

ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

R.E. NEWSLETTER



Spring 2 2026

SPRING TERM 2026

During half term, we marked the beginning of Lent with Ash Wednesday. In our first Gospel Assembly of the term, the children learned about the significance of this special season in the Church's year. Lent is a time when we are encouraged to pray, fast, and give to others through acts of almsgiving during the 40 days leading up to Easter. Throughout this season, we take time to reflect on the teachings of Jesus and consider how we can grow to be more like Jesus in our words, actions, and choices.

We look forward to the term ahead as a truly enriching time for our school community, as we journey through Lent and anticipate the joy of Easter. It promises to be a season filled with hope, growth, and meaningful opportunities for both learning and spiritual development.



CAFOD- THE BIG LENT WALK

This half term the children will be raising funds for CAFOD. We are delighted to welcome back to our school, Ginny from CAFOD, who will talk to the children about the work that CAFOD undertakes and explain how the funds we raised are used.



GOSPEL VALUES

This half term, the children will be learning about the Gospel Value of Justice. In class, the children will explore what justice means and why it is important to work towards creating a fairer and more equal world. Through discussion, reflection and practical activities, the children will be encouraged to think about how they can stand up for what is right, care for others and make choices that help to build a more just and compassionate world.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Celebration of the Word takes place at 2pm in the school hall.

Year 1 -24th February

Reception - 17th March

CAFOD Big Lent Walk - Wednesday 25th March

WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE LEARNING

Below is an outline of what RE topics your child will be learning this half term.

Nursery and Reception- Gathering and Growing

Year 1- Special People and Meals

Year 2 - Books and Thanksgiving

Year 3 - Journeys, Listening and Sharing

Year 4 - Community, Giving and Receiving

Year 5- Mission, Memorial Sacrifice

Year 6 - Sources and Unity

POPE LEO XIV

Throughout 2026, The Holy Father, Pope Leo, asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month.

February -For children with incurable diseases

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

March: For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent, the children gather for the Stations of the Cross, an important Catholic tradition. During this time, we reflect on the journey Jesus took during his Passion and remember the love and sacrifice shown through his suffering.

Children from Years 5 and 6 led the whole school in a thoughtful and reverent reflection of the Stations of the Cross. Each station was carefully acted out, helping everyone present to reflect on the solemn journey Jesus took on his way to the cross. Through their words and actions, they encouraged us to pause and think about Jesus' suffering, as well as the hope and love at the heart of the Easter story.



Photos from the Big Lent Walk