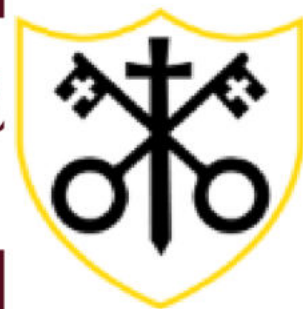




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To our wonderful community of SS Peter & Paul,

Easter is almost upon us! We have finally made it through the dark, winter months with hopefully some glorious days of sunshine ahead. I have thoroughly enjoyed all the excitement and challenges of leading this great school. It has been a 'busy and buzzy' term, as so much has been happening.

I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect and to thank you all for your support for the school and for your many donations and contributions to this wonderful community. We have been part of helping fundraise for the Catholic Children's Society and will still be collecting any donations after Easter. You have generously donated and been busy baking cakes and selling them and also running other events that all our parents and children can enjoy. Thank you for all your continued generosity and also to all the helpers in the PTA and to all those who contribute time or money to helping the school - We thank you.

It appears we have some extremely talented and artistic parents. Our Early Years pupils yesterday paraded the school with their amazingly crafted Easter bonnets, it was such a joy to see! and made all pause and reflect that Easter is just around the corner.

As a Catholic school community, we have been able to celebrate together the many wonderful pupil led class liturgies over this Spring term. The Chaplaincy Team have led us in prayer and reflection through this season of Lent, delivering creative prayer sessions for the younger pupils during their lunchbreaks as well as organising our Lenten charity fundraising projects. I thank them for always demonstrating our Catholic Social Teaching principles, and carrying out their Catholic duty to think about the Common Good and our global family.

It has become quite a tradition now for our St Josephine Class (Y5) with the help and support of our Y6 pupils, to enact *The Passion*, telling the story of Jesus' last few days from his entry on Palm Sunday into Jerusalem to his resurrection on Easter Sunday through music, drama and song. If you were not there last night, you missed out on truly a wonderful performance. Thank you to the many parents who attended to show their support.

We ended our term with a very sentimental and emotive Stations of the Cross service today to mark the end of this season of Lent. If you were able to join us, I'm sure you will agree that there was not a dry eye in hall this morning with some of the reflections, choir performances and soloists. A huge thank you to Mrs Nassim, Mrs Rough, and a team of support staff helpers for organising all of our liturgical events this year.

This truly is a great community with fabulous staff, supportive parents and above all, absolutely AMAZING children. They have been working extremely hard this term and are making great progress. You should be proud! They are a credit to each and every one of you.

I wanted to personally thank the staff of SSPP for all their hard work and their continued support. I wish everyone - the governors, staff and families, the happiest and holiest of Easter holidays and I look forward to another great term after the Easter break.

May you have a most blessed Holy Week!

Mrs Atkinson-Aransiola
Headteacher



Important dates:

28th March - SCHOOL
FINISHES 1.30pm

15th April Back to School

17th- Y6 SATS Information
Evening for Parents 6-
6.45pm

19th- PTA Doughnut Sale and
Summer Curriculum booklets
home to parents

REMEMBER CLOCKS GO
FORWARD ON SATURDAY
30TH MARCH

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School Target- 100%
Total this week: 95.2%

GOLD AWARD

Y3 St Marie 97.5%

SILVER AWARD

Y4 St Francis 97.4%

BRONZE AWARD

Y6 St Daniel 96.2%

Class Attendance:

Y4- St Maximillian 95.5%
REC- St Joseph 95.2%
Y2 St Clare 95%
Y5- St Josephine 93.8%
Y1- St Brigid 91.1%
NUR - St Mary 89.6%
Y6 St Joan 88.9%



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Year 5 Easter Production RESURRECTION ROCKS!

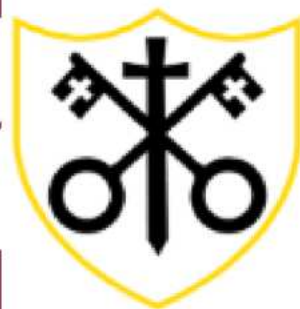
An amazing Easter performance by our Year 5 children. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to watch. We are so proud of all the children involved. A special Thank you to Year 6 children for their accompaniment and encouragement and also a huge thank you to all the staff members involved who brought this beautiful production together.





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Year 5 Easter Production



Acting out the story took me back 2000 years ago and made me feel like I was part of the story. It made me think of the sacrifice Jesus made.

Joseph



By acting out the story it gave me and the younger children a better understanding of the story and the important meaning of how Jesus gave up his life to save our souls.

Selina



It helped me with my confidence and enjoyed performing as part of a team. Easter is a time where you celebrate but also remember that Jesus gave his life us.

Oscar



Thank you to all the teachers for helping us rehearse as it made a difference to our confidence and voices.

Sanveer





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Year 4 Lenten Run for Catholic Children Society

On Monday, the Year 3 and 4 children took part in a Sponsored Fun Run. They ran as many laps around our playground as they could. Some managed to run as many as 20 laps!



Every Year Group has been working extremely hard to raise money for the Catholic Children Society charity. EYFS, KS1 and LKS2 so far have raised an incredible **£1285.75**.

UKS2 will be holding their fundraising event after Easter holidays so there is still time to contribute and help us reach our target. Thank you to all the families for your support and generosity.

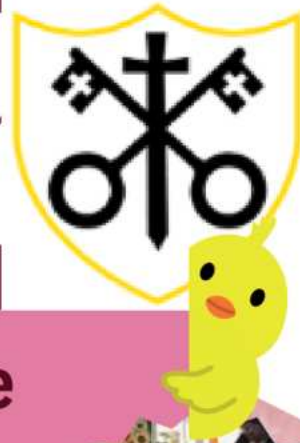




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Happy EASTER

EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade

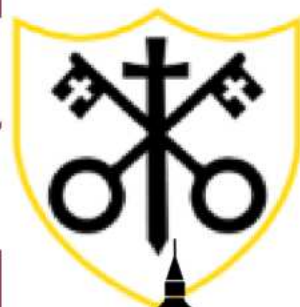
The EYFS children proudly showcased their creative Easter hats this week for our PTA Easter competition. The little ones proudly marched in wearing their colourful Easter bonnets. Parents had a blast viewing the amazing creations judged by Mrs. Rough, our RE and EYFS lead. Mrs. Rough judged the amazing creations based on creativity, the use of religious symbols and overall presentation. Each hat was carefully assessed to determine the most outstanding creation. Thank you, parents, for your fantastic support and time.





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Year 6 Educational Visit to The Houses of Parliament

Year 6 children had the opportunity to visit the Palace of Westminster. They met Siobhain McDonagh who took time from her busy day to take our Year 6 children on a tour and answer their questions. It was a great learning experience and incredible day! So much history!



Siobhain Mc Donagh shared wonderful comments about our children on her Twitter account. She described our children as **'clever, polite and very well behaved'** and a **'complete credit to their school and families'**. We are so proud of you Year 6

Siobhain McDonagh MP
@Siobhain_Mc
Thank you to Year 6 @SSPPMitcham for coming by for a tour @UKParliament. Clever, polite and very well behaved. A complete credit to their school and families.



Balance Bike Training

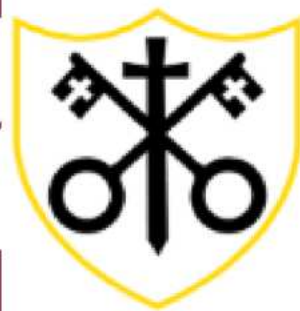
St Joseph class had an amazing balance bike training day. The programme offers children the ability to become competent cyclists at an early age through the development of balance and control. Well done St Joseph Class!





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Curriculum News!

Easter Holiday Big Reads!

Here are a few recommended books to keep you busy over Easter holidays.

KIND BY ALISON GREEN and ILLUSTRATED BY AXEL SCHEFFLER

Imagine a world where everyone is kind – how can we make that come true? With gorgeous pictures by a host of the world's top illustrators, Kind is a timely, inspiring picture book about the many ways children can be kind, from sharing their toys and games to helping those from other countries feel welcome.



CAN YOU GET JELLYFISH IN SPACE? BY DR SHEILA K ANANI. ILLUSTRATED BY LIZ KAY.

You've probably heard of dogs in space. Maybe even chimpanzees. But jellyfish? Almost certainly not! Join Dr Sheila Kanani in this special World Book Day adventure, as she discovers a weird and wonderful cast of animals who have travelled into space, from Ham the chimpanzee to Félicette the cat, and the 60,000 jellyfish who have orbited the Earth (did you know you can also get jellyfish-shaped galaxies?).

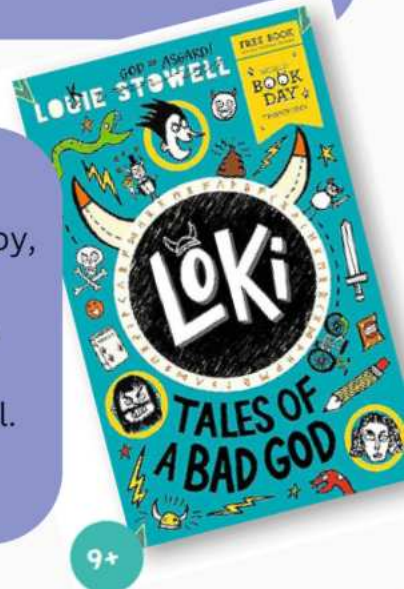


ALOKI: TALES OF A BAD GOD. BY LOUIE STOWELL.

A collection of three short stories from trickster-god-turned-school-boy, Loki, star of the bestselling Loki: A Bad God's Guide series.

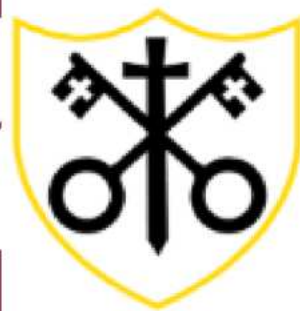
In this doodle-packed diary entry, Loki recounts three spectacular stories, including:

1. Triumphs (and failures) as Loki and Thor take on three tasks for Heimdall.
2. The Norse tale of Thor almost marrying a giant.
3. Loki as a robot. Sort of...d





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Easter Holiday Reading Activities!

Here are a few Reading for Pleasure activities that you can do at home as a family.

Family reading time:

Designate a special time for the family to gather and read aloud together. Each family member can choose a favourite book to read a part from.

Create a reading nook:

Set up a cosy corner at home dedicated to reading. Fill it with comfortable seating, good lighting, and a selection of books.

Themed readings:

Choose a theme for the day – it could be adventure, fairy tales, or science fiction – and read books related to that theme.

Character dress-up:

Make reading interactive by dressing up as characters from the book you're reading. This can be particularly fun for younger children.

Storytelling chain:

Start a story and have each family member add to it, creating a unique family tale.

Discuss the stories:

After reading, have a discussion about the story. This helps with comprehension and critical thinking skills.

Invite friends or relatives (virtually or in-person):

Extend the celebration by inviting friends or relatives to join via a video call or in person, if possible. Each guest can read a short piece or a poem.

Record a story:

Record yourselves reading a story and share it with family members who can't be there, like grandparents or cousins.

Visit the local library:

If possible, visit your local library to pick out new books to read together.

Create your own book:

Encourage your children to write and illustrate their own stories, which the family can read aloud together.



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Achievement & Success

Spring Term 100% Attendance

ST MARY - AVA A, HEZEKIAH, DELADEM

ST JOSEPH- GORGEOUS, ARTHUR

ST BRIGID- AARON-JASE, BENJAMIN, ANGELO,
ANTOINE, ANIKA, NAOMI,

ST CLARE- AMELIA, AAREN, JAHMAI, DANIEL,
RIYAAN, AUSTIN

ST MARIE- ARIEL, ERIDA, CLARA, ERMINIO,
PRINCESSA, KATHERINE

ST MAXIMILLIAN- AIDEN, JETHRO, GABRIEL, KANE,
JOSHUA, DANIELLE, REMISH, JULIANA

ST FRANCIS- MWINKARE,

ST JOSEPHINE- AMANDA, JOEL, THEO

ST DANIEL- ERNEST, ANNA, RAGOW

ST JOAN- SHANIA, HENRICK, JULIA

190
DAYS
100%



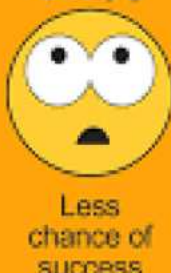
Very best
chance of
success

183
DAYS
96%



Off to
a flying
start

179
DAYS
94%



Less
chance of
success

175
DAYS
92%



Harder
to make
progress

More than
18 days
absence less
than **90%**



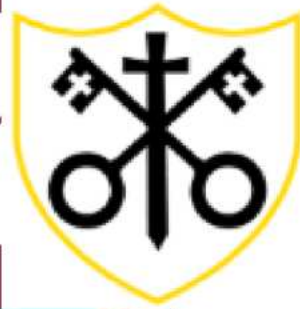
Persistent
Absentee
(Not fair on your child)





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Free lunch
included!

LEAP!

Easter Holidays Drama Project

8th to the 12th April

Join Attic Theatre Company & Green Arts Centre for a week of drama activities this Easter!

For ages 8 to 14
10am to 3pm daily

Location: Green Arts Centre

Inside Cricket Green School, CR4 3AF

To sign up, complete this registration form [here](#) or visit Attic's [website](#).

Please note, places are allocated on a first come first serve basis and registration does not guarantee a place on the programme.

For more information, or to discuss how we can support individual needs, contact info@attictheatrecompany.com

