

## JOINT NEWSLETTER

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024, Easter Holidays Joint Newsletter - Spring 2 Term

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### Headteachers welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter comes from children, staff and school governors to wish you all a most glorious and holy Easter.

We have had a brilliant end to the Spring Term, with many services and presentations across the schools to include the outdoor Eater Reflection by Year 5. These have been made all the better with the huge support by families in attendance - thank you!

The children make us so proud as they take on these important roles spreading the Christian message to the whole of the community. In a busy and changing world, it is good to stop and appreciate the best things in our lives and for many of us, this is Christ Our Lord. This season is all about him showing his undying love to each and everyone of us- try not to miss it when dealing with less important matters that are often connected with the material aspects of family life.



*Happy Easter*



the Lord bestow many blessings on you all.

Did you know that Wednesday this week is also known as Spy Wednesday because of the Spy - Judas?

We have lots to enjoy in our final newsletter of the term; please do take time to read through. We thank the staff for their untiring efforts this term and look to brighter days in the summer term.

Happy Easter to you all, friends and families alike. May



As a school, we aim for 97.4% attendance, which would bring us in line with expectations; unfortunately, many children had not achieved this percentage last term. We really need the help of our parents to raise our attendance this term by ensuring children are attending school each day.

Yearly Total to Date%	Registration Group	Attendance %	Registration Group	Attendance %
Infant School: 95.3%	Nursery	92.8%	Year 3	96.3%
Junior School: 95.6%	Reception	95.4%	Year 4	96.5%
	Year 1	95.4%	Year 5	94.3%
	Year 2	95.7%	Year 6	95.3%



### Netball

Our netball A and B team played against Manor Park on Wednesday after school. The teams played brilliantly, passing the ball beautifully down the court and scoring large numbers of goals! Both games ended in a win for the girls and we are so proud of how far they have come over the course of the year. Well done to everyone involved!



### Football

On Monday, our boy's team took part in a game against Woodfield. The boys played really well together and listened carefully to the coaching tips given by Mr Parr. Unfortunately, the game didn't finish in a win for us, but we are really proud of the boys and how well they played.



## Star of the Week!

RH	Katherine	1R	Noah K
RF	Emilia	1S	Anna
RS	Mati	1W	Joshua D
		2H	Katie
		2J	Jaden
		2W	Alba



### Juniors - St. Mary's Award

3 Hawthorn	Thea	5 Birch	Monica V
3 Mulberry	Eva B	5 Elm	Ava K
3 Willow	Louise	5 Sycamore	Amelia W
4 Ash	Lena	6 Chestnut	Nicole L
4 Poplar	Chloe C	6 CB	Louis
4 Rowan	Alex H	6 Oak	Edna

### Juniors - St. Mary's Award

3 Hawthorn	Joseph	5 Birch	Lewis N
3 Mulberry	Jenson	5 Elm	Mariia
3 Willow	Annie	5 Sycamore	Keris
4 Ash	Alexandra	6 Chestnut	Nathan
4 Poplar	Raphael	6 CB	Claire
4 Rowan	Kaelin	6 Oak	Neil

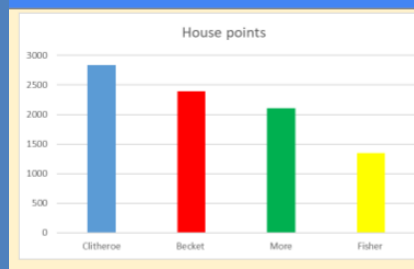
### Scooters / Buggies in the alley way

When using a buggy in the alleyway, please use caution and try to keep a distance from the person in front of you, as we have had two injuries from less able people who are unable to get out of the way.

Also, when letting your child use their scooter, do not allow them to scoot fast as we have had some near misses reported.

Thank you for your co-operation and support. A further reminder that scooters should not be ridden in the junior school grounds.

### This weeks house points ...



- In 4th place is Fisher with 1345 house points
- In 3rd place is More with 2108 house points
- In 2nd place with is Becket with 2397 house points
- In 1st place is Clitheroe with 2836 house points

## Catholic News Round Up

The children were welcomed back to school for the Season of Lent, learning that this is a time to prepare spiritually for this coming week where we think about Jesus' death and resurrection. We took part in our own Stations of the Cross, and wrote Lent prayers and promises and shared liturgies. We attended school and parish Mass. We were happy to welcome many parents and friends of the school to our Lenten Services at the Infants, and thank the children for their reverence. Year 5 prepared and shared an Easter Reflection, retelling the events of the first Holy Week using the beautiful grounds around our school. Palm crosses from the African Palm Cross Society were given to all children and staff across the Federation.

Easter services in our local parishes can be found on their websites:

Holy Cross, Carshalton [https://holycrosscarshalton.co.uk/?page\\_id=137](https://holycrosscarshalton.co.uk/?page_id=137) (This includes details about Świąconka (sh-vee-en-soon-kah)- the Easter Food Blessing which is one of the most enduring and beloved Polish traditions.)

Our Lady of the Rosary, Sutton <https://suttonsurreyrcparish.weebly.com/>

St Margaret of Scotland, Carshalton Beeches <https://www.stmargaretcarshaltonb.co.uk/about-us>

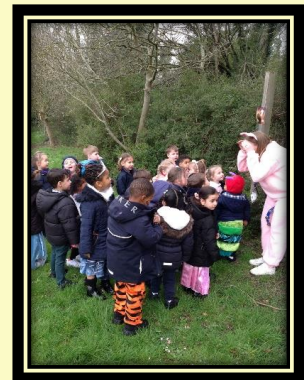
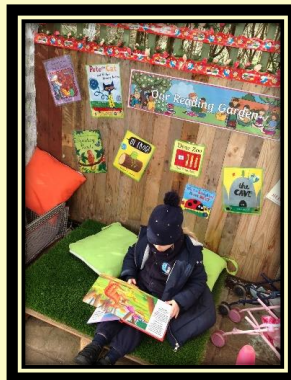
Holy Family, Sutton Green <https://holyfamilysutton.org.uk/newsletter/>

Thank you for your support of our Lenten charity, The Catholic Children's Society in their appeal for 2024: Make your voices heard! [Catholic Children's Society](#) Please return your donation boxes to school after the holidays.



## News from Nursery

The nursery children have had so much fun this term exploring and being curious about the outdoors. We have used fantastic books, which the children have wanted to read again and again - 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', 'Snail Trail' and 'What the Ladybird Heard'. The children have made maps for the snail, were able to retell the main parts of stories and role-play the ladybird story in the outdoor area. The children loved our 'Welly Walk' and loved discovering the hiding places of many flowers and minibeasts. We started to develop the understanding of Lent and Easter by making promises to show Jesus we were preparing for a time when he showed love toward us. Next term we will enjoy our new topic 'Ticket to Ride' as we explore the many different types of transport and places we can go around the world. Warmest wishes to all our families for joyful and blessed Easter.



## News from Reception

This term we began our Fairy Tales topic by reading lots of different traditional tales and dressing up as our favourite Fairy Tale characters for 'World Book Day'. After reading the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk', the children had great fun planting their own beans and were very excited to take them home to grow their very own beanstalk. Our RE topic this term has been 'Growing'. We went on a spring walk where the children enjoyed observing signs of spring and new life. The children were excited to learn about Lent and the Easter Story and are looking forward to celebrating Easter. We are looking forward to starting our next topic 'Minibeasts'. We would like to thank you all for your support and wish you all a blessed and restful Easter.



## News from Year 1

We have loved our Moon Zoom topic and have been getting very creative - with aliens, rockets and astronauts! Once of our biggest highlights during this topic was the spaceship crash-landing that happened in our Mary garden. This event has inspired the children to try a range of activities from acting out stories through role-play, designing and creating their own rockets in DT, writing postcards from space in English, learning about astronauts Tim Peake and Neil Armstrong in history as well as the moon landing and learning interesting facts about the different planets. It has been a very busy half term. We wish you all a happy and safe Easter break.



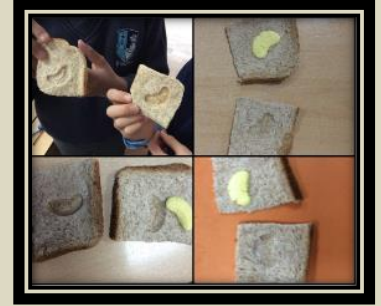
## News from Year 2

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about plants this term and had a wonderful trip to Hever Castle. This was an opportunity to bring together all our learning from the spring terms as we explored the castle and gardens. It was wonderful to hear the children being so excited to share what they have learnt. We have also been so impressed with the children's artwork inspired by Vincent Van Gogh. In RE we have learnt about the Stations of the Cross, and had a lovely reflective time in the Mary Garden during Holy Week, exploring some of the stations with different activities.



## News from Year 3

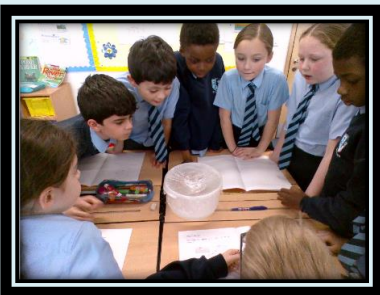
In English, we have experienced a variety of texts, including poetry and a first person narrative - Cliffhanger by Jacqueline Wilson. The children have created tremendous amounts of work and we have enjoyed sharing ideas and opinions about our driver texts. We have studied fractions, mass, length and perimeter in our Maths and Science has been filled with examining rocks, the rock cycle and soils. In RE, we reflected about the meaning of Lent and the importance of listening and sharing. The children have linked this with their vast knowledge on the Mass service through their Holy Communion classes. Finally, we have really enjoyed designing and creating our very own sandwiches in our DT lessons this half term! We hope you have enjoyed the term and look forward to welcoming you back in Summer 1, refreshed from your Easter break.



## News from Year 4

It has been another fun and action packed Spring term. The children enjoyed learning all about the water cycle and how important it is. This learning was extended into our English with our letters and non-chronological reports about Global warming. We were lucky to receive a visit from SES water who explained the process of how water is collected and treated. We supplemented this knowledge in science with our knowledge of solids, liquids and gases and how the changing states interact with each other. Finally, we were also fortunate to visit a local church to see the Easter Reflection performed so powerfully.

A massive well done to everyone for all your hard work - especially your staggering progress with your times tables - Incredible!



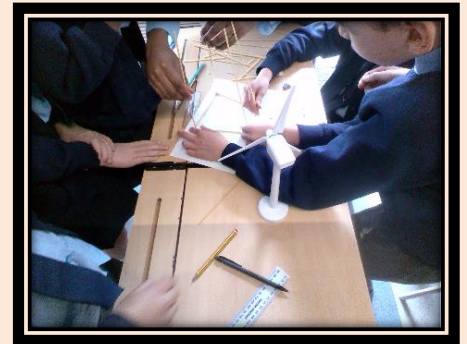
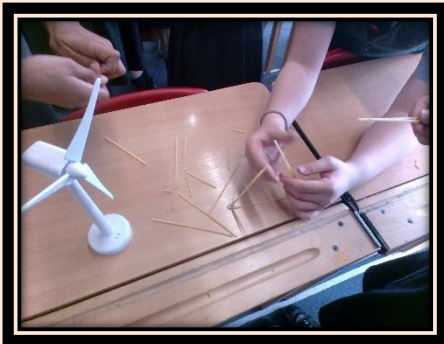
## News from Year 5

In Year 5, biographies have been very important this half term. Our Science learning has been all about the life cycles of different animals and flowering plants and this led us to wonder about the naturalists who are lucky enough to work with animals in their natural habitats. We read lots of information to find out about famous people like Sir David Attenborough and Sylvia Earle, and created biographies for others to read. In Art, we have explored watercolours and created a landscape painting using under-drawing, over-drawing and masking techniques. In Geography, we have been learning about mountains, and so we also read biographies about some amazing people who choose to run up mountains! Many of our landscapes showed beautiful places like the Alps. We then moved on to tell the story of the last week of the life of another amazing person: Jesus, as we rehearsed and shared our Easter Reflection in Holy Week.



## News from Year 6

This half term has been a very busy one in Year 6! In English, we have been reading the book 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman and have enjoyed writing our own legends inspired by the book's characters and events. We have continued to work hard in the lead up to SATs tests, and have focused closely on different grammar features. In Art, we have been drawing people in motion and have linked this back to our English learning in our final pieces. In History, we have been learning about childhood during the Victorian era and have considered what different children's lives were like during this time. We have been lucky enough to take part in many exciting activities this half term. The girls enjoyed their morning with coaches from Chelsea Women's football team in which they practised dribbling the ball and scoring goals. Subsea7, an engineering, construction and services company, who taught us about renewable energy, also visited us. During our time with them, we used spaghetti to build structures that could hold wind turbines offshore - that was a challenge!



## Dates for the Diary

TBC means To Be Confirmed (dates may be subject to change)

	NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL	JUNIOR SCHOOL
APRIL 2024		
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>INSET DAY 4 SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>INSET DAY 4 SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM</b> National Offer Day for Reception Children  Year 2 Repeat Parent Assessment Meeting at 2.45pm - 3.05pm. Entry via Gate 3.	<b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM</b> National Offer Day for Year 3 Children
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr		Year 4 Science Museum

		Book Look - English & Writing Books at 3.20 - 3.30pm. Entry to classroom via doors as previous
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	PTA Donation Day Book Look - English & Writing Books at 3.20 - 3.30pm. Entry via normal designated gates.	PTA Donation Day Worry Ninja Workshop for year 6 - children only Chelsea Women Training Year 3 girls - children only Year 4 Swimming 1pm - 2.30pm PTA Junior School Disco - (5:30 - 7pm)
<b>Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	Mini Marathon at St. James' Park	Mini Marathon at St. James' Park
<b>Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>		Year 5 Birch Whitehall Trip 10am - 12pm Top of the Form St. Mary's vs All Saints at St. Mary's Yrs 5/6 Basket Ball 3.30pm - 5.30pm
<b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	PTA AGM Meeting at the Infants at 7pm	Year 3 to Butser Ancient Farm 8.15am - 4pm PTA AGM Meeting at the Infants at 7pm
<b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>		Worry Ninja Workshop for year 6 - children only Year 4 Swimming 1pm - 2.30pm  Y3 After School Treat Sales (PTA)
<b>Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>		Netball Rally 9.30am - 1pm
<b>Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>		Year 5 Elm Whitehall Trip 10am - 12pm
<b>MAY 2024</b>		
<b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Height & Weights - Reception Children only	Book Look - Maths Books at 3.20 - 3.30pm. Entry via doors as previous
<b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Book Look - Maths Books at 3.20 - 3.30pm. Entry via normal designated gates.	Worry Ninja Workshop for year 6 - children only Year 4 Swimming 1pm - 2.30pm
<b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	<b>EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Weds 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Mass for Ascension Day - children only</b>	Year 5 Sycamore Whitehall Trip 10am - 12pm
<b>Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>		Year 4 History workshop
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) - More details to follow!	EWP Parent Workshop 9am - 10.30am Year 4 Swimming 1pm - 2.30pm PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) - More details to follow!
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>		KS2 SATS WEEK

Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	YR After School treat Sales	Year 4 Swimming 1pm - 2.30pm
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	KS1 SATS WEEK	
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> May	PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School	PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Crowning of Mary Mass - Children Only Inclusion Governors Committee Meeting at 7pm - Infants	Inclusion Governors Committee Meeting at 7pm - Infants
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May		Sponsored Bounce - More details to follow
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May		Year 4 Swimming 1pm - 2.30pm Yrs 5 / 6 Athletics Event at Nonsuch Park 9-3pm
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> May - Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> May	MAY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED	MAY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED
<b>JUNE 2024</b>		
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June - Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 6 School Journey to Osmington Bay
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> June		Book Look - Science Books at 3.20 - 3.30pm. Entry to classroom via doors as previous
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Donation Day Book Look - Science Books at 3.20 - 3.30pm. Entry via normal designated gates.	PTA Donation Day Year 4 Swimming 1pm - 2.30pm
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June		4 Poplar Ecology Centre 12.30pm - 3.15pm
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Curriculum & Standards Governors Committee Meeting at 7pm - Infants	Curriculum & Standards Governors Committee Meeting at 7pm - Infants
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> June		Yrs 5 / 6 Quad Kids 12-3pm at Oaks Park Secondary School
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 5 Overnight Camp from 3pm to Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June 3pm
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Swimming 1pm - 2.30pm Year 5 Overnight Camp finishes at 3pm Y4 After School Treat Sales
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY 5 SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY 5 SCHOOL CLOSED



Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> June		4 Rowan Ecology Centre 12.30 - 3.15pm
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> June		Year 4 Swimming 1pm - 2.30pm Primary Borough Athletics at David Weir Athletics Track
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> June		4 Ash Ecology Centre 12.30 - 3.15pm
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Resources Governors Committee Meeting at 5.30pm - Infants	Resources Governors Committee Meeting at 5.30pm - Infants
<b>JULY 2024</b>		
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> July		Book Look - Humanities Books at 3.20 - 3.30pm. Entry to classroom via doors as previous
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Bottle donation day - More details to follow! Book Look - Humanities Books at 3.20 - 3.30pm. Entry via normal designated gates.	PTA Bottle donation day - More details to follow! Year 4 Swimming 1pm - 2.30pm
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Fayre - More details to follow!	PTA Summer Fayre - More details to follow!
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Full Governing Body Committee Meeting at 7pm - Infants	Full Governing Body Committee Meeting at 7pm - Infants
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Committee meeting at 7pm - Infants	PTA Committee meeting at 7pm - Infants
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July		Year 4 Swimming 1pm - 2.30pm - LAST SESSION
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Fun Day	
Weds 24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>LAST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM</b>

General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR)

The 'UK General Data Protection Regulation' (UK GDPR) brought about changes about how we can use your personal data and keep it safe, and also strengthens your rights over your own data.

Please refer to our privacy notices on the school's website for details of how sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe.