

St Mary's RC Primary School School Newsletter

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Dear parents/carers,

On Wednesday we begin a new Church Season- the Season of Lent. Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, Lents lasts for 40 days and 40 Nights reminding us of the 40 days and 40 Nights that Jesus was in the Desert.

We begin Lent by coming to Church on Wednesday and receiving the Ashes -ashes made from the Palms we carried last year on Palm Sunday.

During Lent we try to draw closer to the Lord.

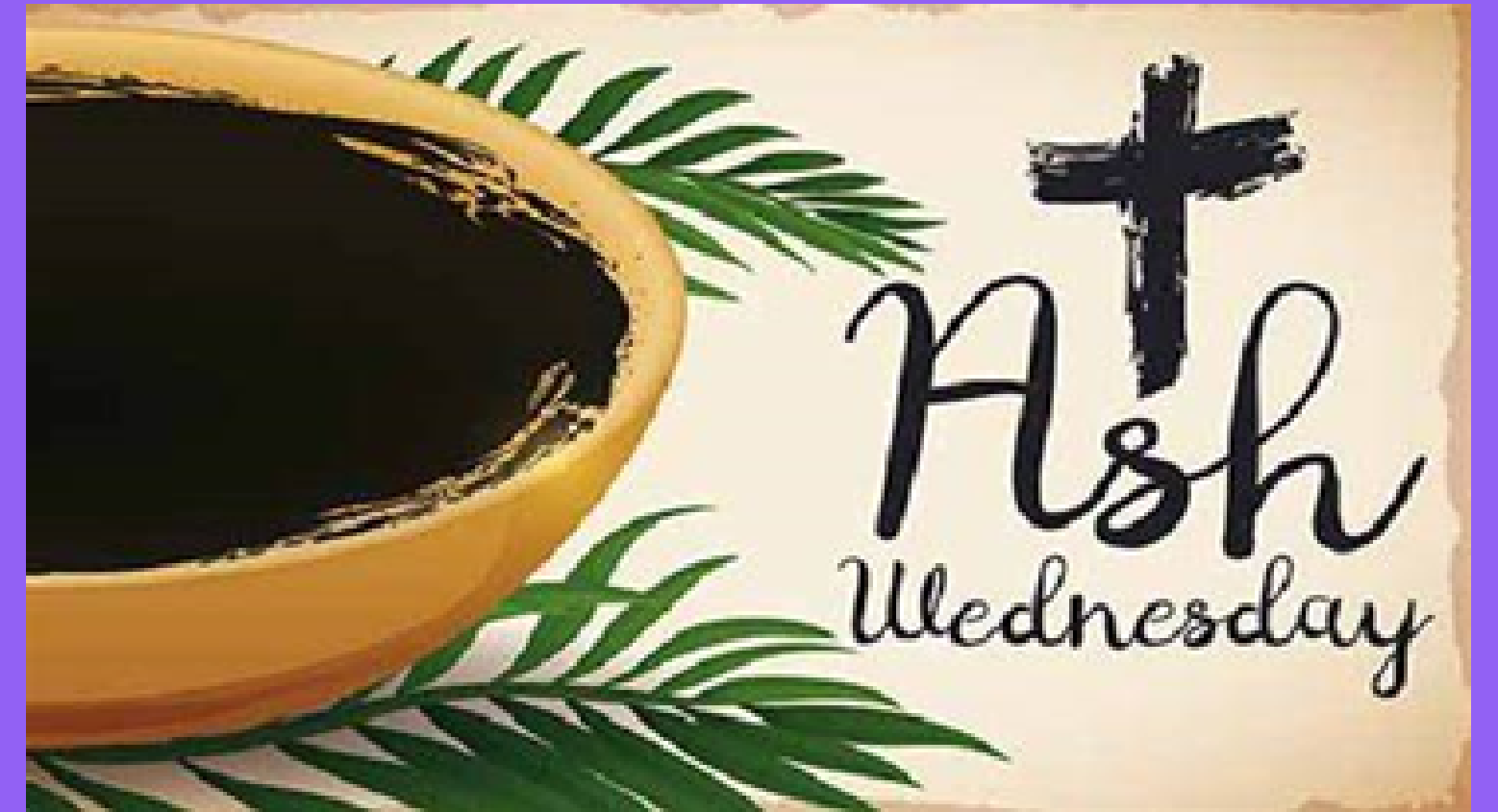
We can do this through prayer, by thinking of others and by going without things we enjoy. In the church we call this almsgiving and fasting.

What will you do for Lent this year? When we come to school next Monday your class will discuss your Lenten promises and how you 'aim' to get closer to God this Lenten period.

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

Ash Wednesday Mass will take place at 10am and 7pm on Wednesday 18th February.

Palm Sunday and Easter Mass times to follow soon.



School Uniform

Please see these brilliant examples of our full school uniform. Please ensure your child is in correct school uniform everyday when coming to school.

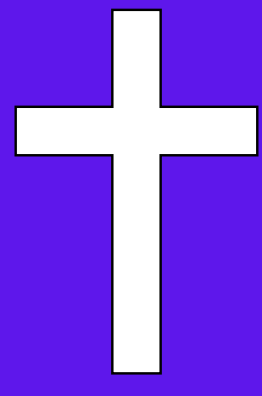
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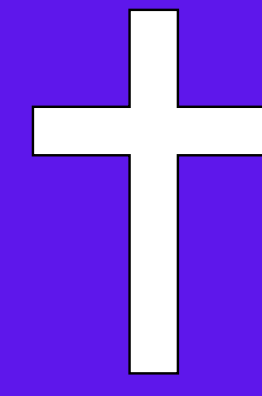
Our Mission Statement

'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



This weeks Wednesday Word is
TEACHER



‘The true teacher is within; Christ is the inner teacher of every soul’
St Augustine of Hippo

Congratulations to our Y5 & Y6 girls that headed to Southfields Academy to take part in the Chelsea FC football tournament. Great team work and sportsmanship was shown by all!



On Tuesday this week we said goodbye to our music teacher Miss Watkins. Miss Watkins has taught music here for numerous years, has run a successful choir and has supported several classes on their past performances at the Wandsworth Winter Sounds Concert. We wish Miss Watkins all the best on her musical endeavours!



Maths Family Learning

Please see the table on the right for our upcoming maths family learning dates. We look forward to welcoming you in to school and encourage parents to come along.

Class	Date	Time
Nursery	Thursday 26th March	2.45pm
Reception	Thursday 5th March	2.45pm
Year 1	Wednesday 25th March	9am
Year 2	Monday 2nd March	9am
Year 3	Wednesday 4th March	9am
Year 4	Thursday 12th February	9am
Year 5	Wednesday 4th March	2.45pm
Year 6	Wednesday 4th March	3.30pm


February


February brings the first signs of Spring and new life, and our resources offer gentle inspiration for learning and growing. This month invites children to reflect on how we can be encouraged by the lives of the saints and faithful followers of Jesus.

As the month continues, we begin Lent, a time to prepare, pray and renew our friendship with God. Through the Lenten assembly series, children explore what it means to say "Yes!" to God, and the series of daily prayers helps them grow in confidence as they walk along with Jesus on their Lenten journey. This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout February, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

To view the full version of the Ten Ten newsletter please click this link - <https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/Vjmo5i0YPU8zc/>

Which class has the best attendance and punctuality this week?

Class	Attendance	Lates
Nursery	93%	3
Reception	88%	4
Year 1	91%	6
Year 2	93%	5
Year 3	96%	8
Year 4	93%	5
Year 5	97% 	5
Year 6	94%	3



CELEBRATE WORLD BOOK DAY 2026!

**Let's get curious: Real
facts! Real fun! Real books!**

— THURSDAY 5TH MARCH —

We are inviting you to get curious about non fiction
and dress up as your favourite scientist, explorer,
historian, engineer, astronaut, eco-hero, farmer, fire
fighter...the list is endless!!

**Come dressed as your favourite real life
person or thing found in non fiction books and
share your facts with your class!**

**Speak to your teacher about ideas that fit the
theme if you are struggling!**



Train to Teach Coffee Morning at St Mary's Primary School

Wandsworth SCITT are recruiting for **September 2026**

Join our recruitment event at ST Mary's Primary to find out about our **Primary PGCE course with QTS**. Hear from the Course Director, mentors and SCITT trainees and alumni. Learn what makes a great application and how to get shortlisted.

Thursday, 26th of February 2026

9:00 Coffee and Networking

9:30 Formal chat and presentation

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Wandsworth SCITT is an inclusive, supportive environment for new graduates, career-changers and working parents. Each year we attract a diverse group of trainees, all sharing the same commitment to improving outcomes for children in our local Wandsworth Schools.

Returning to training after being an at-home parent?

The 9:30 – 3:30 schedule of our centre-based training blocks afford flexibility and balances out the more emending timings of school-based placement blocks across the year. The typical 8:00 – 5:00 schedule of school-based training blocks can be adapted to ensure you manage your SCITT workload and your parenting role while maintaining your overall well-being.

This ten-month course is a challenge for all applicants and is certainly demanding as a working parent. However, it is managed each year by successful trainees who are organised, effective communicators and who make the most of their support networks.

➔ Come meet the working parents from our current cohort, and talk to them about their experience.

Switching careers?

We have worked with trainees from a range of backgrounds, including experienced solicitors, accountants and engineers. They each felt that the rewards of working in education outweighed the risks of starting over in something new. They brought valuable transferable skills, maturity and emotional intelligence to their new roles and were assets in each of their placements. Subject expertise from their careers gave them confidence in curriculum delivery.

No experience in schools?

School experience is not a prerequisite for entry into a PGCE course. However, if you are interested in a teaching career, but have not yet had a chance to work in a school environment we encourage you to volunteer. This is the best way to “test out” the idea of teaching as a career path. We can support you in arranging a short placement or day visit to one of our partner school ahead of your application to teacher training.



HOLIDAY COURSE

LONDON



Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for Boys & Girls of all abilities, during the school holidays. Our Holiday Courses are open to players between the ages of 5-12 whereby they will experience different themed topics relating to our current men's and women's first team players.

Book now for our upcoming Holiday Course by scanning the QR code or by using the below website and course code.

Course Code	Venue	Date
SS-BSP-L-113	Battersea Park All Weather Pitch	16th-20th February
Timings	Ages	Price
09:00-15:00pm	School Year R-7	£180.00

