



'Live, love and learn in a caring Christian community'

Newsletter – 27th March 2026

Dear Parents,

At the end of another busy term, I hope this newsletter will give you a flavour of some of the exciting things that have been taking place in our school community. Please also see the attached sporting newsletter for our sporting successes.

Awards Assembly

Each half term, we recognise the children who have made a huge effort to follow our school rules.

S	Safe choices and listening.
A	Always remembering to be honest, kind and gentle.
I	I do the best I can, and I help others to do the same.
N	Noticing and acting when someone needs help.
T	Treating ourselves, our community and our property with respect.
S	St Joseph's is a place where we follow in Jesus' footsteps.

This half term, we say a huge 'well done' to the following children:

S	Laelynn, Ada, Kieran, Mateo, Reyna, Hugo VB, Julia D, Ava C, Fin C, Sophia D, Sophia R, Noah R.
A	Lydia M, Elisa C, John M, Neth, Finleigh, Adam B, Sam, Ted, Catherine O, Bethany, Harel, Freya.
I	Sophia Ch, Raphael C, Daniel B, Jett, Jasmine, Jake D, Emma-Rose, Lily J-J, Seth, Emily K, David S, Shanaya.
N	Arie, Teddy-Bleu, Hugo S, Leonor, Joshua, Finn O, Malachy, Elbe, Oliwia R, Daphne, Valentina, Adriel.
T	Louis Tay, Maisy, Michail R, Fraser A, Isian, Gabriel, Jacob Cr, Jacob E, Tom Z, Oliver W, Jake N, Charlie.
S	Amelie, Lucy T, Melody, Daniel E, Maple, Gabriella, Venus, Alex, Nathaniel, Olivia W, Phineas, Evie F.

House points:

St Margaret Clitherow – 4,056

St Pope John Paul II – 3,319

St Anthony – 4,110

St Bernadette – 2,502

St Oscar Romero – 4,165

Congratulations to the children in **St Oscar Romero** - we look forward to rewarding you all after the Easter holidays!

Year 4 Production: Jonah and the Whale:



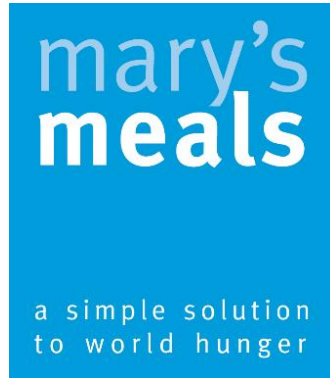
Year 4 put on a stunning performance of the biblical tale *Jonah and the Whale*, which demonstrated to us all that God's love never ends. The quality of the performance would not have been out of place in the West End as they wowed their audience with fantastic singing, clear and confident acting, and some superb dance routines! They were all stars.

Chicks Visit Year 2:

This half term, our Year 2 classes enjoyed a wonderful surprise - meeting some adorable baby chicks! As part of their learning about the life cycle of chickens, the children had the opportunity to observe the different stages up close. It was a truly special hands-on learning experience that sparked lots of curiosity and excitement.



Charity Enterprise Week:



The school hall was transformed into a vibrant marketplace on Wednesday 25th March for the culmination of our Charity Enterprise Week. The children had been learning about budgets, profit, product design, marketing and promotion with one aim: to make as much money as possible for our chosen Charity: Mary's Meals.



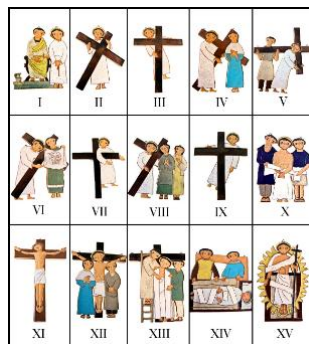
The sale was a huge success with **over £2,000** being raised! This means that we raised enough money to **feed 104 children** every school day for a year in some of the poorest places in the world.



A huge thank you and well done to the staff and children for their incredible hard work and determination, which led to this amazing achievement. Special thanks go to our parent helpers who oversaw the smooth running of our businesses during the sale – we couldn't have done it without you.



Stations of the Cross

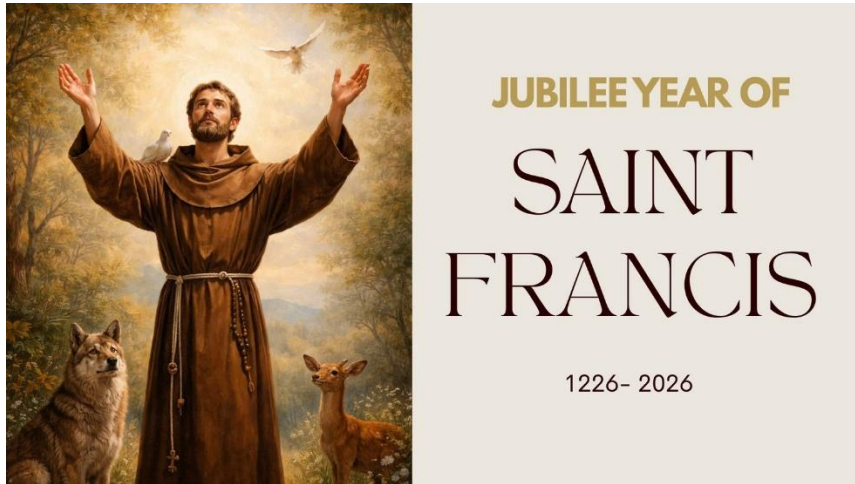


On Thursday, the children in KS1 and KS2 journeyed with Jesus through the events of Good Friday as we prayed the Stations of the Cross. This special and moving liturgy helped us all to realise that Jesus paid the ultimate sacrifice for us because he loves us so much. I was overwhelmed by the depth of responses from the children, which included a Year One child

saying, “I feel so special that Jesus loves me that much.” One child in Year 5 felt such a strong connection with the fact that Jesus was crucified with his arms open; she commented that it was like Jesus had his arms open and was ready to embrace the world.

Year of St Francis of Assisi

The year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi – the patron saint of our Academy Trust. Pope Leo has declared this a special year dedicated to St Francis, and we look forward to participating in lots of activities with the other schools in the Trust as we celebrate the Saint who unites us all.



Staffing News:

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs McKenna is expecting a baby. Baby McKenna is due in late September; we pray that she will have a healthy pregnancy.

Key dates for next half term:

Monday 13th April – Pupils Return

Thursday 16th April – Parent Café (please see communication from Mrs Rogers)

Friday 17th April – Peter Pan drama workshops for EYFS and KS1

Tuesday 28th April – School Association Disco

Monday 4th May – BANK HOLIDAY

Thursday 7th May – Non-Uniform Day (more details to follow)

Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May – Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 18th May – Year 6 Residential Trip Meeting after school

Wednesday 20th May – Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip

Thursday 21st May – Global Flag Celebration Day (more details to follow)

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – HALF TERM

A Prayer for Good Friday:

As the crown of thorns was placed on your head,

You felt love for me.

As you carried your heavy cross,

You felt love for me.

As the nails pierced your hands and feet,

You felt love for me.

**As you died on the cross,
You felt love for me.
May I remember how much you love me,
And share your love with others.
Amen**



On behalf of all the staff, I wish you and your families a wonderful Easter, and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 13th April.

With every good wish,

Ann Cassidy-Jones
Headteacher