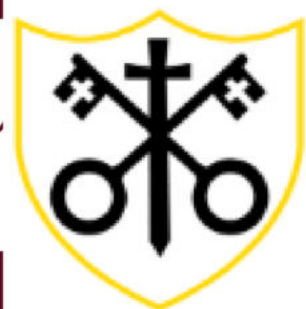




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Dear Parents and Friends,

After our second week in school, the children continue to be extremely busy launching back into their learning with great spirits and have settled in beautifully. The buzz around the school is wonderful.

Well done to our very youngest children in Nursery who have started with us this term, you have made a great start and it is wonderful to have you here.

This half-term our **Core Value is Love & Charity**. Children will be talking about how Charity is love, a virtue through which we love God above all else and we love our neighbour as we love ourselves. Children will explore why and how we should practise charity. Please discuss this further at home to support this value.

In Mark's Gospel this week, we hear how the first disciples dropped everything to follow Jesus. Could you imagine yourselves today, if Jesus were to walk by your workplace or home and say "Hey Drop what you're doing and come now!", Would you leave it all behind? Jesus gives us the best news and this is His invitation- to listen to Him, turn back to Him and believe what He tells us because the Kingdom of God is close at hand.

School Attendance

As you have probably seen, the government have put school attendance on their agenda and are closely monitoring this nationally. Research has shown a link of poor attendance in school to poor academic grades and progress. As a school we monitor all class registers and are legally responsible to inform parents of any low school attendance.

The governments expectations for attendance is 95%. Pupils with 90% of lower attendance are considered as Persistently Absent and they are reminding families that they should not take any holidays in term time holidays.

I'm sure you are aware that it is vital that children attend regularly and are punctual to school. Children who have regular attendance progress steadily and grow in confidence. The children get a positive start to the day and this is often the time when the vital phonic work takes place. Fortunately, as a school our attendance rate is good and I thank you for supporting your children and the school in this matter.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Atkinson-Aransiola
Headteacher



Important dates:

- 22nd-26th - Road Safety Week
- 25th- Nursery Phonics Coffee Morning
- 26th Road Safety Mufti Day
- 29th Y6 Maths Parent Workshop
- 30th Y5 Maths Parent Workshop
- 30th- Reception trip to Pizza Express
- 31st- Y4 Maths Parent Workshop
- 1st- Y4 Viking Day
- 1st- Y3 Maths Parent Workshop

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School Target- 96%
Total this week: 97.3%

GOLD AWARD

Y3 St Marie Milleret
99.6%

SILVER AWARD

Y6- St Joan 99.4%

BRONZE AWARD

NUR- St Mary 99.3%

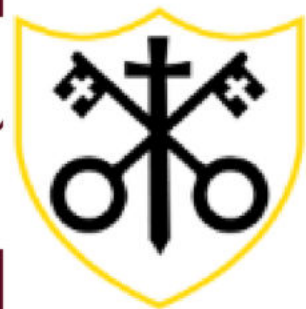
Class Attendance:

- Y6- St Daniel 98.3%
- Y4- St Francis 98.1%
- Y5 St Josephine 97.3%
- Y4- St Maximillian 97%
- REC- St Joseph- 97%
- Y1-St Brigid- 95.3%
- Y2-St Clare 95%



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Mini musicians

We are delighted to tell you that Mini Musicians, the new music project for EYFS and Year 1, was launched with great success this week! Children had fun moving to the beat of the music using a giant scrunchie and learning new songs. Year 1 also learnt how to play the chime bars by following coloured musical notes. At the end of the day, Reception and Year 1 joined together for the Big Sing and sang 'My Voice is Really Funky' Watch it on our school Instagram: @SSPPMitcham1 A fantastic time was had by all, with so much musical learning. Stay tuned for our next update.





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Catholic life of the school KS1 Church Visit

St Brigid and St Clare classes visited SS Peter and Paul church earlier in the week to learn about the special books used during the mass and learn all about the special people that work in the parish . Father Gerry treated us as usual to a few songs on the guitar .

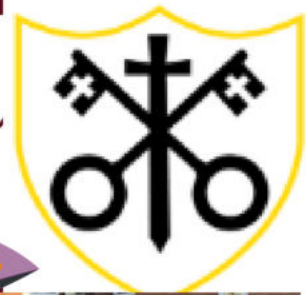




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Spaceship Landing



What was it? Where did it come from? How did it get there? What shall we do with it?

Year 1 found an unusual object in the playground last week. This week we have read the story Beegu and we think the spacecraft could be his. There have been soooooo many questions and great discussions. Watch this space for further unusual happenings 🌐👽



Children's Parliament

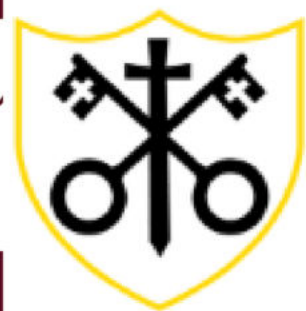
Head Boy Jonathan and Head Girl Paloma had a brilliant afternoon representing SS Peter and Paul at the Merton Children's Parliament amongst 20 different schools. They discussed key areas for development at our school and 20 schools collectively decided that the Children's Parliament would focus on Equality and making our parks and public areas accessible to all. Well done!





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Coffee Morning

SS PETER AND PAUL COFFEE MORNING



Coffee Morning Topic:

Supporting Big Emotions at Home and School

JOIN US ON
FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY 9AM - 9:45AM

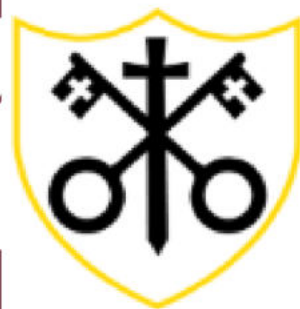
- **Focuses on learning what emotion regulation is and how to support the development of emotion regulation in children**
- **Discusses the zones of regulation**
- **Gives tips and strategies on how you help your child with their emotions**

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School News



Royal Albert Hall

**Music
is for Life
2024**



Merton Music Foundation presents:

CHANGE IS COMING

Monday 11 March 2024 at 7pm **Royal Albert Hall**

Join us for a magical return to the Royal Albert Hall with
1,500 young singers and instrumentalists from across Merton.
Making memories that will last a lifetime.



Tickets: www.royalalberthall.com
www.mmf.org.uk

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Excitement is building amongst our pupils and staff as they prepare to showcase their musical talents at the Royal Albert Hall with Merton Music Foundation for their epic Music is for Life concert on **Monday 11 March**.

This incredible opportunity is the result of months of dedication and collaboration and has not only nurtured a love for music but has also provided invaluable learning experiences while leading up to a concert they'll never forget. Parents, guardians and the whole school community are invited to witness the magic of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

