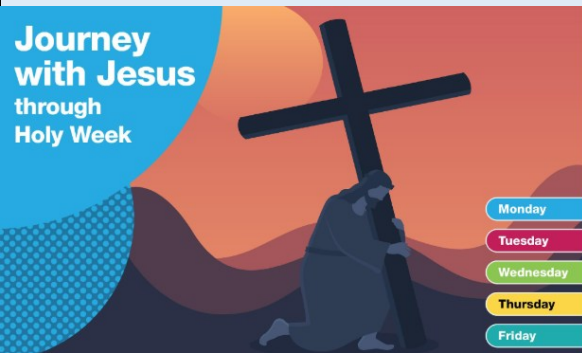


Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday begins the journey of Holy Week, the most important time in the Church year. The readings show both the joy of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the suffering he faced in his final days. The people welcomed him as a king, but soon he was betrayed, denied, and sentenced to death. His suffering was not only physical but also emotional and spiritual. He experienced rejection, abandonment, and humiliation. Yet through it all, he remained faithful and trusted in God. Even in his darkest hour, Jesus remained faithful. He did not fight back or seek revenge. He trusted that his suffering had meaning. Palm Sunday reminds us that suffering is part of life, but we are never truly alone. Jesus knows what it is to feel abandoned, and he walks with us in our pain. Palm Sunday invites us to place ourselves in the story of Jesus' passion. There were many different people involved, each with their own reactions. Some welcomed Jesus with joy. Others turned against him. Some stayed close, while others ran away. It is worth asking, where would we have been? Palm Sunday challenges us to reflect on our faith. Do we stand by Jesus only when it is easy, or do we follow him even when it is hard? It is easy to say we love God, but our actions show where we truly stand.

Journeying Through Holy Week:



These prayers invite children to journey with Jesus through Holy Week. By focusing on the events of the last week of Jesus' life on Earth children will listen and relate each Scripture to their lives. Children will be invited to meet the loving presence of Jesus as they walk the road to the Cross in prayer, and to continue walking close to Him always.

This month's Virtue to Live By

Our Virtue to Live by:

Charity

I show my love for God through my loving concern for everyone especially those in need of my help.

I treat others with the respect and kindness that I would want for myself.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:9)

Prayer Intentions: We pray for Bishop Ralph in light of his recent resignation announcement and for Bishop Marcus Stock. May God fortify them with strength and wisdom during this time of change.

Collective Worship Newsletter: Please find the newsletter for March by clicking on this link: <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

Picture News

Story: The Bank of England, that designs and makes the UK's banknotes, has said that future notes will include British wildlife, such as animals or plants, instead of historical figures.

Question:

What should represent a country?



Catholic Social Teaching

The month of April is Autism awareness month and Thursday 2nd April is World Autism Awareness Day. In assembly this week, Mrs Waind explained about the AuDHD project the school is part of.

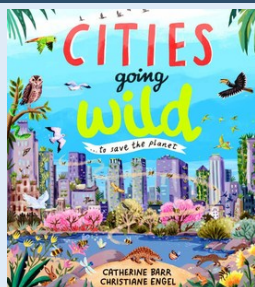
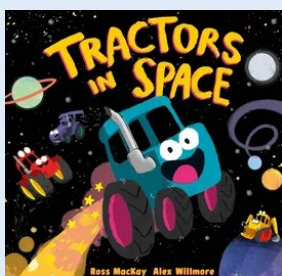
AuDHD means having both autism and ADHD, which can make your brain work in unique ways, affecting how you pay attention, understand people, and experience the world. Research estimates that 30% to 80% of autistic children may also meet the criteria for ADHD, and that around 20% to 50% of children with ADHD meet the criteria for autism.

Catholic Social Teaching Principle:

Human Dignity



Book Recommendations



Prayer of the Month

Our prayer for March is:

Word of the week:
Passion

Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

Day by day,
O dear Lord,
three things I pray:
to see you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
follow you more nearly,
day by day,
by day, by day.
Amen.

Information / Messages

Holy Week: This week is a special time in school. At the Bishop's request, we are in school during this week so we can mark the occasion of this most important time of year together as a community.

Each day this week, each class will be involved in a Lenten presentation - see dates and times below. Parents and carers do not need tickets for these events.

At 9am on Thursday, 2nd April, there will be a Maundy Thursday Service. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Good Shepherd Appeal: Our last fundraising event is an obstacle course organised by Y2, which will take place on Thursday. Please send your child with 50p if they would like to participate. So far we have raised £354.19.

FOSM Meeting: Thank you to the parent who attended the FOSM meeting. The Easter event was organised and plans are starting to take place for the summer fair. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 21st May at 3.15pm in school.

FOSM Easter Event: Thank you to parents who have volunteered to organise and facilitate this event. The Easter event (refreshments, crafts, activities and Easter trail) will take place on Friday 24th April 3.15-4.15pm. Tickets will be available on ParentPay later this week.

Easter Rocks: Attached to this week's newsletter is a letter detailing how we will be celebrating the great feast of Easter on Friday 24th April.

Online Safety: Please find attached to this week's newsletter a guide to YouTube.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 30th March

No Y5 swimming

2.30pm YR & Y1 Palm Sunday Presentation

Tuesday 31st March

2.30pm Y2 Last Supper Presentation

Wednesday 1st April

2.30pm Y3 & Y4 Stations of the Cross Presentation

Thursday 2nd April

Good Shepherd Event - Y2 Obstacle Course (50p)

9.00-9.30am Maundy Thursday Service

2.30pm Y5 & Y6 Stations of the Cross Presentation

Break for the Easter holiday

Friday 17th April

Inset Day - School Closed to children

Monday 20th April

Return to school

Tuesday 21st April

Class Photographs

Friday 24th April

Easter Rocks

Big Easter Walk

9.30am Easter Mass in Church

3.15 - 4.15pm FOSM Easter Event

Sunday 26th April

9am Primary Park Run Hillsborough Park

Tuesday 28th April

Y2 All Stars Cricket Trip (Chapeltown)

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday - School closed

Good Work - Teamwork

Billie B, Sebastian R, Christabel B, Caspian G, Edward W, Rebecca S, Y6

Stars of the week

Emilia P, Chedom A, Joseph B, Esme G, Matilda T, Gracie T, Niall M

Hot Chocolate

Sophie K, Sophie B, Harvey C

School Council Star

Luca H

Mini Vinnie Award

Alex B

Acts of Kindness

Annie BB, Zara J, Luna A, Merryn TW, Abel F, Emilia I, Matilda T, Darcie F, Darcey S, Alethea H, Elsie F, Elsie T, Billie B, Elliot WM, Kian H, Sofia S, Molly McD, Joseph A, Olivia B, Christabel B, Joseph B, Thea P, Harvey C, Violet, Mrs Walker, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Gregory, all the parents who helped on the Y2 trip

Reading Awards

Lexia - Teddy W/Reading for Pleasure – Joseph B
50,000 words - Joseph B; **100,000 words** - Reggie H;

Maths Awards

Numbots— Maxwell CS, Cillian CP, Jacob M, Cillian H, Rosie B, Olivia B
TT Rockstars—Improved speed: Luna LP, Alfie FP, Caspian G, Annie BB
Headliner - Aoife A, Luna LP; **Rock Star** - Arabella C

Vocab Ninja

Rocky G & Eleanor R

Swimmer of the Week

Mila A