



## Spring Term NEWSLETTER March 2026



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*Inspiring independent learners with Jesus by our side*

Dear Parent/Carer,



### LENTEN FUNDRAISING

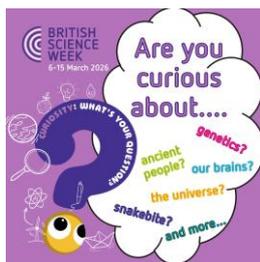
As we continue our journey through the holy season of Lent, we are reminded that this is a special time for prayer, fasting, and helping others. At school, our pupils have been thinking about how they can follow the example of Jesus by showing kindness, generosity and compassion. They have been planning a range of fundraising activities to support the Diocesan charity *The Good Shepherd Appeal*. The money raised helps Caritas provide practical and emotional support through family services, community outreach and partnerships with local agencies. These fundraising events encourage our pupils to put their faith into action.

DATE	LENTEN FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY
By Monday 30 March	Design an Easter Card Competition – 50p entry fee organised by Year 1
Friday 20 March	Whole School Pyjama Day and watch a movie - £2.00 organised by Years 3/4
Friday 27 March	Cake Sale (baked donations welcome) organised by Year 5
Draw will take place Thursday 2 April	Easter Egg Raffle (we welcome all donations!) Tickets on sale from Monday 30 March – Thursday 2 April 20p each Or £1.00 per strip organised by Year 6

**Look out for further details for these events**

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## BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK



We are looking forward to celebrating British Science Week next week. One of our school values is **CURIOSITY** and the overarching theme this year is **Curiosity: What is your question?** The children will have many opportunities to be curious, ask those burning questions that are not so easy to answer and to be astonished by the science all around us!

## SUMMER UNIFORM



A message to remind you that after the Easter break, pupils are invited to wear the school Summer uniform. Please visit the website to remind yourself of the uniform expectations. In brief: Summer uniform can be white short-sleeved polo shirt, no tie and grey shorts, green and white gingham Summer dress, jumpers and cardigans.

**There will be a pre-loved uniform stall on Friday 27 March from 3.15pm.**



## SCHOOL MEALS – Price increase from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

We have been informed by EDSSENTIAL, our catering provider, there will be an increase in meal prices from 1 April 2026 up to **£3.22 per meal** or a weekly cost of £16.10.

*'We understand that price increases are never welcome. However, we want to be transparent about the factors affecting all catering provider costs: **Government policy changes** (LGPS pensions, national living wage, and national insurance) have increased staffing costs by 15%. **Food price inflation rising by 4%.**'*

*Did you know that the government pledge to provide Universal Infant Free School Meals for pupils in EYFS and KS1 is only funded at £2.66 per meal? Every school budget must meet the differential costs.*

*Edsential are campaigning to the government to increase the contribution to cover rising costs.*

## GLARAMARA RESIDENTIAL

This week, Years 5 and 6 pupils and staff have travelled to Cumbria for a fabulous experience including gorge walking, canoeing and hill walking - rewarded with stunning views of the Lake District. We are looking forward to hearing all about their adventures when they return.



## SWIMMING GALA

Congratulations to everyone who took part in this year's Swimming Gala. We are one of very few schools in Cheshire West and Chester to offer this fantastic event - with pupils from Reception up to Year 6 taking part. I know it is a highlight of the calendar for many pupils and this year didn't disappoint. Thank you to everyone who made this event such an enjoyable event. Pupils have said: *'I LOVED IT!' 'IT WAS SO EXCITING' 'I LOVED BEING WITH MY FRIENDS' 'I WANT TO DO IT EVERY WEEK!'*



For the first time there were joint winners, with **St Oscar Romero** and **St Teresa** scoring equal points. The overall winning boy was **George Meakin** and overall winning girl, **Agnes Moore**. All children who took part were winners in my eyes!

**REMINDER: School Office hours 8.30am - 4.30pm**

## Dates for your Diary

+Please check these dates carefully as we are always adding new information and these dates are subject to change.

MARCH 2026		
Tues-Fri	10 - 13	Years 5 & 6 Residential trip to Glaramara, Cumbria
Friday	20	Whole School Pyjama and Movie Day – Lenten Fundraiser £2.00
Thursday	26	Year 4 Activity Day at SNCHS
Friday	27	Cake Sale organised by Year 5 – 50p per cake 3.15pm - pre-loved uniform sale
Monday	30	Lenten Retreat Morning at St Bede's Church – Years 4, 5 & 6
APRIL 2026		
Wednesday	1	Reception/Woodlands Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday	2	1.30pm - whole School Maundy Thursday Mass – <b>All welcome</b> END OF TERM
EASTER BREAK		
Monday	20	Pupils Return – Summer Term commences - Summer Uniform
Mon - Wed	20 - 22	Years 3 & 4 Robinwood Residential
Tuesday	21	Year 5 Northwich Sings at Brio
Friday	24	2.30pm – whole school EASTER Mass – all welcome
MAY 2026		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Bank Holiday – school closed</b>
Mon – Thur	11- 14	SATS WEEK
Tuesday	20	Rhyme Challenge – Woodlands and Reception – <b>Parents welcome</b>
Thursday	21	3.00pm – Year 4 Class Assembly - <b>All welcome</b>
Friday	22	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

**SAVE THE DATE: SPORTS DAY FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2026**

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