



# HEADLINES

MARCH	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Secondary School Offer Day PTA Meeting in school @ 6pm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Little Town for Nursery/Reception and Year 1 Y5 Mass @ Church arrive @ 8:45am Y3/Y4 enrichment Day
5 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 trip to Sudbury <b>MUFTI DAY FOR KIDS VILLAGE suggested minimum donation £1 please give more if you can. Note change of date.</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day -wearing recycled/reuse clothes or your PJs
7 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/N Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
9 <sup>th</sup>	Walsall Catholic League Mothers' Day shop opens Y1/2 enrichment Day
10 <sup>th</sup>	Severn Trent Water Workshops
11 <sup>th</sup>	CO Awareness in Years 2 and 5
12 <sup>th</sup>	Y4-6 Inspire Basketball @ Walsall Academy 3:45-5pm Banghra Assembly and workshops in all classes - all year groups to wear school PE Kit today.
13 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Cricket Walsall Campus 12:30-2:30pm Lenten MUFTI for St. Chads tinned foods, tea, coffee, oil, pasta, rice and toiletries Y3 and Y5 energy detectives workshops EYFS parent and child reading session
14 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/Y2 Family Parish Mass @ 6pm St Patrick's Day Tea Party @ Church 12 - 4pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/Y6 Enrichment Day
17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 & 4 multi Skills @ manor Farm 9.30-11am Year 5/6 Girls Football @ Streetly 4-5.15pm Y5/Y6 Enrichment Day Y3/Y4 Enrichment Day
18 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 Mass @ School
19 <sup>th</sup>	IRock Concert @ 9:15am Lichfield Gotta Dance Y4 @ 7pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Stay & Pray 15 mins at 9am and then Big Lent Walk for CAFOD around the field, parents can join us. CAFOD Charity fundraiser payment can be made via Arbor. Lenten MUFTI for Kids Village £1 minimum donation
21 <sup>st</sup>	Y4/Y1 Family Parish Mass @ 6pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y1/Y2 Enrichment Day
24 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Lenten Retreat with Dan & Emily One Life Music.

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The word is **Sacred**. Lord Jesus thank you for the sacred places where you are worshipped and praised and for making our homes sacred by your presence

**Mass Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March @ 9am @ Church Y5 arrive at 8:45am.**  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March No Mass in school.**

## Headteacher Message



Welcome back to school after what I hope was a great half-term break for all of you. We are now fully into our Lenten journey, and it is wonderful to see the children's understanding of the season grow and develop as they mature.

We know that many schools do some incredible charity work, but the children have a real sense of fully understanding why we do it as a Catholic school, not because it's just another initiative but because we know as Catholics Jesus asked us to do it. When we care for the poor, we care for Jesus, when we help our neighbour we help Jesus, so with kind hearts this Lent let us really make a difference to those who need our help. Our three charities for Lent are St. Chad's Sanctuary, Kids Village and CAFOD. There will be a donation page set up on Arbor to donate for the two kids village MUFTIs (alternatively please send cash donation into school) and a second one for CAFOD. Thank you

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**Nursery** This week in Nursery we were very excited to begin our new topic, "God Made the Animals." We have been learning all about farm animals and exploring the different homes animals live in. The children enjoyed getting creative by making paper plate cows and drawing pigs. We were so impressed with their fantastic effort and attention to detail (especially the curly tails)! The children also noticed that our prayer table had changed to the colour purple. This led to thoughtful conversations about Lent. We talked about this special time of year and discussed ways we can try to be more like Jesus by being kind, helpful and caring towards others.

**Mr Johnston Mrs Lingwood and the Nursery Team**

**Reception** It was wonderful to welcome the children back to a brighter and dryer week. We've even been outside without our coats. The children were excited to begin our unit 'Exploring Space' by answering the question 'How do we get to space?' We've learned all about space shuttles and learned the meanings of some impressive words - 'gravity' & 'thrust'. Ask your child if they can tell you what they mean and the action we did to model this. Our role play corner has been transformed into a space station. Keep your eye on Bluesky for pictures.

**Mrs Turley and the early years team.**

**Year 1.** We have had a wonderful start to this half term. We have enjoyed welcoming Miss Knott to our class and we look forward to having her with us until the end of Summer term 1. Every day this week, we have been coming into school to start the day by practising our fine motor skills. Ask your child what their favourite activity was. We have also been using colourful semantics in our English lessons to assist us with our sentence structure. The children have been excellent at learning and using the features 'who' and 'doing'. Can they give you an example of this? We have been thinking about our Lenten promise. Ask your child how is Mrs McCabe doing with her promise

**Mrs McCabe**

**Year 2** Welcome back Year 2! I'm sorry that I couldn't be in class at the start of the week, but it has been lovely to be back teaching you again and I look forward to our new term together. Mrs Matchett told me that you thought of some very thoughtful answers when reflecting upon our new Values and Virtues and your Lenten promises. We enjoyed starting our new Computing unit of 'Route explorers!' on Thursday and exploring money, counting pounds and pence in Maths. We will be doing our Spring quizzes next week and have a lovely treat with World Book Day on Friday! Have a nice weekend everyone.

**Miss Regan**

**Year 3** The week has flown by in Year 3 and as usual the children returned from the holidays ready to work hard. We have started learning about fractions in Maths and are getting near to the end of our Iron Man book in English. We will have the last week of the spring 1 spelling test on Monday and then we move on to Spring 2 which is on the homework page. Next week on Tuesday we will be baking bread in our Enrichment Day so we look forward to that!

**Mrs Robinson and Mr Johnston**

**Year 4** Another wonderful week, Year 4- well done! We have enjoyed listening to Open for Lent with Dan and Emily this week and our prayer monitors prepared a lovely prayer service around the 'sacred' theme for us on Thursday. On Wednesday, we enjoyed using classification keys to identify different plants and even created our own keys for some leaves that Miss Jones brought in. You all showed me how fantastic you are at your short multiplication and division methods in maths this week too! Keep up the hard work. Have a great weekend!

**Miss Jones**

**Year 5** It was great to have you all back into class after half term Year 5. You have all settled back in brilliantly and have been working very hard. Our key focus this week has been continuing our Mayan festival stories - I know that lots of you are very proud of your efforts and I am too! We welcomed Tori from Black Country Dance company into school on Tuesday. We are learning a dance to perform in a few weeks time - look out for further details soon. We have started our new Science Topic - Space! I know that lots of you have been looking forward to this unit and I am keen to see what you already know. Remember the deadline for Mayan topic homework is coming up: 13<sup>th</sup> March and please keep up the practice on Twinkl Spellings to see if you can top the charts!

**Mr Caddick**

**Year 6**

We hit the ground running in Year 6 this week, using and applying your reading skills across the whole curriculum. You came up with some very thoughtful and impressive cause and effect facts to include in our writing next week and were able to add research Skills using laptop skills to further develop ideas. Your maths work on area and perimeter has been impressive- now you need to learn and remember the maths formula you have been using. You have demonstrated great paired work in science to classify animals. Next week we will be writing your transportation stories using historical knowledge. Please remember to complete reading journal activities, learn grammar word classes and work on spellings at home

**Miss Keedwell**

### Headteacher Awards

Nursery:	Roop & Saif
Reception:	Oscar & Mila R
Year 1:	Lara & Henry
Year 2:	Polly & Charlie
Year 3:	Isla & Darcie
Year 4:	Tyler & Matilda
Year 5:	Alayah & Cassius
Year 6:	Ava & Dolly

### Online Safety Winners Walsall Area

Congratulations to Essie from Reception for having a winning entry for EYFS at the Walsall Schools Online safety competition. Thank you to the huge number of children who took part in this competition. Well done also to Those who were highly commended.

Eadie Cox KS1

Noah, Isla, Dylan, Elliot.....KS2

Well done everyone we are so proud of you - we will be sharing these with the whole school.

Prizes to follow



Rock Legend -Ruairi, Emilia & Honor

### Learn Its - movers Congratulations to those children who have moved this week.

- Year 1: will publish next week.
- Year 2: Theo Ri, Jamie & George
- Year 3: Tillie, Theo, Ella, Azzurra, Ben, Archie, Isla, Darcie, Nora, Keira
- Year 4: Ruairi, Freddie, Lyla, Ashton, Finn, Daisy, Ted, Ronnie, Aluna, Lola M, Grace, Anderson, Jenny, Honor, George

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Sporting Achievements this year.

Don't forget to tell us about your out of school achievements. Email Mrs Baynham-Hughes on

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Year Group	Achievement
Y4	Honor- Scored goals and player of the match for Ace Miami
Y4	Olive-earned herself trainer of the week at her new football team
Y4	Freddie - 70m Swimming Badge
Y5	Alayah - 800m swimming award and NBC Red Gymnastics Certificate

Sportsmanship Award - Rogan (Y3), demonstrated excellent skills in his first tag rugby lesson for this term.

This half term our Catholic Social Teaching is being peacemakers.



# Being peacemakers

## Promoting Peace

### Daisy the dove's story



Daisy lives in a tough neighbourhood where some of the animals try to use their size to bully others.

She is not afraid to be a peacemaker and remind others to be caring and kind. Every day she sings a beautiful tune to keep everyone calm and speaks kind words to all around her to build up their self-esteem.

Some days are harder than others and more challenging. However, she knows it is important to keep working for a world full of peace.

Daisy's story reminds us that it is important to keep working to build a more peaceful world.

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Dear Lord,

During Lent we pray that we may draw closer to you through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, help us all to have a good Lent, as we strive to help others.

Amen



### Building the Kingdom

Our next project (over Lent) is to create our Salvadorian Crosses, more details will follow after half term on these and parents you will get to see them when you attend Parent/Teacher meetings in March.



# Livesimply

## Thank you for your support

Suggestion this week is to turn our heating down by 1 degree as the temperatures are rising, even for a few days it will make a difference to the planet and your pocket – thank you Year 6.

This Lent you can continue to help us with our CAFOD Live Simply Pledge by supporting and joining us on our Big Lent Walk. The walk will start (@ 9:15am) after our Stay & Pray on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March and will last approx. 1 hour (this maybe less for younger pupils). Our children tell us that they love having parents and family come into school, so please join us if you can. There is a donation page open on Arbor for you to contribute to the valuable work of CAFOD (as one of our Lenten charities) alternatively please put money in a clearly labelled envelope. On behalf of CAFOD thank you for your support.

Based on the gospel for Sunday 27 February Matthew 5:44

**"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:44**

When we think about loving others, we might think of the affection we have for family and friends or showing kindness to strangers. It is much more difficult to respond to Jesus' radical invitation to love those who have hurt or mistreated us.

With an internal armed conflict lasting more than 60 years, many Colombians know violence at first hand. The peace agreement signed by the Colombian government and the Revolutionary Armed Forces (FARC) guerrilla group in 2016 was a historic step, but the conflict endures, now in increasingly fragmented and complex ways.

In a situation where choosing love can be challenging, CAFOD's partner, the PDP (Peace and Development Programme) works in Magdalena Medio in western Colombia, to foster a culture of peace.

In 2025, the PDP facilitated an intergenerational project: a colourful quilt, symbolic of peace and reconciliation. This communal activity allowed participants to reflect on shared experiences of joy and pain. The process of creating the quilt, stitch by stitch, served as a powerful reminder that peace is built little by little.

Despite their differences, participants agreed that only through communal action can new paths to reconciliation be opened.