has been getting up to over the last couple of weeks or topics coming up in the weeks to come, please find this towards the end of the newsletter.

1st Holy Communion Parent meeting

Many thanks to the parents and children of Year 3B who came to the meeting on Wednesday evening. It was great to see you all and discuss the upcoming Sacrament the children will soon receive. Next Wednesday 18th May at 6pm we will be asking the parents and children of Year 3G to attend. Thank you to Deacon Daniel for his time and knowledge on how all Catholic parents at the school can continue to nurture the faith the children have received since their Baptism.

Year 6 SATs

Well done to the Year 6 children who have taken their SAT tests this week. We appreciate all of your hard work and are very proud of your efforts. Thank you to all the parents who have supported them and ensured it has not been too stressful for them.

TT Rock Stars Spring term competition

Congratulations Alex, Orla and Shravan who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively, we hope you enjoy your prizes that you received today. Also congratulations to Year 4F for winning the class competition. The Summer competition has now begun, so please encourage your child to take part as this is a really fun way for them to learn their times tables. Please send a message to your child's class teacher if there are any problems logging onto the website- <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>

Jubilee celebrations

With the official Queens Jubilee celebrations taking place during half term, we will have our very own celebration at St Josephs on Friday 27th May. We are asking the children for a £2 donation by Friday next week to help cover the costs of the activities taking place. On the day we are asking the children to come to school wearing red, white and blue. As part of the day's activities there will be a tea party and games. We will also find out the winner of the Cake design competition.

Award Winners

Congratulations to the Key Stage One award winners last week. The awards were as follows:

Key Stage One

The Tidiness Award FYT

Lining Up Award Y2M

Lunchtime Behaviour Award FYW

The Attendance Award Y2G

The Travel Tracker Y1G

This week's award winners are:

Key Stage Two

The Tidiness Award Y3B

Lining Up Award Y4E

Lunchtime Behaviour Award Y6H

The Attendance Award Y3B

The Travel Tracker Y4E

Cultural Capital

Inspirational Artist:

Dame Barbara Hepworth

"I rarely draw what I See, I draw what I feel in my body.

Dame Barbara Hepworth was a British artist who created many fantastic sculptures.





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Notices

Lunches

We have met with our caterers and discussed some concerns from parents, from this week we have agreed that:

- Sandwiches have been removed from the hot food menu.
- Every daily will have a vegetarian option, non-Vegetarian option, a Jacket Potato and a Pasta and Sauce option.
- Everyday children can also fill their plate from the salad cart.
- A member of staff will ask if they have enough food on their plate- they can have as much veg as they wish
- New menus will be displayed on the website when printed.

School Drive

Please note that NO VEHICLE is to use the drive between 8.30am-8.50am and 3.00pm-3.35pm. A number of parents attending meetings before school and delivery drivers have unfortunately driven at these time.

Diary

Week Beginning 16th May Year 2 KS1 SATS test week

Monday 16th May (1:30pm until 8pm) Young voices Concert- if your child has attended the young voices choir they will have received a letter with further details.

Wednesday 18th May (6pm-7pm) 1st Holy Communion Parent meeting in school hall.

Sunday 22nd May at 4pm May Procession at Holy Trinity RC Church. All are welcome.

Friday 27th May Whole School Jubilee celebrations- wear red, white and blue

Friday 27th May School breaks up for half term holiday

Monday 6th June New half term begins with children back to school

Week Beginning 6th June Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Saturday 11th June 10am and Sunday 12th June 12.30pm

1st Holy Communion Mass at Holy Trinity for the Y3B children

Monday 13th June to Wednesday 15th June

Year 6 residential trip to Culmington Manor, Manor Adventure.

Tweets of the Week



*Holy Mary,
Mother of all individuals and peoples, you know all their sufferings and hopes. O Mother. May there
dawn for everyone the time of peace and freedom, the time of truth, of justice and of hope.*

Amen



Yours sincerely,

Mr O'Hara
Principal

Mrs Hill
Vice Principal

Mr Lynch
Acting Assistant Principal





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Year Group Bulletins

Year 1

Year 1 have started a new science topic all about 'Plants'. We've been conducting an experiment in class, growing cress seeds in different conditions to see what they need to survive and grow.



Foundation

'FY have been very busy the past couple of weeks. We have been learning about pirates and now we have moved onto the topic of Fairy tales. This week we have had a go at role playing the Three Little Pigs and then performing it in class to our friends, we did such a good job. Both classes have their class assemblies coming up so we have been practising for our big performance!'

Year 2

Year 2 have been really busy this week revisiting previous learning in preparation for the SATs tests next week. Good Luck to all the children, we think you are all amazing!

Year 3

This week the children of Y3 have been working hard to research and create non-chronological reports about the Amazon Rainforest and their chosen rainforest animal. The enthusiasm from the children has been fantastic and they are already preparing for their debates about deforestation next week.

Year 4

Year 4 have been very busy in Maths. We have concluded our decimals unit and this week we have been learning all about money. We have been investigating different ways to make given amounts and lots of us have been working on super challenges! You can continue the childrens' learning at home by including them in your next shopping trip. Can they add amounts? Work out what coins are needed to pay for an item?

Year 5

In Year 5, we have started to practice our song for the Jubilee celebration. We have chosen a song from the 1960's. The class have been very impressed with Mrs Leahy's singing! We have also created our own image, using famous pieces of artwork for inspiration, of the Ascension of the Lord in RE; we have enjoyed this lesson. In PE, we have done sprinting games too. Well done Year 5L- another fantastic week!

Year 6

Miss Harris, Mr Lynch and Mrs Bowkett would like to say a huge well done to all the Year 6 children who have completed their end of KS2 SATs tests. We are all really proud of you!

