

Spring Term
27.03.26



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

Upcoming dates

27th March
School finishes
at 2pm

13th April
Return to School

16th April
St Bernadette's
Feast Day

23rd April
St George's Day

24th April
Sports Day

28th April
Year 2 off to the
Tower of London

30th April
Year 5 off to the
Bank of England

Parents and carers,

As we journey through this special season of Lent, our school community has come together in prayer, reflection, and celebration of our faith. It has been a truly meaningful time for both pupils and staff as we prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter.

We have been especially proud of our recent assemblies, where each phase has helped us to reflect more deeply on the story of Holy Week. Our Infants and EYFS children led a beautiful and joyful assembly on Palm Sunday, helping us remember Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Their enthusiasm and confidence were a delight to see, and they reminded us of the importance of welcoming Jesus into our lives.

Year 3 presented a thoughtful assembly on The Last Supper, helping us understand the origins of the Eucharist and the importance of sharing, service, and love. Their reverence and understanding of this sacred moment were truly impressive.

Year 4 guided us through the Garden of Gethsemane, reflecting on Jesus' prayer, courage, and trust in God during a time of great difficulty. Their assembly encouraged us all to think about the power of prayer in our own lives.

Year 5 delivered a moving and reflective presentation of the Stations of the Cross, helping us walk alongside Jesus on His journey to the cross. Their respectful and heartfelt retelling created a powerful atmosphere of reflection across the school.

As we now look ahead to Easter, we are reminded that this is the most important celebration in the Christian calendar. Easter is a time of hope, renewal, and joy, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of new life. Throughout the coming weeks, children will continue to explore the meaning of Easter in their learning and collective worship, deepening their understanding of God's love for us all.

We encourage all families to take time during this season to reflect, pray, and celebrate together. Whether through attending Mass, sharing in prayer at home, or simply taking moments of quiet reflection, this is a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith as a community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all our families a peaceful and blessed Easter when it arrives.

God Bless,

Mrs. Sharkey



A Spotlight on Year 5

Year 5 spent time away on a residential visit to The Hive in Epping Forest.

Everyone had a great time and took part in a range of activities during their time away.



Year 5 took part in an animal handling activity, where the children looked at different habitats and adaptations. They had the opportunity to get up close with a Madagascan hissing cockroach, a fire salamander and an African giant land snail!



The children spent plenty of time outdoors, taking part in a range of activities in the forest, including den building and an invertebrate hunt.

Year 5 brushed up on their map reading and orienteering skills as they took part in a map hunt around The Hive, finding different hidden checkpoints and markers using map coordinates.



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We enjoyed a wonderful campfire on Thursday evening. We shared our favourite experiences and things that we had learnt about ourselves. It was brilliant to have Ms Egan to join us for our final evening there too!



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On Friday morning, everyone made their own lunches for their afternoon picnic before the long, muddy walk back to school.