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# St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 8th March 2024



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Dear parents and carers,  
We have thoroughly enjoyed our celebration of reading this week. World Book Day was of course the highlight! Thank you to all the families who embraced the opportunity for the pupils to dress up and helped prepare the costumes-we appreciate all your effort! Your children looked fabulous!

The week started with a 'reading to another class' opportunity, a chance to 'Drop Everything and Read' as ordered by our reading ambassadors. Followed by book quizzes, meeting an author, choosing a free book from the pop up book shop to take home and many fantastic homework entries, which we are now proudly displaying in the school. The winning entries were awarded their prize in a special assembly on World Book Day, led by our fabulous reading ambassadors, and the prizes were awarded by an Oompa Loompa! (Otherwise known as Mis Liu.)

We hope you enjoy some reading time this weekend.





### **Dates for your Diary**

Thursday 14th March—Y2 to Tate Modern

Monday 18th March—Y4 to National Gallery

Wednesday 20th March - Y4 and Y5 perform Aladdin at St John Bosco College

Thursday 21st March—Book Fair starts!

Thursday 21st March— Parents Consultations—school will close at 12:45pm for Nursery and 1pm for Reception to Y6

Monday 25th March—Y4 and Y5 perform at Lyceum Theatre

Thursday 28th March - Last day of term, school will close early for the Easter break - school will close at 12:45pm for Nursery and 1pm for Reception to Y6

### **Wednesday Word**

**The Wednesday word this week is SELF GIVING**

“Jesus leads us to go out from ourselves more and more, to give ourselves and to serve others”

Pope Francis

### **Our Mission Statement**

‘A man took a grain of mustard seed and sowed it in his field. Indeed the seed is smaller than all other seeds but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in its branches’

Matthew 13.31

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 7th March.

We will be asking children to dress up as a character from a book while taking part in fun World Book Day activities!

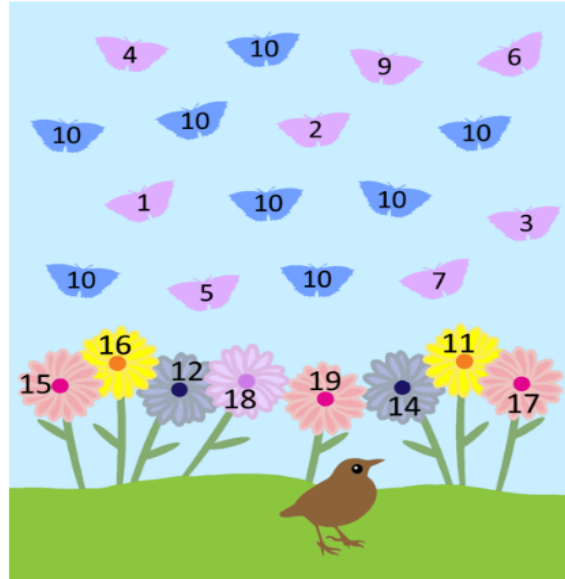


# KS1 and KS2 Maths Challenge!



## KS1 challenge

Look at these butterflies and flowers. All of them have a number.



Can you find two butterflies to go on each flower so that the butterfly numbers add to the flower number?

Which pair of butterflies has no flower to go to? Why?

Which flower cannot have a pair of butterflies on it? Why?

## KS2 challenge

This represents the multiplication of a 4-digit number by 3.

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The whole calculation uses each of the digits 0 - 9 once and once only.

The 4-digit number contains three consecutive numbers, which are not in order. The third digit is the sum of two of the consecutive numbers.

The first, third and fifth digits of the five-digit product are three consecutive numbers, again not in order. The second and fourth digits are also consecutive numbers.

Can you replace the stars in the calculation with digits?





We are joining CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 2024!



St Mary's RC Primary School will join thousands of

others to help fight extreme poverty. Each class will be walking 200km

over Lent. We aim to raise money for this charity. The Big Lent Walk will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

March. Please click the link to our fundraising page.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/mary-gilbride-1709022411148?  
utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fmary-gilbride-  
1709022411148&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/mary-gilbride-1709022411148?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fmary-gilbride-1709022411148&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

CAFOD is an international development charity and the official aid agency of the  
Catholic Church in England and Wales.

### Y6 Secondary School Places

I am really pleased that most children were given one of their choices for Secondary schools.

There are always some parents who are disappointed.

My advice to them, is to accept the school you have been offered and then request to stay on the  
waiting lists of schools you had on your form.

There will be a lot of movement between now and July.

Some parents consider appeals, these are very seldom successful.

I am happy to meet with any parents who want to consider other options. Mr Brading



Mr Esa is running the London Marathon **AGAIN** this April!

If you would kindly like to sponsor him in aid of a fantastic charity, please click  
the link below and wish Mr Esa the best of luck when you see him!

<https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/esa-mapara>

Also-after the success of our 'running weekend' last year-we are attempting to book in some  
running opportunities again. If your child likes running or would like to take it up-please keep  
20th and 28th April in your diary!



## **St Mary's RC Primary School**

### **Term Dates 2024 - 2025**

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<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>
<b>INSET Day: 2nd September</b>
<b>First Day: 3rd September</b>
<b>Half Term: 28th October to 1st November</b>
<b>INSET Day: 4th November</b>
<b>Last Day: 20th December</b>

<b>Spring Term 2025</b>
<b>First Day: 6th January</b>
<b>Half Term: 17th to 21st February</b>
<b>Last Day: 4th April</b>

<b>Summer Term 2025</b>
<b>First Day: 22nd April</b>
<b>Bank Holiday: 5th May</b>
<b>Half Term: 26th to 30th May</b>
<b>INSET Day: 2nd June</b>
<b>Last Day: 22nd July</b>
<b>Two INSET Days TBC</b>



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<b>Autumn 1: 5th September - 20th October</b>
<b>Half Term: 23rd - 27th October</b>
<b>INSET Day: 30th October</b>
<b>Autumn 2: 31st October - 21st December</b>
<b>Spring Term 2024</b>
<b>Spring 1: 8th January - 9th February</b>
<b>INSET Day: 15th January</b>
<b>Half Term: 12th - 16th February</b>
<b>Spring 2: 19th February - 28th March</b>
<b>Summer Term 2024</b>
<b>INSET Day: 15th April</b>
<b>Summer 1: 16th April - 24th May</b>
<b>Half Term: 27th May - 31st May</b>
<b>INSET Day: 3rd June</b>
<b>Summer 2: 4th June - 24th July</b>



Tickets available on parent  
mail!



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE

Y4 & Y5  
PERFORMANCE OF

**Disney**  
**Aladdin**  
KIDS

WEDS 20TH MAR 24

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM

ST. JOHN'S BOSCO, SW11 3DQ

TICKETS VIA PARENTMAIL  
ADULTS £4 & CHILDREN £2



learn to  
love to  
read

## Helping your child learn to love reading in key stage 2 (years 3-6)

learn to  
love to  
read

Come and find out the answers to these questions and more at a talk by local charity 'Learn to Love to Read'

How can I help my child choose books they will enjoy?

Why do I still need to be involved in my child's reading in key stage 2?

How do I encourage my child to read different types of books?

How can I reserve books my child will like at my library?

How do I help my child to love reading and want to read?

**Where:** St Mary's RC School

**When:** Thursday 14th March 2024  
9:00-9:40am

All parents attending will be given a raffle ticket for a chance to win a bundle of books for their child







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## LET'S CHAT, PLAY, SING AND READ TOGETHER!

FREE Sessions for parents and their children aged 2 to 4 years (including children attending St Mary's Nursery)

**Where:** St. Mary's RC School, Battersea

**When:** 9:00-9:40am

Wednesday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May 2024

(4 week programme)



Storytime



Gifts each week



Playing games



Singing



Tips

Please sign up on our website  
<https://bit.ly/46syqCb>





**Ten:Ten**  
Resources



**March 2024**

**March is packed with celebrations! From the Feast Days of St David, St Patrick and St Joseph to Mothering Sunday. Then as the clocks spring forward, we reach Holy Week and the joy of Easter!**

Among the excitement and reflection of the Lenten season, family life goes on. As you help with homework or do the school run, perhaps you could find your own moment of calm by using the prayer resources below.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout March and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

To read the March2024 newsletter please click this link here-

<http://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>