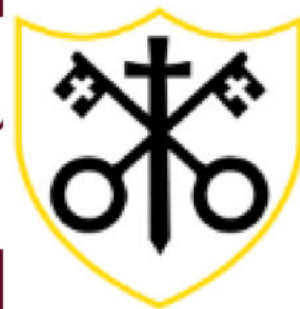




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Dear Parents and Friends,

It was lovely to welcome our children back in school this week after what I hope was a relaxing half term for you all. This year the season of Lent began last Wednesday during the half term and I hope many of our families were able to attend church to receive the special Ashes which symbolise both death and repentance in a solemn, humble way.

This second half of the school year got underway on Monday, in the first of our Lenten Gospel Liturgies, focusing on God's Perfect Promises. Children explored the symbol of the rainbow given to Noah as a sign of hope as Lent is a time to remember that Jesus is the fulfilment of all our hopes! Lent or Quadragesima by its Latin name, lasts for 40 days. Mark's Gospel this week, recounted Christ's time spend being tested in the wilderness by Satan for a period of 40 days. Temptations are never far away and we too must use this time to turn towards God and look for the light of Easter.

Many year groups this week visited our parish church to attend a Mass Service and also to have a tour from Fr Stephen on each of the Stations of the Cross. Thank you to Fr Stephen for sharing this knowledge with the children and to the many parishioners who commented on how well behaved and reverent the children were during their visit.

Finally, a huge congratulations to St Maximillian class for being 10 times champions of 100% attendance this academic year thus far. A treat to Canon Leisure centre with ice-lollies soon awaits you!

Wishing you all a blessed weekend ahead,

Mrs Atkinson-Aransiola

Headteacher



Important dates:

28th Feb- Reception Liturgy
PARENTS WELCOME
9am-9.30am

1st March- St David's Feast
Day

1st March- Mid- term Reports
home to parents for Y1-Y5
(EYFS & Y6 parents will
receive reports in the
summer term)

1st March- Reception Trip to
Local Library

ATTENDANCE MATTERS School Target- 96%

GOLD AWARD
Y4- St Maximillian 100%

GOLD AWARD
NUR- St Mary - 100%

SILVER AWARD
Y3 St Marie Milleret
98.5%

BRONZE AWARD
Y1-St Brigid- 98.3%

Class Attendance:

Y2-St Clare 96.7%
REC- St Joseph- 96.4%
Y5 St Josephine 86.7%
Y4- St Francis 95.2%
Y6- St Daniel 94.3%



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February 22nd - The Chair of Saint Peter, apostle

Yesterday, February 22nd celebrated the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, one of our school's patron saints. In Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome, visitors are immediately struck by the large alabaster window on the back wall of the apse that depicts the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove. Below the window is an ancient wooden chair, known as the throne of St Peter, believed to have been used by St Peter himself. The feast day celebrates not only the chair as a precious relic from the time of Saint Peter, it also celebrates all that this chair represents - the supremacy of Saint Peter and his successors but also the moment Jesus entrusted Peter with his unique mission.

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ~Matthew 16:17-19





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Y6 Liturgy

On Wednesday, Year 6 delivered a wonderful liturgy all about their RE topic '**Sources**'. It was full of energy and interesting facts such as *who was the oldest person in the Bible?* In addition, we heard of Bible stories such as Daniel and the lions den, that held a special value to some of the families in our school community. It was a great way to understand the importance of the Bible. Well done Y6!





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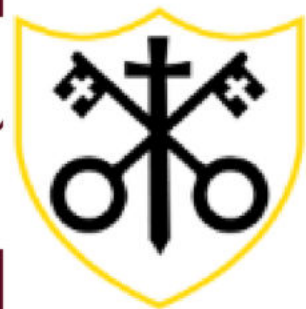
Many year groups visited SS Peter & Paul Church this week to mark the season of Lent and to learn all about the 14 stations of the cross. They engaged with Father Stephen, and reflected and furthered their knowledge.





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Stranger things!

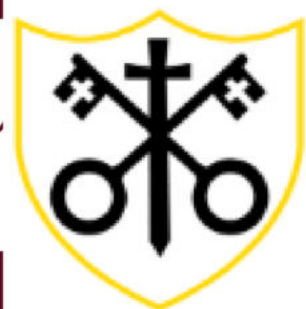
Strange things keep happenings in Y1!
This week St Brigid's classroom was turned upside by a mystery beast. Whatever the creature was, it left huge footprints throughout the room and ate their fruit. It appears it tipped over tables and knocked things on the floor. There were lots of clues and children identified pieces of its fur caught on the furniture. It is a huge mystery but a perfect start to their new book *Billy and the Beast* by Nadia Shireen





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Reception's Punch and Judy Show

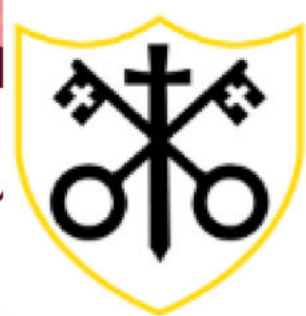
Just before the half term break Reception children amazed their audience with a captivating puppet show to wrap up their Terrific Toys topic. Through a delightful Punch and Judy puppet performance, the children showcased their storytelling skills, creativity and knowledge of traditional toys. It also sparked a newfound respect for old toys. A truly enjoyable experience for all involved!





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Britain at War

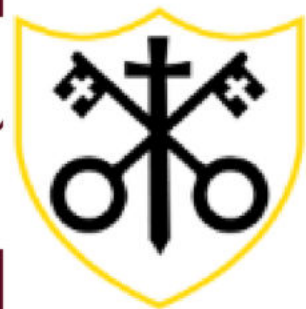
WW2 in a day. Y6 children (as well as the teachers) came to school dressed in-role today. They had an exciting morning, designing and creating teddy bears for evacuee children. They used a range of stitching techniques they have practised as part of their DT project. They also explored the events of VE Day and took part in a tea party in the Hall with a dance lesson to 1940s music. It was a great day had by all with lots of fun and laughter.





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Up up and Away!

Year 1 had a great time visiting the Science museum this week, bringing together all previous learning on transport and space exploration. There was so much see. Awe and Wonder around every corner !

Children took part in a Destination Space workshop where they learnt about the life of an astronaut. They even saw Astronaut Tim Peak's space capsule and one of the first steam engines.

Despite the rain and long journey on tram and tube this did not dampen their spirits. Thank you to all our families who supported us.

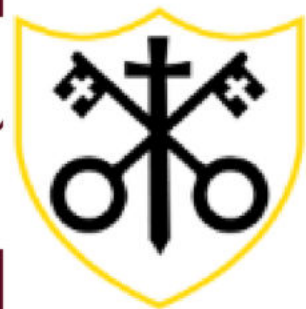
Our science capital is overflowing !!!





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Sports News!

Our Y5 and Y6 Netball team, consisting of 9 children, represented the school in the Netball Borough Championships today. The children showed fantastic team work and resilience during matches. Each child was able to play at different positions during each game.

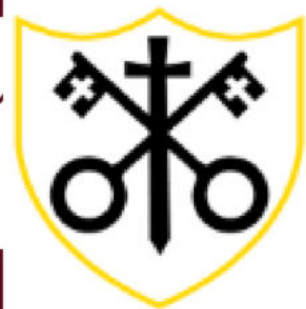


Shout out to Milana (Y5) for receiving a gold medal at the gymnastics borough championships



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Achievement & Success

NED CHAMPIONS THIS WEEK ARE:

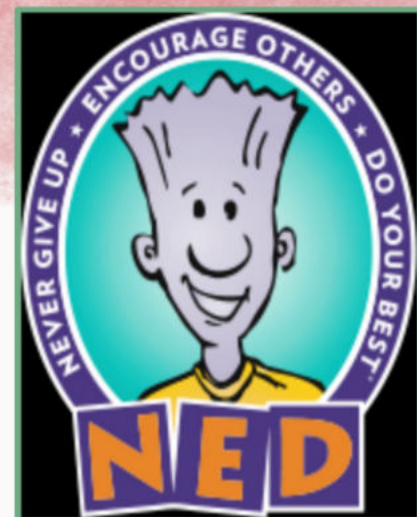
ST JOSEPH- GRZEGORZ
ST BRIGID- REN
ST CLARE- DANIEL
ST MARIE- ARIEL
ST FRANCIS- PHOEBE
ST MAXIMILLIAN- IZABELLA-ROSE
ST JOSEPHINE- SELINA
ST DANIEL- ANNA
ST JOAN- ANGEL

MUSIC NED CHAMPIONS ARE:

DARA (ST CLARE)
SOPHIA (YEAR 4)

PE NED CHAMPIONS ARE:

RILEY (ST DANIEL)
LAYLA (ST JOSEPH)



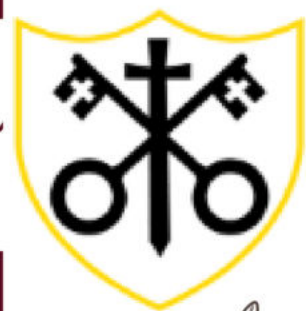
Congratulations to all of our Ned Champions on their incredible achievements and talents this week.



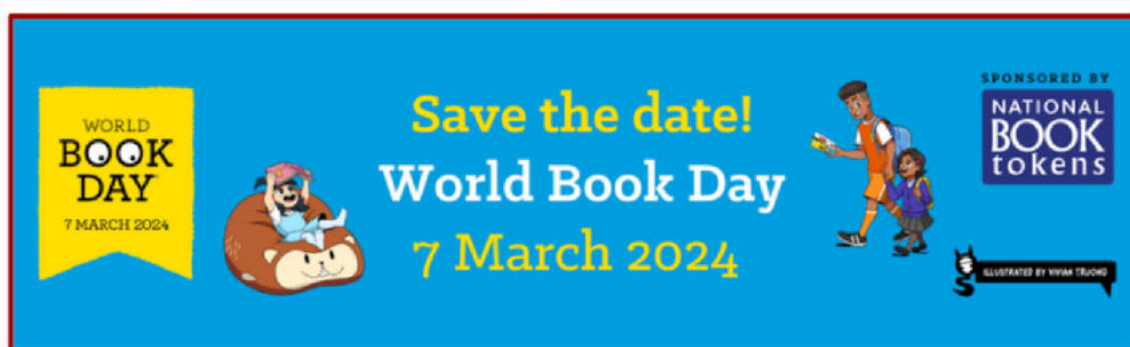


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Upcoming School events...



WORLD BOOK DAY
7 MARCH 2024

Save the date!
World Book Day
7 March 2024

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Join in the fun by dressing up as a character from your favourite book



World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March and we hope you'll join us to celebrate this global reading event across the school. We celebrate World Book Day as we know a love of books and reading can change lives.

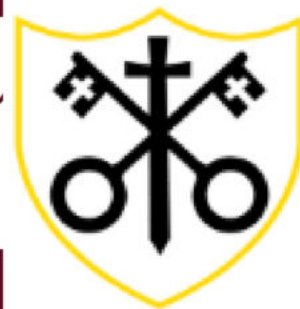
Dressing up or bringing books into school is a big part of World Book Day celebrations, and is something that children and families particularly enjoy. We are inviting children to dress up this World Book Day as it's an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other and to promote a love of reading. We are aware that the cost of living crisis might make this difficult for some families and cause anxiety, so we have kept the theme very simple- just dress up as a character from your favourite book. Even if it's just a prop or a clue- this is a great way of making sure your child is recommending something to read with their costume and create opportunities for lots of terrific talking about books. We also encourage you to use things you already have at home to make a creative costume.

Please feel free to send in your child to school with their favourite book as well so lots of sharing can be done. We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers – thank you.



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Important Information

Please **KEEP** your child at **HOME** if...



They have a Fever

A temperature of over 37.5C (99.5F) is a fever

Also check for:
Persistent cough,
Shortness of breath,
Sore throat, swollen
glands, earache



Remember to keep your
provider informed when
your child is unwell,
even when they are
being kept at home.



They have a Rash

Especially with a
fever or itching

Check for:
Chickenpox, Impetigo
or Hand, foot and
mouth



They have an Upset Stomach

If your child has been
vomiting or had
diarrhoea within the
last 48 hours they must
STAY AT HOME



They have an Eye Infection

Thick mucus or pus
draining from the eye
or swollen face



They have Headlice or nits

Please check your
child's hair regularly
and treat immediately



They are Feeling Unwell

If your child is
unusually tired, pale,
cranky or lost their
appetite, they will be
more comfortable
at home.



Ensure your provider
has up to date
emergency contact
details, allergen and
medical information for
your child.



If you or your child are displaying symptoms or
have a confirmed diagnosis of **coronavirus**,
please **STAY AT HOME!**



If your child has a mild cold, infrequent cough or clear, runny
nose and is active, playful and rested, They can **Stay and Play!**

Please help to keep our Setting **SAFE** for **EVERYONE**

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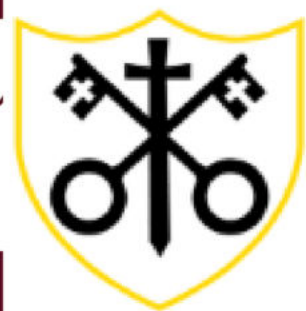
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THE Jack Lonergan FOUNDATION

BEATBOX CLASSES

SOUNDWAVE, MITCHAM

FREE
FOR ELIGIBLE PUPILS

For children in Years 4-6
4.15pm on Tuesdays

Soundwave Music Centre
The Ark at The Sherwood School,
Abbots Road, Mitcham, CR4 1JP

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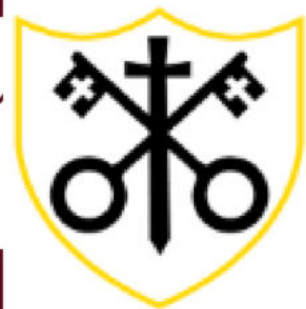
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GREEN ARTS CENTRE

WANT TO ACT?
AGED 8-12 YEARS?

GET ONSTAGE
WITH
MITCHAM YOUTH
THEATRE

MEETS EVERY TUESDAY 4.30-
6.30PM

GREEN ARTS CENTRE
CRICKET GREEN SCHOOL MITCHAM CR4 3AF

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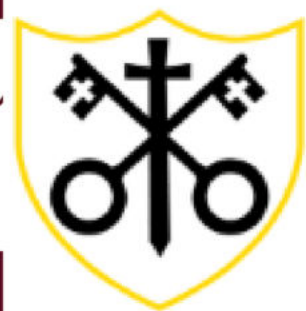


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Polka Community Day Wandle Park, Colliers Wood

**Saturday 16 March
11am - 3pm**



Polka's Community Team invite you to join us for a fun, interactive day in nature at Wandle Park, Colliers Wood, inspired by Polka's Spring production, **Tidy**.



Willow sculpture workshop (ages 5+)



Eco trail and bird box creating



Mask making and pebble painting



Park tidy up

Drop by anytime between 11am - 3pm to take part in these FREE activities! All ages welcome.

To book a free place on the willow sculpture workshop, please email community@polkatheatre.com

Wandle Park
Playground
SW19 2AY



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Colliers Wood