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Lent Term 2

Virtue: Forgiveness

**Catholic Social Principles:
Solidarity & Peace**

Newsletter March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a great day celebrating World Book Day earlier in March. The children and staff looked fantastic dressed as their favourite book characters and the 'Books Over Breakfast' session was extremely popular. It was a lovely opportunity to come together to enjoy stories along with a tasty treat. The children also worked very well in mixed aged groups investigating a range of adventure stories throughout the day. Thank you to Miss Hannigan for organising this.

This week our Year 4 children performed a beautiful, reverent Easter reflection, retelling events of Holy Week and Jesus' glorious resurrection through acting, singing and prayer. It was a privilege to watch their performance. Thank you and congratulations to the children, many thanks to the Year 4 staff for all their efforts and the parents who attended.

A reminder that we break up for the Easter holidays on **Friday 4th April with an early end to the day**. KS1 and FS2 (Saplings, Y1 and Y2) close at 2:20 pm. Nursery and KS2 (Acorns, Y3, 4, 5 and 6) close 2:30 pm. There will be no care club on this day. **4th April is also our Mufti Day in support of the Humanitas School in Ghana. Please donate as usual via the Gateway or bring cash on the day. We are aiming to finance a malaria prevention programme and every penny will help us to achieve this.**

The children return to school on Tuesday 22nd April as the Monday is Easter Monday, a Bank Holiday.

Kindest regards, Mrs J Zamora

Sporting Success

Congratulations to our Year 3 & 4 Basketball Team. They won the tournament at St Paul's in style, winning all four of their matches! The Year 3/4 Badminton Team also won their Catholic Schools' tournament this week! The Year 3/4 Boys Football Festival takes place after school on Friday 2nd May on our school field - why not come and cheer them on? Hopefully they will maintain the Y3/4 winning streak!

Our girls are gaining confidence and growing in skill game by game within the MK Girls' football league. Yesterday they won 3 of the 4 games they played! Well done girls! We look forward to hosting our annual Y4-6 Girls' Festival which takes place on Friday 16th May.

The Y5/6 Boys' Festival took place last Friday, with 6 schools in attendance. Our boys won the trophy after showing amazing skill and sportsmanship throughout. They won on goal difference, beating the current league champions, in what was a very tightly contested competition. We have been hosting the festival since 2018, and this is the first time that we have won on two successive years. Well done boys! I thank Mr Marchant for organising the festivals and Mr Smith for his fantastic refereeing.



Some of you may be aware that Midsummer Place at the shopping centre has been decorated with a vibrant umbrella installation. The ADHD Foundation's aim is to spark conversations, champion difference and strive for more inclusion. This is the largest display in the UK to date. Go MK!! See the link for more information: <https://mkumbrellaproject.org/>

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I am extremely grateful to Mrs Pughe and the children who provided a reverent, moving and thought-provoking experience through the Stations of the Cross over the last four Fridays before school. The sessions were so well attended by pupils, parents, staff and parishioners from Christ the King church.

Lenten Charitable Acts

As a school, we are carrying out 40 Acts of Kindness throughout the 40 days of Lent. One child from each class is carrying out an act of kindness each day. These acts can be carried out in school or at home. Please ask your child about this activity and support them if they have selected one of the acts to carry out at home.



HUMANITAS
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MUFTI DAY

Friday 4th March



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Friday 4th April

Our children have voted to raise money for a malaria prevention programme, school meals for the poorest children and paper and pens for the classrooms.

Donate a minimum of £1 via school gateway or bring your donation into school



This year, our aim is to beat last year's total of £2,629!

We have already raised around £400 so far this year. Thank you for your generosity. 😊

We would be delighted if we could reach £800 by Easter!



There will be fundraising activities carried out in the coming months in the year groups. Please look out for details coming soon!

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British Science Week



We celebrated British Science Week with a full week of fantastic learning opportunities for our children. The theme was 'Sustainability' and how we 'Change and Adapt' to help our environment. Our children engaged in hands-on and online learning workshops about water conservation, electricity use, life-cycles, weather changes and our environment as well as carrying out scientific experiments in physics, chemistry and biology. The children presented their work to the whole school in an amazing showcase on the Friday afternoon when it was announced that we had been awarded the Eco Advocates Award from Anglian Water. We are very proud of our children and how brilliantly they have worked to have the best British Science Week ever.

POETRY BY HEART

Last week saw an exceptional Poetry by Heart final for the pupils in KS2. The winners from the in-class heats recited their poems to their classmates, teachers and parents in the main hall. We enjoyed listening to a wide range of poems from throughout history, from *The Moon* by Robert Louis Stevenson to *The Potatoes my Dad Cooks* by Joanne Limburg.

The judges - Miss Hannigan, Mrs Lazzari and Mrs Lowe - praised the children's outstanding performances for being expressive, dramatic and very well enunciated. Well done to all the children who participated in this annual event and special praise for our finalists and this year's winners. Amelia - Kangaroo Class (Runner-Up); Ben - Panda Class (Runner-Up); Joel - Eagle Class (Runner-Up); Elissa - Meteor Class (Runner-Up); Nila - Meteor Class (Runner-Up); Scarlett - Eagle Class (Winner); Abhinav - Falcon Class (Winner); Laurissa - Meteor Class (Winner).

Recordings of the winning performances will now be sent to the national stage of the competition. Many thanks to Miss McNally for organising the competition, all the children who took part and the family members who supported at home.

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JPR Build a Recycled Animal Competition

Our fabulous Junior Park Rangers launched a competition after delivering an informative assembly to the school, about the signs of spring. They asked the children to build an animal from recycled materials with the winner from each Key Stage winning free time in our Forest School area with their friends. Congratulations to our winners: Michelle (KS1) and Matilda (KS2)



A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,
During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you.
Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.
Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.
Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.
May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.
Amen.



Please see the following page for the events planned for the remainder of Lent term.



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Events for Lent Term 2 2025	
New Virtue: Forgiveness Catholic Social Principles: Solidarity & Peace	
Tues 1 st Apr	2:45 Y1 Starfish Class Collective Worship with their parents in the chapel/small hall Choir visiting local Care Home
Wed 2 nd April	Y6 Victorian WOW day Y5 Greek WOW day KS2 Choir Ester Performance for their parents 4pm
Thurs 3 April	Forgiveness & Renewal Service Saplings Spring Walk
Fri 4 April	MUFTI day for Humanitas. Last Day of Lent Term - early end of day: KS1 & FS2 2:20pm. FS1 & KS2 2:30pm. No Afterschool Care Club on this day
Easter Holidays	
New Virtue: Friendship Catholic Social Principles: Community and Participation	
Tues 22 April	Children return to school
Thur 24 April	Join Y3-Y6 for an Easter Celebration Mass 1:40pm
Mon 28 April	Year 5 Prayer Spaces event
Tues 29 April	3:15 - 4:15 pm PTA Spring Disco FS2, Y1, Y2 and Y3
Wed 30 April	3:20 - 4:20 pm PTA Spring Disco Y4, Y5 and Y6 Year 5/6 Boys' Handball League - Giles Brook School
Fri 2 May	8:10 join us for rosary in the chapel Bridgebuilder Trust assembly 3:45 - 6:30pm Y3/4 Boys' Football Festival at St Bernadette's
Mon 5 May Bank Holiday	
7 & 8 May	Virtues Mission Retreat after school in small hall
Fri 9 May	8:10 join us for rosary in the chapel
w/c 12 May	Y6 SATs week
Mon 12 May	Y5 Taster Day at St Paul's
Wed 14 May	Y3/4 Tag Rugby tournament - St Paul's Y5/6 Girls' Handball League (Giles Brook School)
Fri 16 May	8:10 join us for rosary in the chapel 3:45 - 6:30 Y4-6 Girls' Football Festival - St Bernadette's
w/c 19 May	Healthy Communities Week Y6 Empower and Challenge Workshop
Tues 20 May	Class photos
Wed 21 May	Y5/6 Girls Handball League
Thurs 22 May	FS - Y3 Fun Run 10 - 10:20 am and Y4 - Y6 Fun Run 2:30pm 3:00 pm PTA Picnic
Fri 23 May	8:10 join us for rosary in the chapel Danceathon 2:45 pm Saplings Class Collective Worship for parents in the chapel Last day of half term - normal home times

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