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Our Lady and All Saints

Catholic Multi Academy Company

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St Anthony's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 26th January 2024

This half term, we are growing to be more **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by our actions and forgiving words.



If you want others to be happy, practice compassion.
If **you** want to be happy, practice compassion. Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive.



Dali Lama (monk)

This week Year 6 visited St. Chad's Cathedral and learnt lots about its history. They learnt about His Grace, the Most Reverent Bernard Longley - our Archbishop.



Name: Bernard Longley

Born: 5 April 1955

in Manchester

He is the ninth Archbishop of Birmingham.

He studied at the Royal College of Music in Manchester and enjoys listening to The Beatles.

He also enjoys walking in the countryside and reading.

He is responsible for looking after 1 cathedral 273 churches and 256 schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham!



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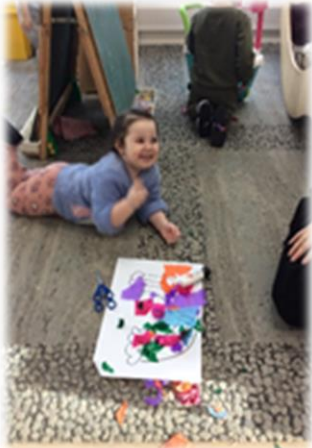
Nursery Places September 2024

Whilst the date for applying for Nursery places has passed we do still have a limited number of places available. IF YOUR CHILD WILL TURN 3 BEFORE SEPTEMBER 2024 AND YOU WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR A PLACE PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IMMEDIATELY.

This week in **Tiny Ants**, we got to make flapjack. The children loved taking turns to pour, add, mix and stir the different ingredients.



Whilst out on the bikes, the children noticed a **rainbow** and then asked to make them. The children tore, cut and stuck tissue paper to create their own special rainbows. Following this, we have been learning 'I Can Sing A Rainbow' whilst listening to Fairy Sarah to learn the Makaton signs for our colours.



Some of the children have also been looking at number and shape games. Isla, Sydney, Tommy and Billy were amazing at making their own circles using the white boards and pens. Sydney "My circle is a big one".



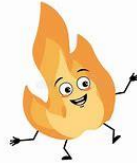
We would also like to let parents know there will be a Tiny Ants collective worship with a Mothers Day theme on **Monday 4th March**; if your child attends morning sessions this will be held at 11:30 - 11:45am or if your child attends afternoon sessions, 2:45-3:00pm. We look forward to seeing you celebrate with us.



Nursery have transformed into firefighters this week.



We have role played saving people from burning fires.



We practised recognising and writing our names.



We have used puppets to retell stories and used flour to make Yorkshire puddings and pancakes



What a busy week of lovely learning!

This week **Reception** has continued exploring people who help us!



The children have been fabulous doctors and nurses and they have even used their fine motor skills to make medicine bottles with pipettes and spoons.



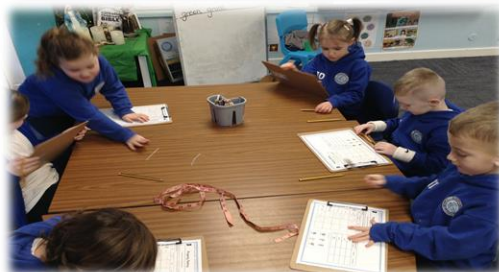
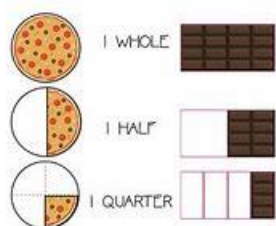
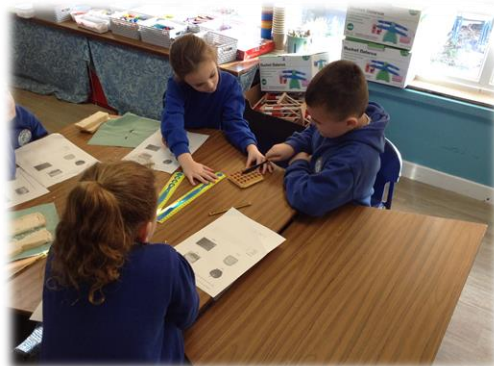
We have been learning about our next '5 and



Thrive' book, The Rainbow Fish. The children are really enjoying this book. It would be lovely to ask them all about what happens in the story.



This week in **Year 1**, we have been learning about halving and quartering objects. We started the week off by cutting up a range of different foods, which included cakes and chocolate waffles, and yes we did eat them after! Next week we will we halving and quartering amounts.



In computing, we are continuing our work on robots. The children worked together to move the Beebot around a map, using the directions forwards, backwards, left and right. We soon learnt that the Beebot would go in the wrong direction if we did not put the correct instructions in.



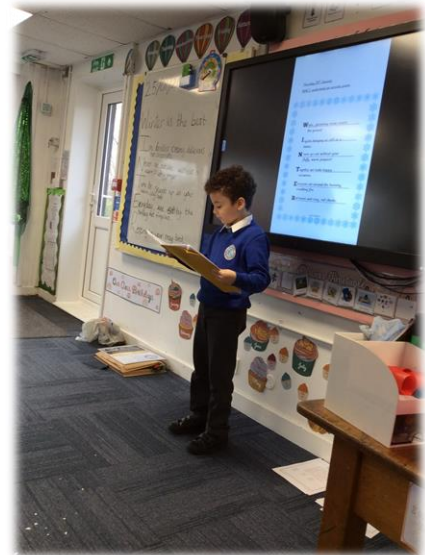
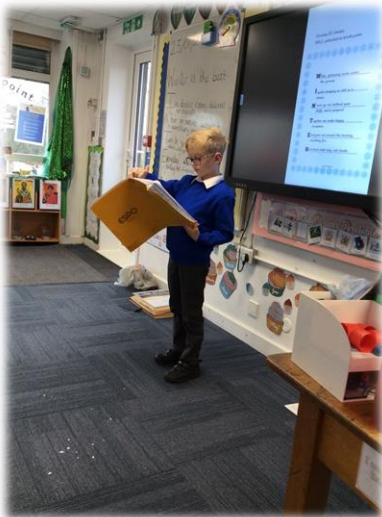
In science, we are learning about materials. This week we tested materials to see if they were bendy and also if they were waterproof. We are going to be learning about what different objects are made of and also develop our own investigation.



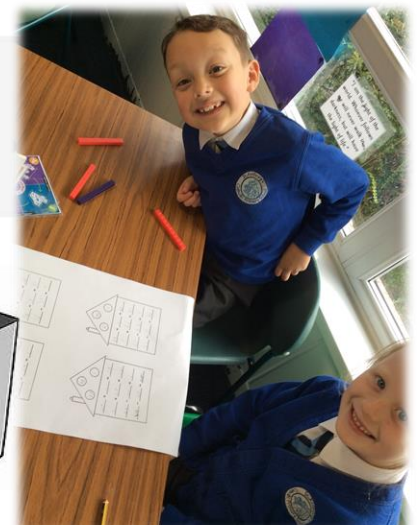
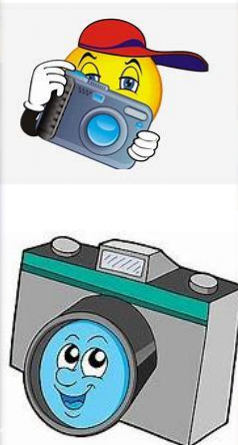
Year 2 have had a lovely, productive week! We started with some outdoor learning to gather ideas for our poem on Winter. We looked at the trees and leaves and felt the wind in our hair. We thought of some expanded noun phrases to describe this.



We then learnt a new type of poem, acrostic poems, and created our own to perform to the class.



We have also enjoyed taking landscape and portrait photographs in computing.



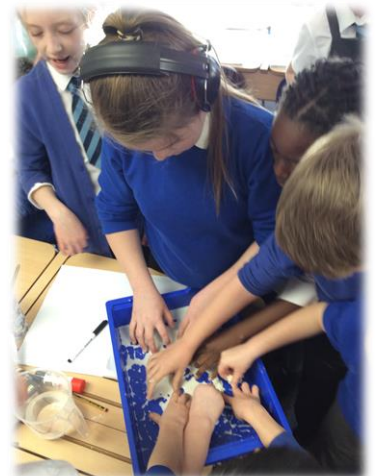


This week **Year 4** were super scientists!
We have been exploring the topic 'States of Matter' investigating the particle structure in solids, liquids and gases.

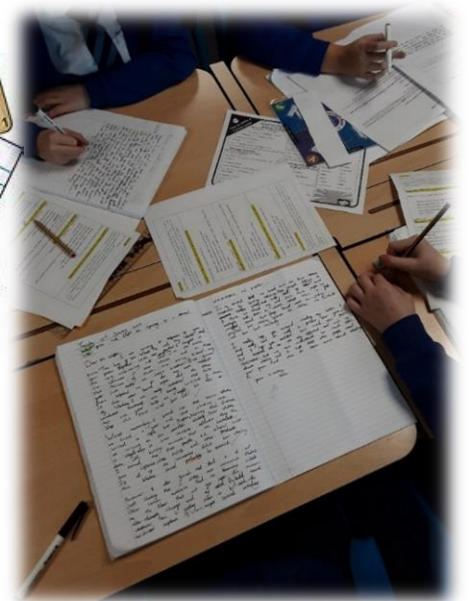
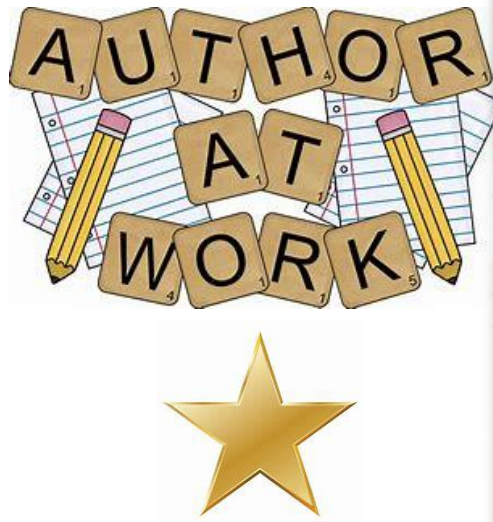
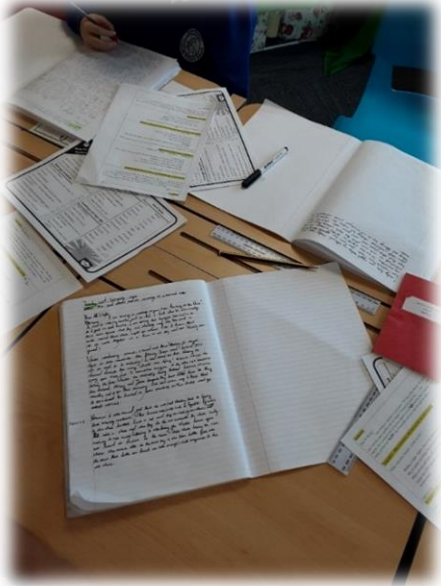


SCIENCE

The children worked brilliantly in their Kagan groups when using the microscopes to explore the structure of different materials. We took a closer look at pressure dependant substances. The children mixed cornflour and water together: when pressure was applied the substance had properties similar to a solid, when no pressure was applied the substance had properties similar to a liquid.

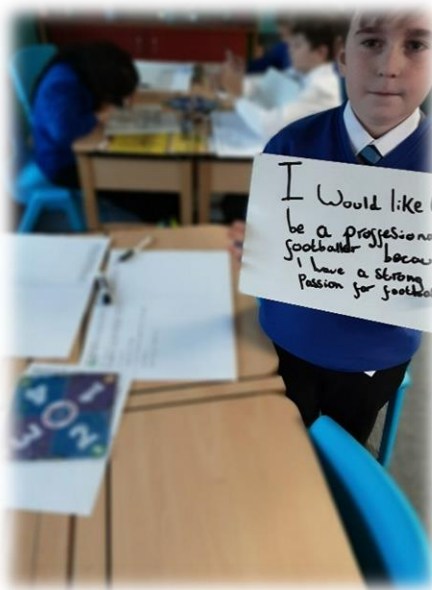
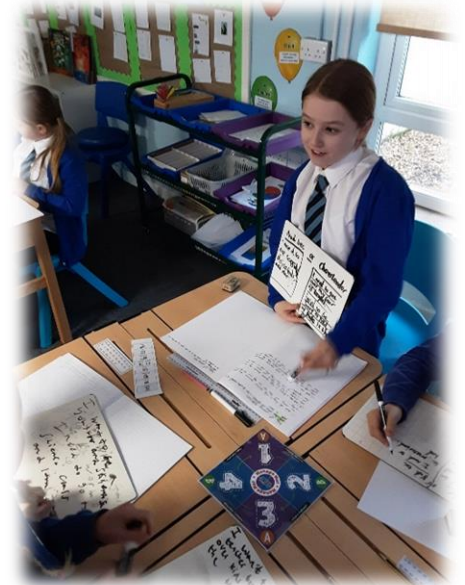


Year 5 have been working g really hard this week writing a letter to the poet Kit Wright to ask him to help us with the issue of whaling. We read his poem 'The Song of the Whale' and we felt we should do something about the issue of whaling. Amazing letter writing!!!



In PSHE this week we have been discussing what type of occupation we would like to do when we grow up.

We talked about what jobs are important and why we would want that job role.





As part of their preparations for Confirmation, **Year 6** visited St. Chad's Cathedral this week. They had a fantastic day, taking a tour and learning about our very special Cathedral and then also celebrated Mass. The children were fantastic and able to share so much knowledge with the visit guides. There were links on our tour to our previous visit to Coventry Cathedral, our Class Saint (Saint John Henry Newman) and some future links with our residential visit to Alton Castle which made us all very excited!





The results of this week's battles are in!

St. Andrew's beat *St. Patrick's*

St. David beat *St. George.*

Well done to the 'Most Valuable Players' (MVPs) in each house:

	MVP	2 nd MVP	3 rd MVP
<i>St. Andrew</i>	<i>Gracie Y5</i>	<i>Ngoc Anh Y2</i>	<i>Noah Y4</i>
<i>St. Patrick</i>	<i>Joaquin Y4</i>	<i>Freddie Y6</i>	<i>Nyle Y5</i>
<i>St. David</i>	<i>Karson Y4</i>	<i>Patryk Y2</i>	<i>Zara Y5</i>
<i>St. George</i>	<i>Esther Y5</i>	<i>Edie-Pearl Y4</i>	<i>Mason Y4</i>

Next week it's Y6 v Y5 v Y4 v Y3 v Y2 and the battle will end one day sooner – 8:30pm on **Wednesday 31st January.** May the best class win!



There were no stage certificates awarded today but we do have some exciting NumBots news!



You can now find a series of exciting, motivating, and uplifting audio stories from the world of NumBots on the NumBots website.

Each story incorporates a different growth mind-set which children can apply to maths, as well as all areas of learning and life. NumBots Scrapheap Stories are available to everyone, even if you don't subscribe to the NumBots maths platform. Children can listen in the classroom or at home with their families.





The winner of this week's attendance raffle is **Mason in Year 4**.



Don't forget:

Our first whole school mass of the year will be led by **Year 3** on **Friday 2nd February at 9:30am**. Parents / family members from all year groups are most welcome to join us.

The first of our Spring term reading workshops will take place on **Thursday 8th February at 9am** and will be for **Year 4** parents.

Parents' Evening will take place on **Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February**.

Miss Meek has organised a coffee morning for parents of pupils who currently have a diagnosis of ASD and those who are currently completing referrals or have a child on the waiting list. This will take place on **Wednesday 13th March from 9am – 11am**.

**“THIS MORNING,
HE WAS WORRIED
ABOUT SCHOOL...
BUT LOOK AT HIM
NOW!”**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
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SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though; they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos; this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Buchanan is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented net-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government concerning internet use and wellbeing behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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#WakeUpWednesday

Primary School Menu

WEEK TWO

Fresh

Dates: 13th November, 4th December, 8th January, 29th January
26th February, 18th March

Monday

Chicken Bites
Sliced Potatoes
Baked Beans

Vegetable Nuggets
Sliced Potatoes
Baked Beans

Homebake -
Chocolate Surprise
Cake with Chocolate
Custard

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Tuesday

BBQ Pulled Pork Pitta
Mixed Salad
Herb Diced Potatoes

Macaroni Cheese
Mixed Salad

Homebake - Lemon
Drizzle Cake

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Wednesday

Roast Chicken
Roast Potatoes
Broccoli & Cauliflower

Vegan Sausage Roll
Roast Potatoes
Broccoli & Cauliflower

Chocolate Ice Cream
Sponge

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Thursday

Chili & Rice

Cheese & Potato Pie
Baked Beans

Homebake - Vanilla
Cookie

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Friday

Cod Fish Stars
Chips
Peas

Cheese & Tomato
Pizza, Chips
Peas

Homebake - Fairy
Cakes

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Available Daily

Home Baked Bread
Seasonal Salads



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Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Jenson – For always shining like Jesus and being enthusiastic with his learning.

Year 1 – Elsie – For a positive attitude towards her learning.

Year 2 – Niamh – For making big improvements in her reading and writing!

Year 3 – Harry – For always trying his best across all of the subjects! 😊

Year 4 – Noah – For his energy and enthusiasm for learning across all lessons.

Year 5 – Rosie – For being passionate about Catholic Social teaching.

Year 6 – Alexa – Jai – For believing in herself and really showing what she can do.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Good attendance means...

being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



Good attendance and punctuality are vital for success at school and to establish positive habits that are necessary for future success.

Through regular attendance pupils can:

- Build friendships
- Develop life skills
- Engage in essential learning and achieve their full potential

All parents / carers should promote good attendance and punctuality and work in partnership with the school.

Please note that unless we have a valid reason, we cannot authorise an absence. A specific reason as to why your child is absent is required. If leaving a voicemail or sending an email, please ensure that you give as much detail as possible as this allows us to code the absence correctly. Going forward, we will not accept reasons such as 'feeling under the weather' or 'they are not 100%' etc., we need specifics. Absence is monitored by on a weekly basis by Miss Watkins and an external agency and persistent absences will be addressed.



Diary Dates



These dates will updated each week and newly added events / any changes will be highlighted in yellow.

2024

Date and Time	Year Group	Event
Fri 2 nd Feb 9:30 am	R – Y6	Whole school Mass – Year 3 leading
Tues 6 th Feb 9am	Nursery parents	Communication and Language meeting for parents – 9am in the school hall
Weds 7 th Feb	Y6 Confirmandi and parents	Parent meeting for parents of Roman Catholic pupils in Year 6 who are making their Confirmation (pupils attend too)
Thurs 8 th Feb	Y4 parents	Reading workshop – 9am in the school hall
Friday 9 th Feb	Whole school	Break up for half term
<u>Half term</u> Mon 12 th Feb – Friday 16 th Feb		
Mon 19 th Feb	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	
Tues 20 th Feb	Whole school	Return to school
Weds 21 st and Thurs 22 nd Feb	All parents	Parents Evening
Weds 28 th Feb	Year 6	Year 6 Confirmation 6pm
Friday 1 st March	Year 4	Trip to Blakesley Hall
Mon 4 th March DATE CHANGE	Tiny Ants & Nursery parents	Collective Worship - 11am in the school hall
Weds 6 th Mar 9:30am	R – Y6	Whole school Mass – Year 5 leading
Thurs 7 th Mar	Whole school	World Book Day (pupils to dress as a character from a book)
Fri 8 th Mar	Reception parents	Collective Worship - 2:45pm in the school hall
Weds 13 th March 9 - 11am	Parents	Coffee morning for parents of pupils with ASD or those with pupils on waiting lists / completing referrals
Fri 22 nd Mar 9:30 am	R – Y6	Whole school Mass – Faith Ambassadors leading
Fri 22 nd Mar	Whole school	Break up for Easter holidays



Diary Dates



Date and Time	Year Group	Event
<u>Easter holidays</u> Mon 25 th Mar – Fri 5 th Apr		
Mon 8 th Apr	Whole school	Return to school
Mon 15 th Apr 9:30am	R – Y6	Whole school Mass – Year 4 leading
Mon 6 th May	MAY BANK HOLIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)	
Fri 24 th May	Whole school	Break up for half term
Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th May	Year 6	SATs week
<u>Half Term</u> Mon 27 th May – Fri 31 st May		
Mon 3 rd June	Whole school	Return to school
Weds 5 th – Fri 7 th June	Year 6	Alton Castle residential retreat
Sat 8 th June	Year 3	First Holy Communion Mass 11am
Fri 19 th July	Whole school	End of school year for pupils
Mon 22 nd July	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	

Please read carefully as the PE days can change from week to week.

Week beginning Monday 29th January:

Reception – **Thursday**

Y1 – **Monday and Tuesday**

Y2 – **Wednesday and Friday**

Y3 – **Swimming on Tuesday, PE on Friday**

Y4 – **Tuesday**

Y5 – **Monday and Thursday**

Y6 – **Wednesday and Thursday**

PE days



Please remember that pupils need to come into school in their PE kits on these days, and they should be plain white t shirts (or those with the school badge on) and PLAIN black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings.