

Spring Term
13.03.26



St Mary's Catholic Primary School
'Love God, Love Others, Love Ourselves'

Upcoming dates

16th March

Year 1 Epping Forest
Stewardship trip.

17th March

Year 2 Epping Forest
Stewardship trip
& St. Patrick's Day (wear a
green accessory)

17th and 18th March

No multisport

18th March

Year 4 Epping Forest
Stewardship trip

19th March

St Joseph's Day

20th March

Year 3 Epping Forest
Stewardship Trip

24th March

2.30pm Palm Sunday Infant &
Reception Assembly

25th March

2.30pm Y3 Last Supper
Assembly

25th March

3.30pm – 6.30pm
Parents Evening

26th March

2.30pm Y4 Gardens and the
Betrayal of Jesus Assembly

26th March

3.30pm – 6.30pm
Parents Evening

27th March

9am Y5 Stations of the Cross
Assembly

27th March

2pm finish
LAST DAY OF TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin to see the first signs of spring, there is a real sense of renewal and freshness around our school. The brighter mornings, lighter afternoons and glimpses of sunshine have lifted everyone's spirits. The children have enjoyed spending more time outdoors, and it has been lovely to see the playground filled with energy and laughter as the seasons begin to change.

As a school community, we are focusing particularly on acts of service and charity. The children have been reminded that Lent is not only about giving something up, but about growing closer to God and showing love to others through our actions. We will be supporting our chosen Lenten charity over the coming weeks, and we thank you in advance for your generosity and support. We also look forward to celebrating upcoming Saints' days. In particular, we will mark St Patrick's Day on 17th March. To celebrate, children are invited to wear a green accessory with their school uniform — this could be a green hair ribbon, socks, tie, badge or similar small item. We will spend time learning about St Patrick's life, his courage in sharing the Gospel, and how we can follow his example of faith and perseverance in our own lives.

This week is a particularly exciting milestone for our Year 5 children, who have been on their first residential to The Hive. This was a wonderful opportunity for them to develop independence, teamwork and resilience, as well as deepen friendships. Residential experiences are such an important part of growing up, and we are confident that the children will represent our school beautifully. We pray that they have a safe, enjoyable and enriching time away, filled with new experiences and happy memories.

As always, our Catholic ethos remains at the heart of everything we do. Through our daily prayers, collective worship and Religious Education lessons, we continue to nurture faith, compassion and respect within our school family. The season of Lent offers us all — adults and children alike — a chance to pause, reflect and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

Thank you for your continued support in all that we do. Your partnership helps us to create a caring, faith-filled environment where every child can flourish academically, spiritually and socially.

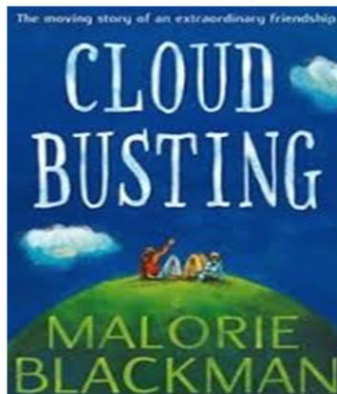
God Bless,

Mrs. Sharkey



A Spotlight on Year 4

In English, the children really enjoyed the book 'Cloud Busting' by Malorie Blackman. They have learnt different poetic devices and learnt to apply this into their own writing of poems, whilst also exploring the different themes in this book on friendship and bullying.



Year 4 have had a great start to the Spring Term and have been enjoying all the new topics learnt across the curriculum.



In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of lengths and perimeters, and are now applying their skills to fractions.

During our science topic of 'Sound' the children really enjoyed an array of different investigations. In particular, they loved making their own 'ear defenders' and musical instruments to explore which material is the best to protect our ears for loud noises and to explore how the pitch of their instrument can be changed.



In RE, we have been focusing on Jesus as the 'Messiah'.

The children have learnt many of the miracle stories where Jesus had healed others.

We also learnt about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the children had turns to act out a first confession.

Year 4 have also been working on reciting the Nicene Prayer.