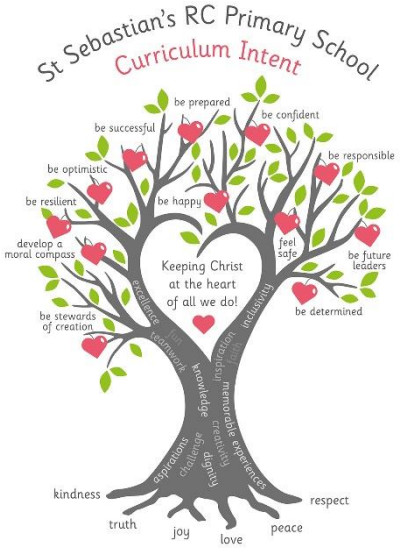


Easter Newsletter

Dear parents/carers

As we journey through the season of Lent, our children have been focusing on the themes of forgiveness and reconciliation. These values have shaped class reflections and learning activities across school. Thank you to all the parents who joined our Class Lent Reflections - your support is greatly appreciated.

World Book Day was a wonderful celebration of reading. It was fantastic to see so many children dressed as animal characters from their favourite stories - our school was full of colour, excitement, and creativity!

Reading continues to be one of the most important foundations for learning. Research highlights that children who read for pleasure develop stronger vocabulary, achieve more highly in school, and experience positive wellbeing through imagination and escapism. Thank you for encouraging reading at home.

Our Big Lent Walk was muddy but memorable! We are fortunate to have Kersal Wetlands close to school—a beautiful area for children to explore nature. Each class walked 3km with enthusiasm and resilience. Well done to everyone who took part in supporting CAFOD's important work.

Reception children enjoyed a very exciting experience as ten chicks hatched in their classroom. The children observed the chicks' lifecycle—from hatching to growing and being cared for - before they returned to the farm. This hands-on learning brought science to life in a meaningful and memorable way.

Year 6 have begun preparing for high school by taking part in Crucial Crew training. They learned about safe travel, making responsible choices, and some basic first-aid skills. These valuable sessions help build independence as they get ready for the next stage of their education.

Year 5 enjoyed a full day of adventure-led outdoor activities at *We Are Adventurers*. Through teamwork challenges and problem-solving tasks, they developed resilience, communication skills, and risk awareness - important life skills that support their personal growth.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Science Cafés. We received wonderful feedback, and it was fantastic to see families exploring scientific investigations together.

Parent feedback summary:

- **38/38 (100%)** agreed it was a good way to see how their child investigates science.
- **37/38 (97%)** agreed that science is an important subject for their child.
- **33/38 (87%)** agreed the Science Café helped their child learn important scientific skills such as curiosity and questioning.
- **5/38 (13%)** responded *maybe*.

Your engagement helps to reinforce the importance of science in everyday life and learning.

Thank you also to everyone who attended our Maths Open Morning—another well-attended and successful event.

Parent feedback summary:

- **44/44 (100%)** agreed it was a good way to see how their child learns maths.
- **44/44 (100%)** agreed that maths is an important subject for their child.
- **42/44 (95%)** agreed their child has learned important maths skills.
- When asked about supporting maths homework,
    - **30/44 (68%)** felt *extremely confident*,
    - **14/44 (32%)** felt *somewhat confident*,
    - **0 parents** reported feeling not confident.

We are delighted that so many parents feel well equipped to support maths learning at home.

We continue our positive partnership with *Into University*. This term, Year 5 attended a morning workshop exploring what a university is and what higher education can offer. We have high aspirations for all our pupils, and we hope this experience inspires them as they begin thinking about their future pathways.

Last week, we welcomed author Marie Basting into school. She delivered a brilliant assembly about her book *Princess BMX* and led engaging workshops for our KS2 pupils. The children were inspired by her creativity, storytelling, and passion for writing.

This week we have been reflecting on the events of Holy Week through prayer, assemblies, and worship:

- Year 6 began the week by sharing the story of Palm Sunday.
- On Tuesday, we celebrated Mass in church with Fr Alphonsus.

- Year 5 taught Year 1–6 about The Last Supper, explaining how it was connected to the Jewish celebration of Passover.
- On Wednesday, Year 6 led the Stations of the Cross in church with a focus on social justice.
- Today, we gathered to watch Year 5's re-telling of The Passion, a powerful reminder of the meaning of Easter.

We wish you and your families a happy and holy Easter**.**

School resumes on Monday 13th April at 8.40am.

Summer Uniform

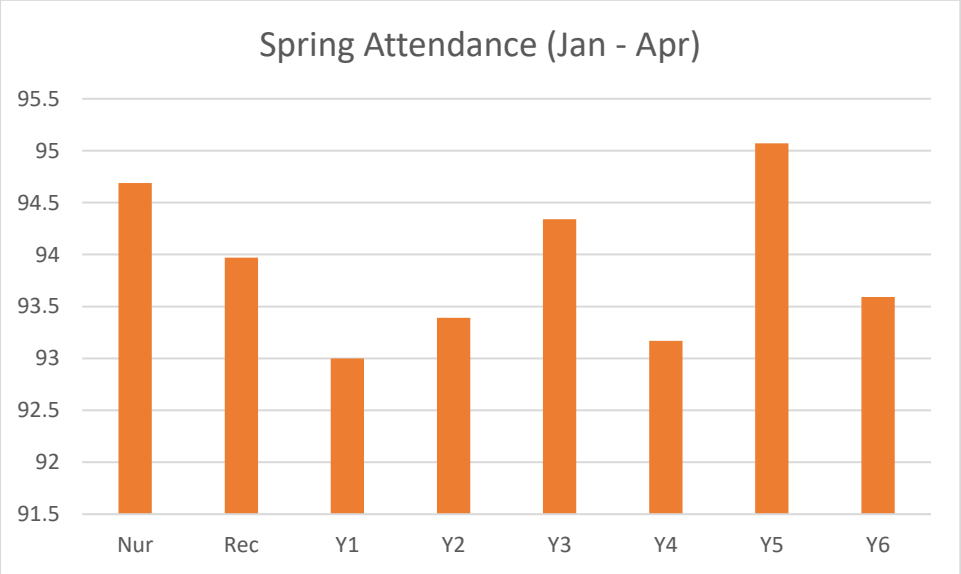
Pupils may wear the summer school uniform. Please note that gingham dresses must be **yellow** and no other colour.

Staffing

We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Shahid for her hard work while covering for Mrs Mason. We are pleased to share that Mrs Mason will be returning from maternity leave after the school break and will be teaching in Year 5 alongside Miss Pounder.

Attendance Bulletin for Spring

Whole School Attendance Spring Term (Jan – Apr) **93.89%**



Clubs in Spring Term

Below is a list of after-school sport clubs taking place in the Spring Term. All bookings must be made in advance via School Spider.

Monday 3.15-4.15pm	Multi-sports	Year 3-6
Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	Gymnastics	Year 3- 6
Thursday 3.15pm-4.15pm	Martial Arts	Year 3- 6

PE Days in Spring term

Year 1	Monday & Tuesday
Year 2	Thursday & Friday
Year 3	Thursday & Friday
Year 4	Friday (swimming on Wednesday)
Year 5	Monday & Wednesday
Year 6	Monday & Wednesday

Library days in Spring Term

Nursery	Monday
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Tuesday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Tuesday
Year 5	Thursday
Year 6	Tuesday

Dates for Summer 1 term:

Mon 13th – Weds 15th – Year 6 residential
Tues 14th Apr – Year 3 & 4 class mass at 11.15am
Thur 23rd Apr – Y4 transition day at All Hallows
Tues 28th Apr – Year 5 & 1 class mass at 11.15am
Fri 1st May – Year 3 & 4 visit to Synagogue
Mon 4th May – Bank holiday, school is closed
Thur 7th May – Parent Coffee morning 8.45am
Fri 8th May – Y5 at Into University
Mon 11th – SATS week begins for Year 6
Tue 19th May – Year 6 & 2 class mass at 11.15am
Thur 21st May – Boogie Bounce
Fri 22nd May – Pentecost Party

With love and prayers,

Mrs Doyle

'Do everything in love.' 1 Corinthians 16:14