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Lent Assemblies

Well done to our wonderful children in Years 1, 2 and 6 for their thoughtful and prayerful Lenten assemblies. The children spoke, acted and sang with such care, helping us all to focus on the true meaning of this special season. They were a credit to themselves and to our school.



Eco Refill Shop

Our Eco Refill Shop continues to go from strength to strength, and we're delighted to see so many families choosing sustainable options. The children have taken real pride in helping to run it and sharing the importance of caring for God's creation. We were especially pleased to run the shop in church on Palm Sunday where we raised over £90, it was wonderful to see our parish and school community supporting this eco-friendly initiative together.



Y5 Passion



Our Year 5 children did a wonderful job acting out the Gospel in church on Palm Sunday. They shared the Gospel with such confidence and reverence, helping the whole congregation reflect on the beginning of Holy Week. We are very proud of the care and effort they put into their roles. Well done, Year 5!

Missio Assembly

Thank you to Missio for the assembly they led, our children really enjoyed taking part and learned so much from the experience. This Lent, we are raising money for Missio. We are incredibly proud of how well the children did in their sponsored run. Thank you for the sponsorship money already sent in. If you still have donations to return, please continue to send these into school after the holidays. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Caritas Day

This month we held a Caritas Day exploring the Catholic Social Teaching theme of Option for the Poor and Vulnerable. The children learned about our special responsibility to show care, compassion, and dignity to those who may be struggling or in need. Through discussions, activities, and reflections, they considered how small acts of kindness can make a big difference, both in our school community and in the wider world.

The day offered a meaningful opportunity for our children to grow in empathy and to understand how we are called, as followers of Christ, to stand alongside those who are vulnerable and to work towards a fairer, more loving world.



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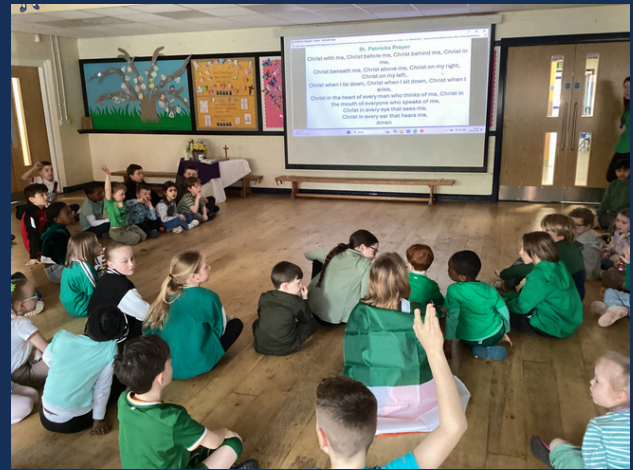
Mothers Day assembly

Our Nursery and Reception children led a truly beautiful assembly for Mother's Day, also helping us to remember and honour Our Mother Mary. Their paintings were full of love, and their joyful singing brought smiles to everyone's faces. We are so proud of our youngest children for sharing such a heartfelt celebration.



St Patrick and St Davids Day

During March, our school was transformed into a sea of green for St Patrick's Day and bright yellow for St David's Day. Teachers in these house teams led the celebrations, sharing prayers and learning all about their saint on their special feast day. It was wonderful to see the children taking pride in their house saints and enjoying time together in their house teams.



Stations of the Cross



During Holy Week, our Caritas Team and Laudato Si Team led the Stations of the Cross for the whole school. They guided us prayerfully through each station, helping everyone to reflect on the journey of Jesus.



All children took part beautifully, showing respect and thoughtfulness throughout.

Lent Prayer Groups

This Lent, our Caritas Team have been running a special lunchtime prayer group for our Year 1 and Year 2 children. The sessions have provided a calm, reflective space for our younger pupils to gather, pray, and learn more about the meaning of Lent. We are very proud of the Caritas Team for their commitment and leadership. The younger children have really enjoyed these thoughtful prayer times.



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World Book Day

We had a wonderful World Book Day in school! The children looked absolutely fabulous in their costumes—thank you for all the effort put in at home. Throughout the day, pupils enjoyed a range of exciting reading activities, including teaming up with different classes to share stories and celebrate a love of books together. It was a joyful day full of imagination, creativity, and lots of reading!



Y5 Macbeth

A huge well done to our Year 5 children, who performed Macbeth at the Contact Theatre. You all were absolutely amazing! They showed fantastic acting skills and confidence throughout the performance. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them for representing our school so brilliantly.



Summer Uniform



After the Easter break as the weather turns warmer, children are welcome to wear their summer school uniform—

Grey shorts / skirts

White polo shirt

Pale blue & white gingham dress

Black shoes

Please remember that jewellery, false nails and nail varnish are not part of our school uniform at any time of the year, for any child.

Y6 SATS

Good Luck to our Year Six children who have their SATS after the holidays on 11th May. They have all worked so hard and we are so proud of their hard work and commitment. You are all super stars!

Good Luck

Parents Evening

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our parents who joined us for Parents' Evening!

It was wonderful to welcome you into school and to share just how amazingly your children are doing. We truly value these opportunities to celebrate their hard work, progress, and unique strengths with you.

Thank you for your continued support. Working together makes such a difference.



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Half Term	
Apr 13, 2026	School reopens for Summer Term
Apr 20, 2026	Reception School Trip
Apr 23, 2026	St George's Day (Dress in red for St George's House team only)
Apr 30, 2026	St Patricks Coffee morning at St Mary's 9am
May 4, 2026	School Shut for Bank Holiday
May 11, 2026	Y6 SATS Week
May 14, 2026	Nursery School Trip
May 18, 2026	All Y5 and Y6 fun Swimming Gala
May 20, 2026	Sports Day 9am Nursery&Reception 9:30am Y1 and Y2 10:30am Y3,4,5,6
May 22, 2026	Break up for half term
May 25th - 7th June	Half Term Holiday
Jun 8, 2026	Summer Term two begins
Jun 10, 2026	Y4 Ukulele concert at Lowry Theatre
Jun 12, 2026	Y4 Sale Water Park Trip
Jun 19, 2026	Father Day Assembly 9am Nursery and Reception
Jul 16, 2026	Y6 London Trip
Jul 17, 2026	School Closes at 1:30pm

All classes will have a school trip this year, more details will follow.