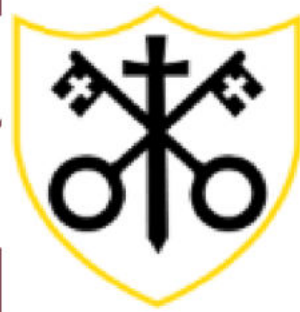




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Dear Parents and Friends,

We hope you are having a wonderful Lent. We are delighted to share with you what has been a very busy fourth week of Lent yet a fun-filled one. The buzz and excitement began on Monday with a visit from a dear friend and an upcoming author, Patrick Gallagher. He engaged his audience with extracts from his new novel - *Transcendent* and shared with children his writing process and how his dreams to become an author and illustrator came true. Thank you Mr Gallagher for your inspirational assembly!

Next there was the excitement from our Y5 pupils as they, along with many young performers from across many schools in Merton, had their final rehearsal for their performance which is this Monday at the prestigious venue- The Royal Albert Hall. More about this in next week's newsletter but I'm so proud of our Y5 children for their months and months of dedication, commitment and bringing much joy to the school community with their singing.

Pupils in all year groups have truly enjoyed a FUN-TASTIC few days in the lead up to World Book Day celebrations organised by Mrs Smith- Norris and Mr Humphrey. What a triumph! Thank you parents for sending in your children into school yesterday dressed in their wonderful costumes, bought or homemade. It was great to see our own version of the Masked Reader executed so well and pupils guess the teacher behind the mask or voice should I say. The day ended well with another budding author, digital illustrator Mr McKenzie who many of you know as our after school skating instructor. Children came away inspired on how to draw their own comic illustrations and received a free copies of his new comic- *Nikcarl Discovers a World On Wheels!*

This coming Sunday is *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is Latin for 'Rejoice' and at this mid-point of Lent, the Church looks ahead with joy to the coming celebration of Easter. In the Gospels, we hear perhaps the greatest one to one conversation in history as Jesus speaks with Nicodemus. Jesus explains how God sent a great light into the world, let allow our minds to reflect upon how we can step into that light the coming week.

Finally, today is International Women's Day, a global day celebrating the many achievements of women and recognising the barriers women face. I would like to wish all of our mothers a very happy Mother's Day this Sunday. I was delighted to see so many of you attend Nursery's tea party this morning. Thank you to our amazing Nursery team and Mrs Gordon for organising a morning of pampering. Wishing you all a blessed weekend,  
Mrs Atkinson-Aransiola  
Headteacher



## Important dates:

**PARENTS FOR Y1/2/3/4/5 pupils please look out for your child's Mid Year Progress Report today.**

**11th- Y5 Royal Albert Performance 12-9.45pm**

**12th - 10am start for Y5 pupils only and their siblings.**

**Normal time for everyone else please!**

**14th- Visiting explorer, Nick Carter Workshop for Y4 pupils**

**15th- Y5/6 Basketball borough championships**

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**School Target- 96%**

**Total this week: 95.3%**

### GOLD AWARD

**R-St Joseph 99.2%**

### SILVER AWARD

**Y2-St Clare 98.9%**

### BRONZE AWARD

**Y1 St Brigid 97.8%**

## Class Attendance:

**Y4- St Maximillian 97.4%**

**Nur- St Mary 97%**

**Y3-St Marie 97%**

**Y6- St Daniel 93.9%**

**Y4- St Francis 92.3%**

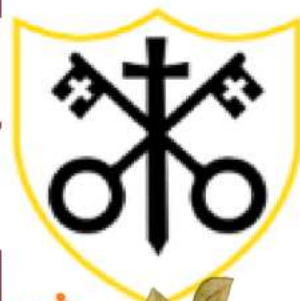
**Y6- St Joan 91.3%**

**Y5 St Josephine 88.5%**



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## Catholic life of the school

### Mothering Sunday- 10th March

Mother's Day is always on the Fourth Sunday of Lent and you may find yourself wondering why this might be. This tradition has been around since medieval times. Mothering Sunday hasn't always been a day where we buy our mums flowers and cards and help out around the house all day so that she doesn't have to do anything. It was originally a day where people would visit their "mother" church. The mother church would have been the place where you were baptised: the local parish church or cathedral.

In more recent times people working in the service of others were given the day off to go and visit their mother church. This was usually something that people did as a whole family and was often one of the only chances for the whole family to get together. It then became part of the tradition for people to go and see their mothers on this day as well as go to their mother church. This eventually evolved into the current traditions of giving mothers gifts on Mothering Sunday.

In the early 1900s people stopped following the traditions of Mothering Sunday in Europe. In 1914 Constance Penswick Smith created the Mothering Sunday movement. The old traditions of Mothering Sunday in the Church were merged with the new traditions of buying gifts and cards for mothers. This is why Mother's Day in the UK changes every year and is always on the 4th Sunday of Lent – it combines old traditions with new traditions.

The new traditions of Mother's Day allow us to celebrate our mums and everything they do for us. We should not just remember our earthly mothers and grandmothers but also remember Mary, the Mother of God who is also our Mother. Mary looks out for us all year round and whenever we say a Hail Mary we are asking her to pray for us. Try saying a rosary today as a way of recognising Mary as our Mother and thanking her for all that she does for us.

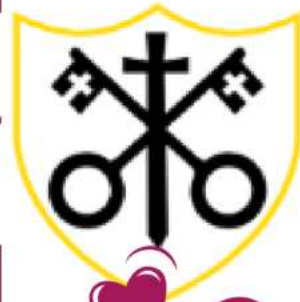




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## Catholic life of the school

### Nursery celebrate their Mothers with a Tea Party fit for a Queen

Children and staff in Nursery put on the most spectacular tea party for their Mummies and a few Daddies this morning. Mums walked into a banquet hall fit for a queen, with fairy cakes made by the children, a nail salon, hair salon and then a massage parlour when mummies could receive a soothing back rub and cucumbers to cool their eyes whilst they relaxed. It was so a special treat and we thank all Mothers that were able to attend, we hope you enjoyed your morning of being spoilt. But that wasn't all... Peppa Pig arrived to bring a smile and cheer to our Nursery families this morning. Thank you hugely to Chase's Mummy in Year 6 for her amazing support, this will be an experience they will never forget!





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## Catholic life of the school

### Year 4 Church Visit

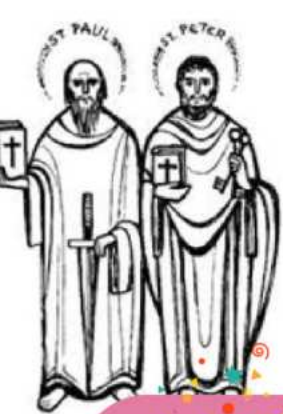
On Tuesday, Year 4 went to mass and were captivated by Father Stephen's homily on forgiveness. We reflected on the simple message of forgiving not 7 times but 77 times and what that means in our own lives. God has a never ending capacity for love and forgiveness for his children and we should follow this lead with how we interact with one another. Thank you to our parent helpers that helped walk with us safely to church and all the lovely parishioners who welcomed us with warm smiles.



### St Marie's Class Liturgy

Year 3 shared their learning about 'journeys' and reminded us that God is always with us on our journey through life. A big thank you to the parents who were able to come.





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## Celebration



### Celebration 100% attendance

St Maximillian class in Year 4 enjoyed a special treat for being the school attendance champions. They went over to the playground and had great fun with their friends whilst enjoying delicious ice lollies! Well done!



## Mitcham Town Cluster Award

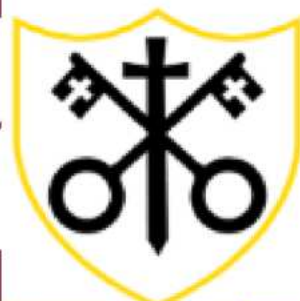
A wonderful celebration with the Mitcham Town cluster of schools and the Mayor Gill Manly last week Friday, recognising the wonderful talent and achievements of staff and pupils. Congratulations to Paloma, Clyde and Ivana and our very own Mrs Fitzpatrick - true assets to our school.





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## Curriculum News

### World Book Day



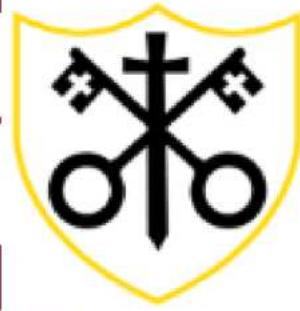
Books open doors to wonderful new worlds, introduce us to amazing characters and teach us important lessons. They have the power to teach us, to thrill us, to amaze us and even break our hearts! Above all they can provide us with a comfy companion to escape from the world a little bit. Reading of any kind is incredibly beneficial and all week long SS Peter and Paul have been promoting this love for books. World Book Day 2024 was a roaring success with an incredible array of wonderful costumes and bright smiles on show on Thursday this week.

From costume parades to library book hunts, to author visits and comic book workshops, everyone has enjoyed this special week. The Masked Reader was great fun, with the children listening to voice notes from various adults in the school and guessing who the mysterious masked readers were. Have a try yourself: Add a little bit of body text





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## Curriculum News



### Author Visit

We were very lucky to have a special visit from the up and coming new author Patrick Gallagher to talk about his new book, Transcendent and how he became an author. He shared with us the importance of perseverance, of reading from a young age, and how practising writing about what you love and what you are passionate about can lead to great success. His book is out in June and can be pre-ordered here: <https://geni.us/Transcendent>. We can't wait to welcome back Mr. Gallagher in the future to tell us more about his amazing new book series.



### Comic workshop

Nikcarl McKenzie joined us on World Book Day to talk to the children all about his love of art, reading and comic books. Nikcarl explained how he develops his ideas into full fledged comics and the children even got their own sample of his first issue. Mr. McKenzie also treated us to a drawing workshop, with the children joining in and having a go themselves. Mr. McKenzie runs his own comic courses and you can find out more here: [www.nikcarl.com/comiccourse](http://www.nikcarl.com/comiccourse).





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### Read with Me

Our 'Read with Me' activity was a way for children to have a choice about what they get to read and the stories they get to listen to. They signed up in the hall for a book they liked the sound of and on World Book Day they got a chance to hear their chosen book being read by an adult in the school. The children loved having some time with a different adult, in a different place, being around new faces and listening to a brand new story.

Don't forget to use your £1 Book Tokens by the end of the month at participating bookstores. More information about the books you can get completely free by exchanging your token can be found here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BJjg66maRC\\_c2UUUtCzCd64jZKtWWO6n/view?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BJjg66maRC_c2UUUtCzCd64jZKtWWO6n/view?usp=drive_link).

Thank you for all your support.





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## Achievement & Success

### NED CHAMPIONS THIS WEEK ARE:

ST JOSEPH- VICTORIA  
ST BRIGID- PAULA  
ST CLARE- GODSWILL  
ST MARIE- CURTIS  
ST MAXIMILLIAN- REMISH  
ST FRANCIS- RONI  
ST JOSEPHINE- JAKE  
ST DANIEL- IVANA  
ST JOAN- JOSHUA

### PE NED CHAMPIONS ARE:

THEODORE (ST CLARE )  
JOSIAH (ST FRANCIS)

### MUSIC NED CHAMPIONS ARE:

ANTHONY(ST JOAN)  
ELLA (ST CLARE)

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

