

St Mary's RC Primary School



Friday 22nd March
2024



@StMarys_SW8



Dear parents and carers,

It was a pleasure to see so many parents attend the parent consultation meetings this week. We look forward to working with you further next term to ensure your children have a successful summer term and transition in to the next year group –and for those in years 6 a positive transition in to secondary school.

Enrichment opportunities

The year 4 and 5 pupils who performed in the Disney Aladdin show on Wednesday evening did us proud! Many thanks to John Bosco College for allowing us to use the hall and perform on their stage. The Lyceum theatre in the West End is the next stop on Monday-we can't wait!

Catholic Life of the School and Federation news

Our joint Lenten reflection this morning allowed us to reflect on the people we meet through Good Friday and how they feel as part of the Easter Story. We ask the children to reflect and look out for those in need.

Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent, the beginning of Holy Week, and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. We will be reacting to this for the children in school on Monday.

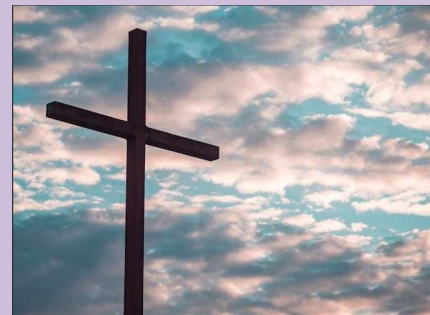
In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey, and to the lavish praise of the townspeople who threw clothes, or possibly palms or small branches, in front of him as a sign of homage.

This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are a widely recognised symbol of peace and victory, hence their preferred use on Palm Sunday.

The use of a donkey instead of a horse is highly symbolic, it represents the humble arrival of someone in peace.

We wish you a peaceful Easter holiday and look forward to seeing you all return safely on Tuesday 16th April.



Easter Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Joseph's

Maundy Thursday - mass at 8pm

Good Friday morning confessions– 10am—11am

Good Friday- mass at 3pm

Holy Saturday– mass at 10am

Easter Sunday– mass at 10am and 12pm



Dates for your Diary

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

Monday 15th April - INSET Day, school will be closed to all pupils

Tuesday 16th April - First day of the summer term

Thursday 18th April - Family reading breakfast at 9am

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday word this week is PRAISE

“God is full of love: to him be praise forever!”

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

Food Collection

We are very lucky to still be working with City Harvest, they donate a huge amount of food to us every week and that enables us to offer our food bank.

Please pop down every Tuesday from 3:15pm to see what we have on offer!

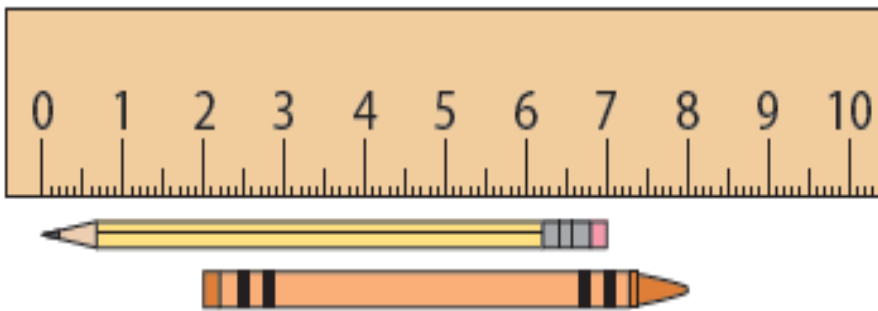


KS1 and KS2 Maths Challenge!



KS1 challenge

How long is the crayon?



The crayon is _____ cm long.

How much longer is the crayon than the pencil?

KS2 challenge

One third of the animals in Jacob's flock are goats, the rest are sheep.
There are twelve more sheep than goats.



How many animals are there altogether in Jacob's flock?



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 22nd

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



After the success of our 'running weekend' last year-we have been fortunate to book the same
running opportunities again. If your child likes running or would like to take it up-please keep
20th and 28th April in your diary-and see the information sent out this week about the Batter-
sea Park Run and the Mini Marathon. We hope you can join us.



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Term Dates 2024 - 2025

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These are our term dates for the academic year.

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

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

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



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



Family Reading Breakfast.

- Thursday 18th April at 9am
 - School Hall
- Come and join us for breakfast and reading with your child! We hope to see you there!



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ELMS
ARTS MINISTRY

Easter
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FREE
POP-UP
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Easter
Wonderland

CREATIVE FAMILY FUN - WITH CRAFTS
AND STORYTELLING

GOOD FRIDAY: 29TH MARCH 2-4PM

at

art'otel
LONDON BATTERSEA
POWER STATION

1 Electric Boulevard SW11 8BJ

All ages welcome - children must be
accompanied by an adult

More info at
nineelmsartsministry.org



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JOIN OUR FUN RUN TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL

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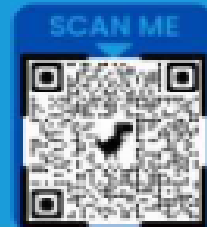
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2PM - 4PM

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**29th March (Good Friday),
Tuesday 2nd April – Friday 12th April
Ages 7-15, 10.30am – 2.30pm**

**Herne Hill Harriers Star Track
Tooting Bec Athletics Track, Tooting Bec Road, London SW17 3NP**

Please email with days required
and the following details:

Name of child

Address

Tel no / daytime contact

Email address

School

Payment to HHH bank account:

£16 per child, per day

CAF Bank

Account: Herne Hill Harriers

Account no: 00036124

Sort code: 40-52-40

Ref: startrack / surname

For further information, contact Steve Bosley
Tel 0208 773 8733 • Mob 07721 555 688
startrack@hernehillharriers.org

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per day**



learn to
love to
read

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/>