



Weekly Newsletter - Friday 26th March - Spring Term

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Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare to reset our clocks this weekend, we are able to look forward to more hours of daylight to enjoy. In a few weeks we will be able to invite another family to meet up in our gardens with up to six people. Who would have thought we would be so excited about that? This difficult period has taught us to appreciate these everyday things and being with our families is an example of that.

Enjoy a fine weekend and be prepared to lose an hour of sleep on Saturday evening!

Yesterday was the feast of the Annunciation reminding us of a time when life was simpler when Mary the mother of Jesus was chosen for her humility and dignity. It is hoped that we retain some of our humility and compassion for others as we start our journey back to having free choice in the hope that we actually make good use of this with greater care, kindness and consideration. Freedom is something to hold sacred and be thankful for.

As we enter the final week of our spring term we are happy to be able to cover the events of Holy Week, especially as we were not together last year.

We have welcomed Miss Bryant back to school following her time on maternity leave, she will be returning to Nursery after the Easter break.

However, we are sadly saying farewell to Mrs Marsh who has worked so well within our EYFS team during their extraordinary circumstances of partial lockdown too. We share our enormous thanks to her commitment during this time. The children have loved having her in Nursery and have made good progress in her care.

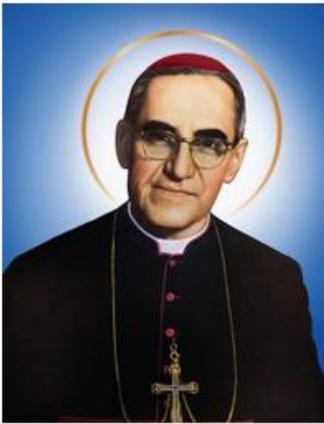


Spirituality

Sunday 28th March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

St. Oscar Romero
Archbishop, Martyr
(1917-1980)

Feast day 24th March



"Aspire not to have more, but to be more"

The Solemnity of the Annunciation
25th March



We pray for the grace to say 'yes' to God, as Mary did.



A reminder that we are currently raising much needed funds for the Catholic Children's Society. In recent years members of our school community have benefitted from their work. Please give generously.



[Click here to donate to CCS](#)



Stars of the Week - Week ending 26th March 2021

R Hedgehog Class - Amelia S & Victoria G, **R Fox Class** - Benedict L & Clemency C,
R Squirrel Class - Eleanor L & Erin N,
1 Wren Class - Cruz J, **1 Robin Class** - Nicole S, **1 Sparrow Class** - Jennifer R,
2 Woodpeckers Class - Leo R, **2 Heron Class** - Gabriel B, **2 Jay Class** - Rakshanya J
Well done to all of the Stars of the week!



News for the week

For information regarding testing for children and families at home, please click on the link below;
[Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff](#)

Free School Meals

You may be eligible to receive Free School Meals* for your child provided you are in receipt of a qualifying benefit. To check if you are eligible for this entitlement please apply online using the following link to Sutton Council's website:

[Apply here for Free School Meals](#)
Alternatively contact the school office

Parents Evening - Postponed

At present and due to the children only recently returning back to school parents consultations has been postponed until after the Easter Holidays. Date and Time to be confirmed, when clearer guidance is communicated to schools from the DfE.

Scooters

We once again ask parents to supervise the younger children in the school grounds. Scooting and cycling is not permitted in the school grounds due to safety reasons, particularly not on the road ways. Failure to follow these measures will result in you being asked not to bring them onto the school site.

Keep our children safe.



Here is [the LINK to the Easter Holidays issue](#) of Families LSB magazine for all families to share.

Check out:

- * [April Fool's Day Prank Ideas;](#)
- * [Easter Craft Projects for Kids;](#)
- * [Spring 'Make and Do' Outdoor Projects for Kids;](#)
- * [The Great Families Easter Bake Off;](#)
- * [Make an Easter Chick - Free Downloadable;](#)
- * [Fun Science Projects at Home;](#)

Skipping Challenge - Update

Children across the both schools did so well at their skipping challenge! It was a delight to see them working so hard, persevering and improving on their personal best. As a result, children have asked to have access to more skipping ropes at playtimes and we've been able to make this happen. It's always lovely to have their input and be able to action their ideas. We haven't got the whole borough result for the skipping yet to know if we've helped to beat the world record but as soon as we have it we'll let you know. There is no doubt though that our contribution has made a huge impact :)

Nicky Birch

PE and Clubs Coordinator

"Developing pupils' love of physical activity, for life"

