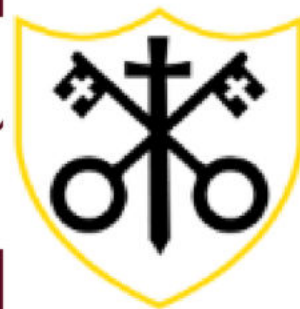




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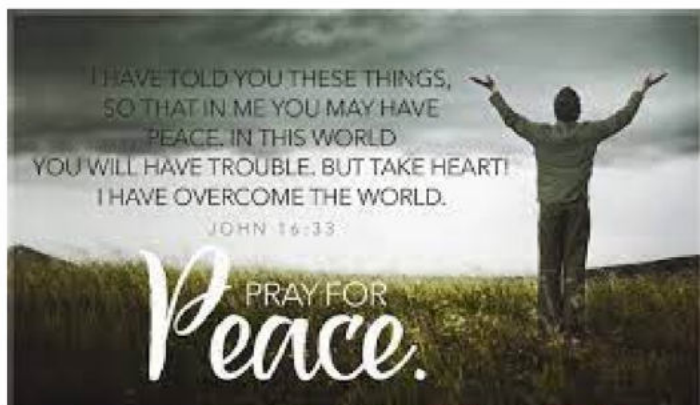
Dear Parents and Friends,

A huge thank you to the many parents who turned up this week for our series of Maths workshops hosted for KS2 parents. We hope you found the sessions incredibly valuable as we promote developing pupils' mathematical fluency. From some feedback from parents we found that some children are struggling with the pace and speed of the MyMaths Homework programme so we encourage you to speak to the class teacher to discuss other options we can put in place to help.

In Mark's Gospel this week, we learn that Jesus' life was very busy, but He found peace by going to a quiet place to pray and be with His Father. We too can find peace in the busyness of our daily lives. It is important to take time away to help us to grow/ recharge and gain strength, whether this be a favourite sport in the garden, curled up on the sofa with a hot chocolate, a bubble bath or lighting a candle at Church. As the half term break draws nigh, we ask that you take some time with your families away from the busyness and distractions and spend time in prayer growing closer to God.

To those attending the Panto this evening, Enjoy! and a huge thank you to our PTA team for organising.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Mrs Atkinson-Aransiola
Headteacher



Important dates:

5th- Reception Maths Parent Workshop 9-9.45am (In the classroom)

6th- Y1 Maths Parent Workshop 9-9.45am

7th- Y2 Maths Parent Workshop 9-9.45am

7th- REC & Y6 Parents Evening 1.30-7pm

8th & 9th INSET DAY

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School Target- 96%

Total this week: 94.1%

GOLD AWARD

Y4- St Maximillian 98%

SILVER AWARD

Y1-St Brigid- 96.6%

BRONZE AWARD

Y6- St Joan 96.2%

Class Attendance:

Y3 St Marie Milleret 96.2%

Y4- St Francis 95.2%

Y6- St Daniel 94.3%

REC- St Joseph- 94%

NUR- St Mary - 92.3%

Y2-St Clare 92.1%

Y5 St Josephine 86.7%



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February 2nd - The Presentation of our Lord Feast Day

Today's feast day is celebrated in our Church forty days after Christmas, marking the day that Mary and Joseph would have brought Jesus into the Temple. "Candlemass" is also a traditional name given to today's feast because as early as the fifth century, the custom of celebrating this feast with lighted candles had developed. The lit candles symbolised Simeon's prophecy that Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles."

: My saving Lord, Your loving parents offered You to Your Father in the Temple in accordance with the Law You revealed to Moses. In that offering, our souls are purified and we are offered to Your Father with You. I thank You for the gift of salvation and pray that my soul will always radiate Your light as You dwell within me. Jesus, I trust in You.





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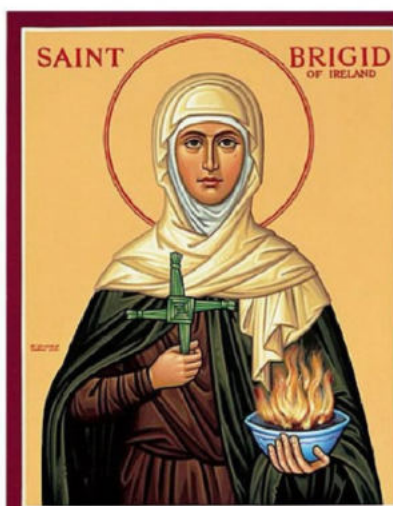
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Year 1 **St Brigid Class** celebrated their saint's feast day yesterday. To mark this very important day, children visited our chapel for a reflective liturgy and wore a purple accessory. They made a woven cross which can be seen in their class image of St Brigid.





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SAVE
OUR
PLANET!



Pope Francis calls for us all to be stewards of creation. As part of their Water Protectors topic this half term,

St Clare class were not afraid to boldly speak out on how we should be saving our planet. Taking to the corridors and playgrounds, they waved their banners high and protested across the school community this week. Their chants of "Protect our Water" rang loud and the message reminded us all to think twice about pollution and saving the water.

Stewardship



We are guardians of God's creation, living sustainably and enhancing the wellbeing of our planet



Catholic Social Teaching

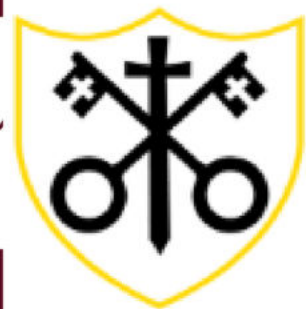
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The Mayor is back in town!

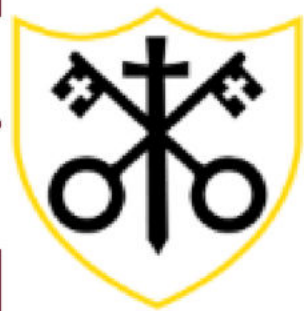
Many of you will remember that the Mayor, Councillor Gill Manly visited the school back in October and was so impressed with how well the school is doing, she asked that children from our school design her Mayor Christmas Card with an Eco Friendly theme. The winners were selected from many entries and I am very pleased to announce and say a huge congratulations to **Eva (St Joseph)** as the runner up and **Antony C (St Joan)** as the winner. Both pupils had the privilege of their designs being on the Mayor's Christmas card which was shared far and wide.





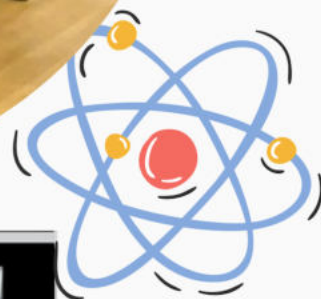
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Science Selfie Competition

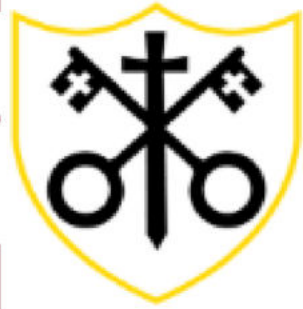
Congratulations to all of the children who took part in our Selfie Science Competition during the Christmas Holidays, there were so many great science experiments completed. Well done to our three winners- Astraia (Y3) taking 3rd place; Jotham (Y4) taking 2nd place and Dhiyana (Y1) taking 1st place.





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Memorable Moments

Y4 Vikings on the Attack!

On Thursday, Year 4 enjoyed a victorious Viking Day. Upon arriving at school, our viking guest by the name of Ulf took one look at Year 4 and realised they needed some training if they were to become real vikings. To prove their worth, the children learnt how to become just like Ulf by playing some Viking-era board games, undertaking a tricky quiz to test their knowledge, as well as handling different artefacts from everyday viking life.

After some weapons training, the children were then drilled in the viking art of war as well as battle strategies like forming a shield wall. After reanacting the famous battle of Stamford Bridge, the day could only end in one way...a viking warrior funeral where the great King Lionel from St. Maximilian class was welcomed into Valhalla....accompanied by his slave- the very unfortunate Mr.Humphrey!

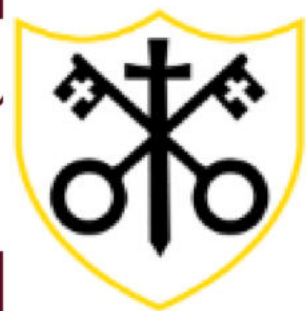
A truly wonderful day was had by all- a day full of excellent learning and engagement by our children.





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School News- Parent Maths Workshops

YOU'RE INVITED  A WORKSHOP

**At 9-9:45 am
in the School
Hall**

Come along and experience a Maths lesson with your child focussed on the teaching of Fluency (Number bonds/multiplication and division facts)

You will have the opportunity to find out different ways to support your child at Maths in the home.

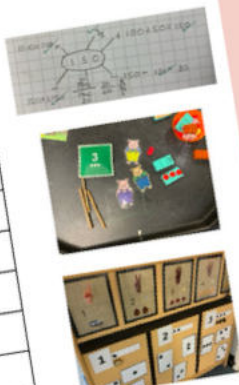
We look forward to seeing you there!

Miss Mayanja - Maths Subject leader



Workshops are taking place on:

Class	Date of workshop
Year 6	Monday 29th January
Year 5	Tuesday 30th January
Year 4	Wednesday 31st January
Year 3	Thursday 1st February
Reception	Monday 5th February
Year 1	Tuesday 6th February
Year 2	Wednesday 7th February



Have you heard about our subscription for Times Tables Rockstar for your child?

What is it?

- An online maths programme that takes all the worry out of learning times tables and has a proven track record of boosting children's fluency and recall in multiplication and division.



How does it work?

- Every child from Year 2 - 6 has a login and rock star avatar.
- It can be played on any device to strengthen understanding and rapid recall of times tables.
- We recommend 5/10 minutes of Times Table Rockstars to be played every day for Year 2-6.
- It is part of our school homework expectations.
- Regular school/national competitions take place.



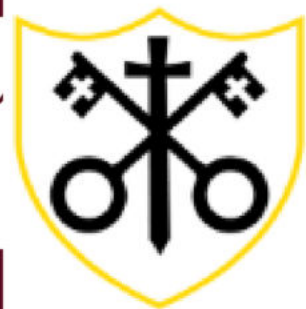
Here is a link to download the free app to any smartphone or tablet device!





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Achievement & Success

NED CHAMPIONS THIS WEEK ARE:

ST JOSEPH- LAYLA
ST BRIGID- ALANAH
ST CLARE- JOSIAH
ST MARIE- ASTRAIA
ST FRANCIS- NANA
ST MAXIMILLIAN- EMIL
ST JOSEPHINE- AMANDA
ST DANIEL- GABRIELA
ST JOAN- ELIJAH

MUSIC NED CHAMPIONS ARE:

NIKASH (ST BRIGID)
TYRESE (ST MARIE)

PE NED CHAMPIONS ARE:

ZYM (ST DANIEL)
JAHMAI (ST CLARE)

Congratulations to all of our Ned Champions on their incredible achievements and talents this week.



SSPP Attendance

Our school target for attendance is 96%. To achieve this all children need to be in school everyday.

Class attendance Winners this week goes to;

**St
Maximilian
98%**



ECO CLASS WINNER

(you will win a class plant to look after for the week!)



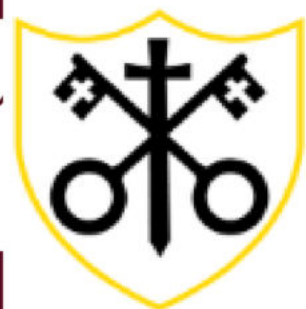
Well done
St Maximilian Class
Year 4





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Panto Tonight- Grab your tickets!!!

SS Peter and Paul PTA Presents

Jack & the Beanstalk Panto

Oh no it isn't...Oh yes it is !



£3 per child | £8 per adult

£20 for a Family of 4

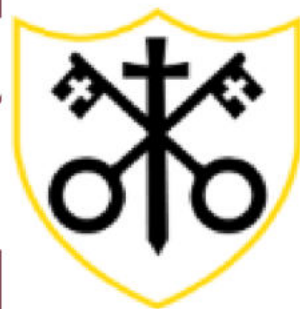
2nd February | 5.30 PM

Purchase Tickets Via the Office.
See ParentMail for more information.



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Community News

LAUNCH EVENT Children & Young People's Saturday Club

We are delighted to announce the launch of a new and FREE Saturday Club for children and young people.

THIS EVENT IS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE 6 - 13 YEARS,
PARENTS AND SIBLINGS

WHEN: SATURDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2024

TIME: 12:00PM - 15:00PM

WHERE: SOUTH MITCHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE
COBHAM COURT, HASLEMERE AVENUE,
MITCHAM, CR4 3PR
TEL: 020 8648 3740

FREE HOT DOGS,
WAFFLES AND
HOT CHOCOLATE



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activities!

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ARTS & CRAFTS
FACE PAINT



HOOK A DUCK
&
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