

"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

Newsletter 13: Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents

Thank you so much for all of your support during this term. I would like to wish you all a very happy and holy Easter. I will be looking forward to seeing all of our children back in school on **Monday 13th April**.

Thank you also to our staff, children and parents for preparing and participating in our special Holy Week assemblies and services this week.

Thank you to all of the parents who came to the Y1 and Y2 Lenten prayer services this week. Thank you to Miss Rackham and Miss Doody for preparing the children so well.



Please remember to continue to follow your Lenten 'Walk with Me' calendar to provide a daily focus for your family during this very special season of the church's year.

Y3 Sacramental Dates:

The following dates have been arranged for next term. All Y3 parents who have a child who is being prepared for the Sacrament of the Eucharist are **required** to attend our meeting in school on **Tuesday 18th March**. Father Christopher will be at this meeting in which we will cover the preparation and arrangements for the children's First Holy Communion.

Home sacramental preparation books have also been sent home earlier this week.

Date:	Information:
Tuesday 21 st April	Y3 Parents Meeting for Sacramental Preparation in school at 5.30pm
Wednesday 7 th May	Y3 Family Prayer Service in school hall at 2.30pm (all Y3 parents are invited to join us)
Saturday 16 th May	Y3 First Holy Communion Mass in church at 12.30am
Sunday 7 th June	Y3 Thanksgiving Mass for the Sacrament of the Eucharist in church on feast of Corpus Christi at 10.30am



Holy Week Assemblies:

Y4 – Palm Sunday:



Our Holy Week journey in school began with Y4's Palm Sunday assembly when Jesus's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem was re-enacted. We all sang 'Hosanna!'

Y3 – The Last Supper:



Y3 retold the story of the special meal that Jesus shared with his disciples, teaching them about love, forgiveness, and how to remember him.

This also helped Y3 as part of their preparation to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist in May.

Y5 – Stations of the Cross:



Y5 led us in a moving Stations of the Cross assembly, helping us to prayerfully reflect on the final moments of Jesus' life. The hall was filled with a sense of peace and reverence. It was a special opportunity for our school community to come together in faith, remembering the Jesus' sacrifice that Jesus made for the world.

Well done Year Five – you made us very proud.



School Places Available:

We have school places available in a number of classes in school.

Please contact the school office or apply for a place via Sandwell LA:

[Apply for a school place | Sandwell Council](#)

Dance-a-thon:



Today all of our pupils took part dance-a-thon sessions to raise money for Father Hudson's Caritas.

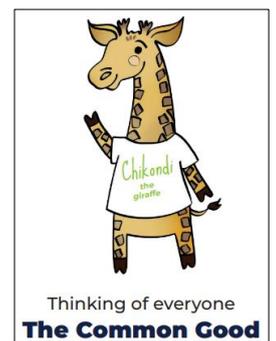
Lots of great dance moves were seen for a good cause! Please remember all monies should be sent into school via Arbor by **Monday 13th April** under Lenten Almsgiving. Please return your child's sponsor form to their class teacher so that pupils in the class with most money's raised can receive a certificate. Thank you for all of your continued support with charity work at Holy Name.



Goldfinch Award for Values and Virtues:

Congratulations to the following children who have excelled at following the Catholic Schools Pupil Profile Values and Virtues of '**Intentional and Prophetic**' this half term.

They will be receiving special certificates in assembly on **Friday 17th April** at **9.05am**. All parents are invited to join us for this assembly. **N.B.** Nursery pupils will be given their certificates in class.



Foundation	Y1	Y2	
Kevin G Amelia L	Nancy M Zacara M-B	Lyla J Maya S	
Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Frederick A Ria C	Leah B Alexander M	Arlo L Olivia T	Chimamanda A King David R-D



Parent Governor Election:

Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Jayne Logue, wrote to all parents earlier this week seeking nominations for the very important role of parent governor. Please read the letter and return the acknowledgement slip to school. Please note that you do not have to be a baptised or practising Catholic to serve as a parent governor.

If you would like to discuss the role of parent governor with a serving member of our governing body, then please leave your contact details with the school office and a governor will make contact with you at the earliest opportunity. Please consider carefully whether this is a role which you may be able to take up. Thank you.

The Wednesday Word:

Please do take time to read the ' Wednesday Word' with your child, which will be uploaded to the school website each week. [You can find it here!](#)



The Primary School Wednesday Word is an outreach project which shares Sunday's Gospel with all school families in a unique way. It is a weekly Gospel 'gift' from the school to the whole family.

Holy Week Arts and Crafts:

Each class put their artistic talents to the test this week and completed an arts and crafts activity linked to Holy Week. Have a look at some of the amazing things we made:



DISCONNECT TO RECONNECT LENTEN CHALLENGE!

Y6 led House Assemblies today to remind children to our Lenten Challenge:



This Lent, the Catholic School Council is inviting all pupils to take part in our special “Disconnect to Reconnect” Challenge. Lent began during the half term break on **Ash Wednesday** (18th February). We are about to embark of **Week Six** of lent and our challenge is all about growing closer to Jesus. The challenges are:

+ Week 6 – Growing Closer to Jesus

- I spent time without technology
 - I prayed for someone else
- I talked about Jesus with someone
- I chose prayer over screentime

How many will you complete this week? Don't forget to update the challenge sheet! For more information on how you can participate, click here:

[DISCONNECT TO RECONNECT LENTEN CHALLENGE](#)

Lent is a time to grow closer to God by praying more, giving more, and making small sacrifices.

Please return your challenge forms to school on **Monday 13th April**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Year One Trip to Dudley Zoo:

Last week Year One went on a wonderful trip to Dudley Zoo, even the sun was shining! The children got to see and ask questions about lots of different animals including giraffes, tigers, arctic foxes and capibaras. Whilst we were there our tour-guide took us for a walk through Lemur Woods where the children got to experience the lemurs jumping and running all around up close. Well done Year One!



Number Facts of the Week:

At Holy Name, we place a strong emphasis on pupils learning their multiplication and division facts and recalling them quickly and confidently.

By the end of Year Four, all pupils are expected to know all multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 by heart.

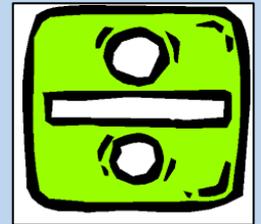
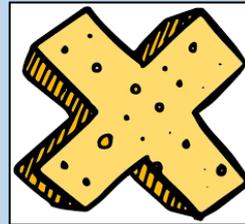
Each week, Miss Doody, our maths leader, will be setting a challenge. Be prepared - our class teachers will be testing you!

This week's multiplication and division facts are:

$$3 \times 4 = 12 \text{ or } 4 \times 3 = 12 \qquad 12 \div 3 = 4 \text{ or } 12 \div 4 = 3$$

Next week's multiplication and division facts are:

$$9 \times 5 = 45 \text{ or } 5 \times 9 = 45 \qquad 45 \div 9 = 5 \text{ or } 45 \div 5 = 9$$



Reception - Y6 Reading Challenges:

Our Reading Challenges are a great way to ensure your child is reading a range of texts which are age-related (with some challenging texts too!)

To make it super easy to participate, we have uploaded a direct form link accessible on your Marvellous Me accounts. The form is called 'YR RC' / 'Y1 RC' etc and they are also available on the school website – just click:

'Curriculum and Gallery > Reading' and scroll down to 'Reading Challenge'.

Or click on the links here: [Y6](#) [Y5](#) [Y4](#) [Y3](#) [Y2](#) [Y1](#) [Reception](#)

Every time your child reads a book from the specially selected list, they just need to complete an entry on the form and they will automatically be entered into a prize draw!

The more books that you read the more chances that you have to win!

The next prize draw will be on Friday 17th April.

KS2 Easter 'Decorate the Egg' Competition – Thursday 16th April:

On **Thursday 16th April** we will be hosting our annual 'decorate the egg' competition for our junior pupils (Y3,4,5,6).

Entries (decorated boiled eggs) should be brought into school **carefully(!)** on this day for our Catholic School Council to judge.



Easter Bonnet Parade – Friday 17th April:

Our annual Easter Bonnet Parade for our Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Two pupils will be taking place at the end of the first week of the summer term (during the season of Easter) on **Friday 17th April at 2.40pm**.

If you would like your child to participate in this fun event, then please bring in an Easter bonnet (which they have made at home) on this day. Nursery pupils are most welcome to come back to school for the assembly in the afternoon. Our Catholic Life Council will judge the winners.



To ensure that a safe number of pupils and family members are in the hall, admission will be by ticket only and this will be restricted to one ticket per pupil. These will be available from the school office from **Monday 23rd March**.

School Masses Next Half Term:

All **parents and parishioners** are warmly invited to all of our school masses in **school** at **9.15am** or in **church** at **10.00am**.

Please note: school masses will be on **Tuesdays** next term.

Date:	Information:
Tuesday 14 th April	Y4 joining the parish for mass in church at 10.00am
Tuesday 21 st April	No classes attending mass
Tuesday 28 th April	Infants' mass in the school hall at 9.15am
Tuesday 5 th May	No classes attending mass
Tuesday 12 th May	No classes attending mass – SATS WEEK
Tuesday 19 th May	Y3 & Y6 joining the parish for mass in church at 10.00am

Diary Dates:

Date:	Information:
Easter Break:	Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April
Monday 13 th April	ALL CHILDREN BACK IN SCHOOL FOR THE START OF THE SUMMER TERM
Tuesday 14 th April	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 16 th April	KS2 Decorate the Egg Competition (please bring your entries into school on this day) Y4, Y5 & Y6 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm NO KS2 French Club
Friday 17 th April	Values & Virtues Assembly in school hall at 9.05am (all parents are invited to join us) Easter Bonnet Parade (infants only) in the school hall at 2.40pm - Nursery pupils are also invited (one adult admission per Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2 pupil will be permitted)
Tuesday 21 st April	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 23 rd April	Y3 Educational Visit to Hindu Temple Y4, Y5 & Y6 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm KS2 French Club 3.15 – 4.15pm begins for summer term
Friday 24 th April	Attendance Celebration Assembly in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents welcome)
Tuesday 28 th April	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Netball Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Thursday 30 th April	Y4, Y5 & Y6 Tennis Club 3.15 – 4.15pm
Friday 1 st May	Celebration Assembly (Gifts from God) in the school hall at 9.05am (all parents welcome)
Tuesday 5 th May	Y4 Educational Visit to Bishops Wood
Monday 8 th May	Y6 SATS week
Saturday 16 th May	Y3 First Holy Communion Mass in church at 12.30pm
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of summer 1 st half term
Half Term Break:	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
Friday 17 th July	Last day of summer term for pupils

Yours sincerely

A. Neenan

Mr A.G. Neenan

Headteacher

One of the precepts of being a Catholic is to attend Sunday Mass (or the vigil Mass for Sunday) every week and on all Holy Days of Obligation.

This weekly commitment gives us the opportunity to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord which is why Sundays are known as the Lord's day.

**Mass at Holy Name
Church:**

Saturday 12.30pm

**Sunday 8.30am
and 10.30am**

