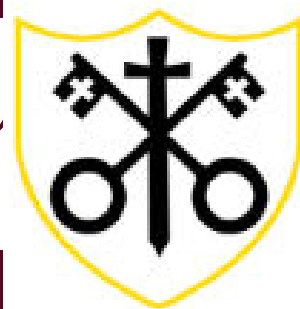




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Dear Parents and Friends,

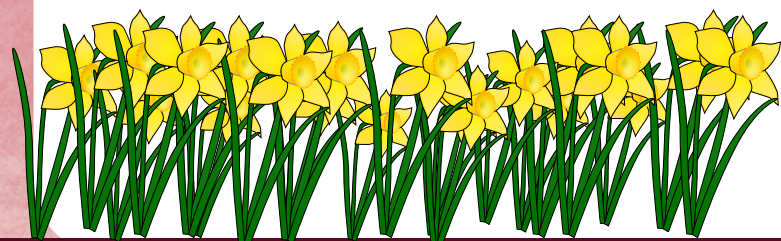
Today is the first day of March. Traditionally known as the "feast day of Saint David", March 1st has been a day of celebration in Wales since the 12th century and as well as St David and his achievements, it's a day to honour Wales as a whole. St David was a Welsh Bishop of Mynyw (now St Davids), who lived during the 6th century and was believed to have been born in North Pembrokeshire. It seemed from the start, David was destined for greatness, with even the tale of his birth surrounded by mystery. The traditional story claims his mother was a religious woman named Nonita, who gave birth to David on a cliffside, in the middle of a storm. The pain was said to be so great, her fingers left marks in the rocks and the stone "split in sympathy" with her.

March is packed with many celebrations! From the feast days of national saints such as St David, St Patrick (Ireland), St Joseph (Reception class saint) to Mothering Sunday. Then as the clocks spring forward, we reach Holy Week and the joy of Easter!

This week's Gospel, we hear how Jesus entered the temple and drove out the money changers, cattle and pigeon-sellers. It may be natural to focus on the drama of this Gospel scene...but instead, we highlight Jesus' desire to create a holy and sacred space. It is in the quiet that we can encounter him. Among the excitement and reflection of the Lenten season, family life goes on. As you help with homework or do the school run, perhaps you could find your own moment of calm by carrying out one of the Lenten activities from the calendar shared a few weeks ago in the newsletter.

Finally, please do keep the children making their First Holy Communion this year, in your prayers as they attend their first reconciliation in Church this evening. They too are lights for us to follow as Christ works through them on their special journey.

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



Important dates:

4th- Y5 Royal Albert
Rehearsal

4th - Nursery Parents
Evening 1-5pm

7th - **WORLD BOOK DAY**

(Children to come dressed as
favourite book character)

8th- Nursery Mother's Day
Tea Party 9am-10am

8th- Y5/6 Tag Rugby Borough
Championships

8th- St Joan Class Visit to
Mitcham Library 10.30-
11.30am

8th- St Daniel Class Visit to
Mitcham Library 1.30-
2.30pm

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School Target- 96%

Total this week: 97.1%

GOLD AWARD

R-St Joseph 100%

GOLD AWARD

3-St Marie 100%

SILVER AWARD

1- St Brigid 98.9%

BRONZE AWARD

Y4-St Maximillian 98.7%

Class Attendance:

Nur- St Mary 97%

Y6- St Joan 96.8%

Y4- St Francis 96.2%

Y2-St Clare 96.1%

Y6- St Daniel 93.9%

Y5 St Josephine 93.2%



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Lent Appeal 2024: Make your voices heard!

This year's appeal is inspired by Pope Francis's call for young people to use their voice to make a difference in the world. The Chaplaincy team lead an assembly to share ideas to help children think about how they can use their voice to bring positive change

This year's Lent Appeal is inspired by Pope Francis's call:

"Make your voices heard! If they do not listen to you, shout even louder, make noise; you have every right to have your say on what concerns your future. I encourage you to be enterprising, creative, and critical."



Prayer

Dear Lord,

Guide us this Lent as we use our voice to make a difference.

Let us think about those children and families in need. Give us strength as we work to help them and bring comfort and hope to their lives.

Amen





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Stations of the Cross

KS1 and Nursery visited SS Peter and Paul Church. Father Gerry led KS1 in a Lenten reflection with The Station of the cross. The children were then given the opportunity to look closely at a chosen station and spent time drawing them.

Nursery engaged with Father Steven and reflected and furthered their knowledge. They were able to ask questions and learn about the different stations.



KS1 Church Visit



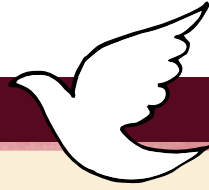
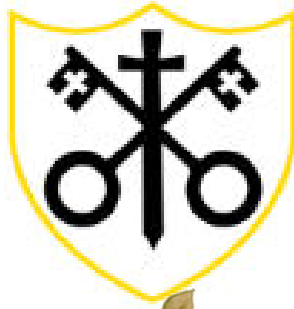
Nursery's Church Visit





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Reception Liturgy

Today, St. Joseph class welcomed us at their very first class liturgy. The children confidently presented their exploration of the theme, 'GATHERING' in school and catholic church setting. We all appreciated the collective prayers and enjoyed praising the Lord during this meaningful occasion.





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Sports News



Gymnastics Competition

Shout out to the children who attended the Development Gymnastic tournament on Wednesday !

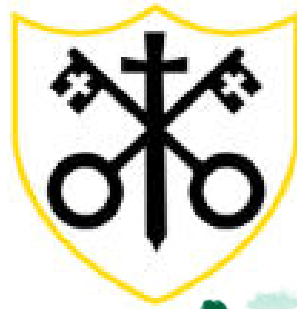
Year 3 and 4 received a gold score!
year 5 and 6 received a silver score!





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More Mini Musicians Fun in EYFS & Year 1



This week, EYFS and Year 1 children had fun in their Mini Musicians sessions moving to the music with scarves and feeling the steady beat using the giant scrunchie! Children learnt a new song, '*Blowing in the Wind*', and copied rhythm patterns using claves. Reception children made human body rhythms with musical rests, too. At the end of the day, we all had a great time in our Big Sing, learning the 'I've Got Feelings' song.





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Achievement & Success

NED CHAMPIONS THIS WEEK ARE:

ST JOSEPH- JOY
ST BRIGID- JAFFRIN
ST CLARE- ARON
ST MARIE- RITHUJAN
ST FRANCIS- CHADRICK
ST MAXIMILLIAN- LUCA
ST JOSEPHINE- MELINA
ST DANIEL- ROCCO
ST JOAN- KEVIN

MUSIC NED CHAMPIONS ARE:

ARLALA (ST CLARE)
PRINCE JOSPEH (ST JOSPEHINE)

PE NED CHAMPIONS ARE:

MATHIAS(ST JOSEPHINE)
JOSIAH (ST CLARE)

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



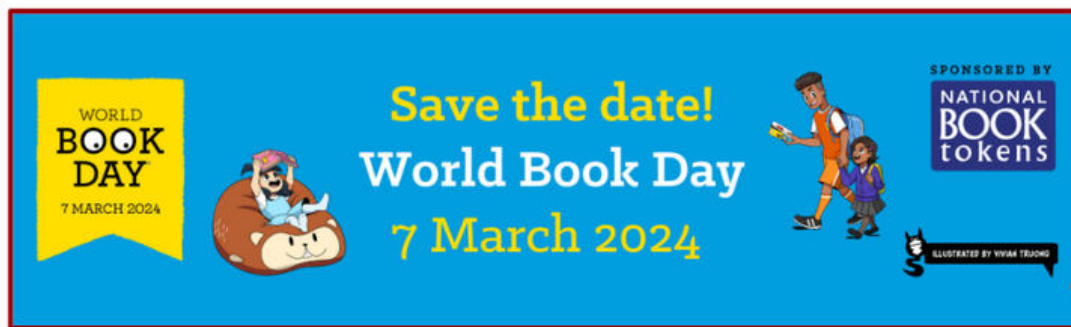


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Upcoming School events...



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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Community News



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



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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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