



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

'Love God, Love Others, Love Ourselves'

Upcoming dates



Monday 10th May

Y4 and Y5 begin
weekly swimming
sessions

Thursday 27th May

School Feast Day

Friday 28th May

Curriculum Day

School is closed

23rd - 25th June

Suntrap camp for
Y5 and Y6

Miss Egan writes.....

It is lovely to have the upcoming date's column back in the newsletter. Our COVID risk assessment remains in place but we are hopeful that, as things continue to improve and everyone remains sensible, we can gradually start to look forward again. The Summer term is always a busy one and we will continue to be creative in looking at how we can reintroduce things, albeit in a slightly different way. We will keep you updated as things are added to the calendar, giving you as much notice as possible.

A new feature of the newsletter between now and the end of the term will be our 'Spotlight on.....' Each year group will have the opportunity to share some of their learning to give you a flavour of what is happening in school for them. This edition features our Reception Class.

School Uniform

Now that shops have reopened again, please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform. This includes suitable shoes or sandals for everyday wear.

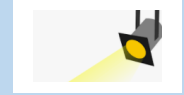
Plain, dark trainers may be worn on PE days.

We have been quite lenient but would like to maintain our high standards.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society have seen an increase in the numbers of families they have been working with over the past few months. We have purchased a video made by them and by following the link below, you will be able to listen to one of their Child, and Adolescent therapists, Calley Dickinson, talking about children's anxiety.

<https://youtu.be/VQMN0vbexFO>

Spotlight on.....Reception



We love to learn.....

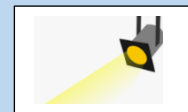
In Reception, we enjoy learning in the outdoors. We have been investigating weight (or mass), length, volume and capacity by using different size containers.



Reception have raised their very own butterflies! We have learnt all about the miracle of metamorphosis. Insect Lore's Butterfly Garden has brought a sense of wonder and excitement to children and adults alike! The butterfly habitat is a reusable, cylindrical mesh container is perfect for up-close butterfly viewing.



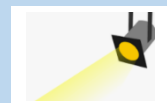
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The children voted and named the butterflies Ellie, Twinkle, Daisy, Rosie and Katy. They were released today.



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Commotion in the Ocean

'There's a curious commotion at the bottom of the ocean. I think we ought to go & take a look'.

You'll find every sort of creature that lives beneath the sea swimming in Reception this week.

Reception are diving into the ocean for a noisy, rhyming animal adventure! The children are joining in as they create all sorts of amazing sea creatures. Below the children are painting with bubble wrap to create their own ocean.



Using colour paper and glue, the children made the tentacles for the octopus.

The children linked colour paper links together using a tripod grasp, symmetrical movements, hand-eye coordination, dexterity, intrinsic muscle strength, an open web space, and endurance! Wow, what a workout from creating a simple paper chain! The result will be the octopus's tentacles

