



# Newsletter

Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to begin by thanking the teaching teams in Years 4 & 3 for the thoughtful enacting of the Stations of the Cross that we have been guided through this week. The children prepared and presented the Stations with great reverence and bravely took up the challenge of the outdoor setting. Tuesday was kind to us, but I'm afraid we had to abandon the school field for the school hall on Wednesday due to sudden torrential rain which then cleared into bright blue skies by the time the children had begun – all very typical of April of course! A big thank you to the parents who came that day and helped to get chairs and staging set up so quickly and for your understanding of the situation as well. It was very much a family affair! The Stations of the Cross also formed our liturgy for the end of the term for the whole school, so very well done LKS2!

Thank you for your generosity in our Lenten charitable work. The envelopes for Father Hudson Care are still coming in and so we shall announce the amount we have raised after Easter. You were very generous on our Sunflower Day for Ukraine and we raised £425 on that one day even though we had only asked for £1 per family. We are very conscious that rising prices of energy and food are providing many challenges so thank you for your generosity. The money has been sent to CAFOD to support the humanitarian relief effort in Ukraine.

Next week is Holy Week. We have reminded the children about the significance of this and I am also sending a short explanation of the significant days in this week so that you can talk about these with your children. Please refer to the times of the services in the Parish Churches so that you can mark the great Feast of Easter with your children by attending, at least on Easter Sunday.

Thank you to the team of parents and children who came to help last Saturday for our Big Spring Clean Day. The team was small but highly skilled and I am sure you will have noticed the difference in our planting at the front of the school and in the classroom planters, as well as in some other repair jobs around the grounds. Over the Easter holidays our new EYFS fence will be put in which will help to improve the playground environment still further. We also have an exciting whole school Art project planned for July which will provide us with some very attractive outdoor artwork.

We have been fortunate in having very low numbers of Covid infection this term and we are pleased that we have returned to business as normal finally within the school day. We very much hope to be able to invite parents back into school in the summer term and will look to starting with class Masses in the first instance. As soon as we feel it is wise to have everyone back into the Friday celebration assemblies, we will let you know.

We have reintroduced most of our regular activities now and the children have enjoyed library visits and class Masses in St Joseph's Parish Church as well as activities that are specific to year groups like swimming and clarinets. Next term we intend to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with some events and we will send you information about these when we return from the Easter break. Please remember that there is an additional Bank Holiday to mark the Jubilee on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June and so school will not be open on that day.

Thank you for your continued support of the school. On behalf of my colleagues and the governors, I would like to wish you all a happy and holy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Smith



Year to date	93.67
Term 4	94.37
Lates	89
Reception	93.16
Year 1	93.91
Year 2	93.77
Year 3	94.89
Year 4	93.47
Year 5	95.82
Year 6	95.58

**Getting Your Child to School Really Matters**

**Did You Know... ?**

In a School Year, if Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

**Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance**

### Punctuality and lateness

We have recorded children being late for school on 89 occasions. Having good attendance also means being on time and not being late to school. Children who arrive late can feel embarrassed, left out and miss out on important introductions to lessons. Punctuality is an essential life skill that needs to be taught from the very beginning. Please ensure that your child is on time to school. They must be on the playground for 8.40 am.



### Dates for the diary

#### April 2022

Monday 25th—Start of term 5

#### May

Monday 2nd—Bank holiday

Saturday 7th @ 6pm—First Holy Communion at St Joseph’s church

Monday 30th—Friday 3rd June—Half term

#### June

Monday 6th—School closed

Saturday 11th—First Holy Communion

#### June

Thursday 16th—Vision screening Reception Class

Saturday 18th—Confirmation session St Joseph’s Church

Monday 27th—Wednesday 29th—Year 6 residential trip

#### July

Monday 4th—Thursday 7th—BGN Transition week

Wednesday 20th—Last day of academic year

Virtues are **Generous and Grateful**

We believe that if we nurture gratitude in our pupils, they will practise generosity;

## Easter Liturgy Times

*Maunday Thursday 14th April*

### **St John the Evangelist Church**

7.00 p.m. - *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

### **St Joseph the Worker Church**

7.00 p.m. - *Mass of the Lord's Supper*

*Good Friday 15th April*

### **St John the Evangelist Church**

3.00 p.m. - *Solemn Liturgy of the Passion*

### **St Joseph the Worker Church**

3.00 p.m. - *Solemn Liturgy of the Passion*

7.00 p.m. - *Stations of the Cross*

*Holy Saturday 16th April*

### **St John the Evangelist Church**

8.00 p.m. - *Easter Vigil Mass*

### **St Joseph the Worker Church**

8.00 p.m. - *Easter Vigil Mass*

*Easter Sunday 17th April*

### **St John the Evangelist Church**

8.45 a.m. and 11.15 a.m. - *Mass*

### **St Joseph the Worker Church**

10.00 a.m. - *Mass*

