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Holy Family News

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Hello everyone,



Living
Every day
Nearer
To Jesus



This week, we gathered together in church to celebrate Ash Wednesday and mark the beginning of the season of Lent. We were reminded of why Lent is so significant for us and thought about how we can try to grow closer to God through our prayers and actions during this important part of the liturgical year. As we continue our preparation for Easter, we will be reflecting on the Stations of the Cross during our upcoming assemblies.



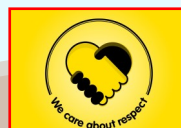
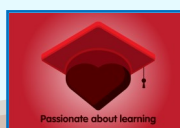
On Monday, we were delighted to welcome Media Cubs and councillor Jo Harding into school to deliver an assembly about International Women's Day. During the assembly Jo talked to the children about the many inspiring contributions and achievements of women worldwide and how it is important to celebrate these women from all walks of life. The children were also asked about the women in their life who are inspirational to them as well as discussing how everyone, regardless of gender, has the power to make a positive impact in our community and beyond. A special mention to Arabella in Year 5 who had the wonderful opportunity to interview Jo Harding about the ongoing journey towards equality. Great Work Arabella!

Wow! What a wonderful World Book Day we had. As a school we focused our activities on a wordless book called 'The Journey' which tied in beautifully with this years theme of 'Read Your Way' as it encouraged creativity, imagination and different interpretations of the story. Seeing the hall filled with creative costumes and characters brought to life, was a vision to behold! We hope the children had a fun-filled day.



Some of us celebrating World Book Day in our costumes

PIC•COLLAGE



Diocesan Building Fund

Thank you to parents who have paid their contribution to the Building Fund. As a Catholic School, our funding for building and maintenance projects work slightly differently than Community Schools. We have to pay in to buildings fund and then we will receive monies to go towards projects such as the toilet refurbishments, boilers, heating replacements etc.

We ask all parents to pay **£15 per child** each year to go towards this fund. An money which isn't sent in has to be paid from our school budget. We are really struggling with our budget and we need the support of parents to pay the contribution.

We would appreciate if you could pay your contribution to the Building Fund as we can then use our budget to purchase equipment to directly support your child's learning.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

SENDIASS WORKSHOP

On Tuesday 11th March there will be a workshop for parents from Trafford Special Educational Needs and Disability Information, Advice and Support Service. This will take place from 2-3pm in our school hall and all parents are welcome to attend.



A big 'Thank You' to all of you who supported our recent events of Chocolate Bingo and the Scholastic Book Fair.

On Friday evening, it was wonderful to see so many families coming together for an evening of fun, bingo and chocolate. Thank you to everyone who donated, bought tickets and attended to support the event and make it a fabulous night. The funds will go towards supporting various school projects and experiences for our children.

The book fair was also a huge success and it was fantastic to see a buzz for Reading in our hall once again. We can announce that almost £500 has been raised for school to spend on new books with Scholastic!

Thank you for your participation and generosity in making both events so successful.



Prayer for the start of Lent

God our Father, You formed us and brought us to new life by the work of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we journey through these forty days of lent, help us to see Jesus in everyone we meet.

Open our hearts and help us to be ready to grow in faith and love.

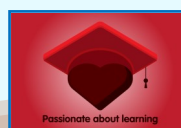
May this Lenten season bring us peace, strength,
and a renewed sense of purpose in following in your footsteps.

Amen.



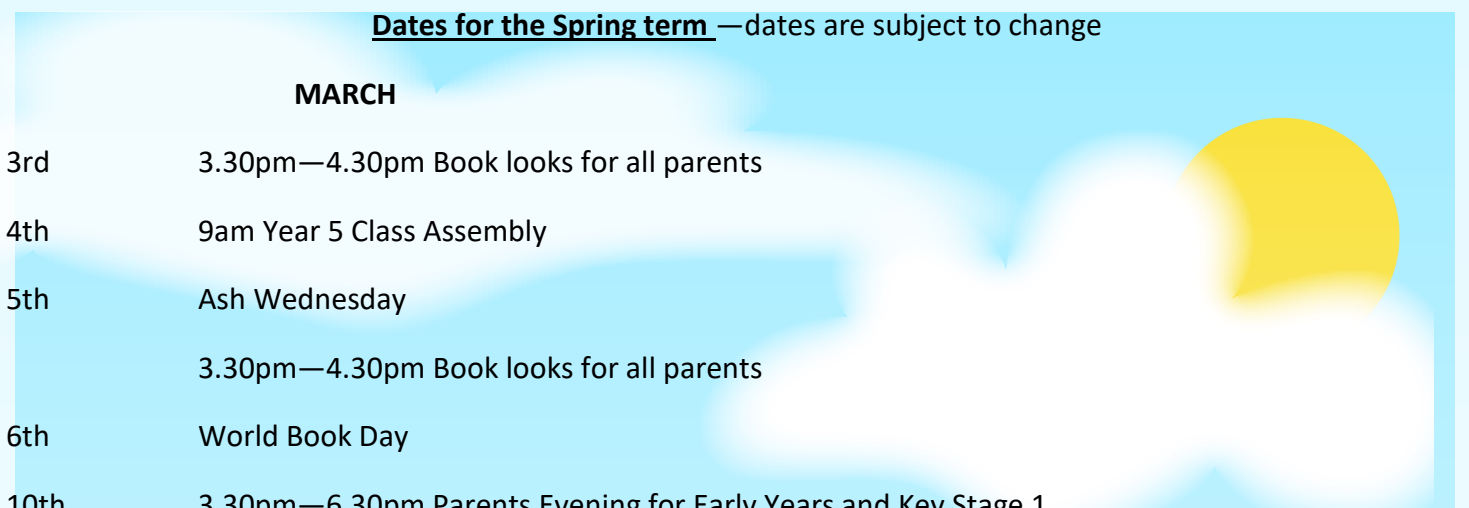
ATTENDANCE

	This week's attendance W/E 07/03/2025	Last week's attendance W/E28/02/2025
Reception	86.0%	100%
Year 1	96.5%	95.2%
Year 2	90.8%	96.0%
Year 3	98.7%	100%
Year 4	97.7%	93.07%
Year 5	94.5%	94.2%
Year 6	99.0%	98.0%
Whole School	95.8%	96.3%



Dates for the Spring term —dates are subject to change

MARCH



3rd	3.30pm—4.30pm Book looks for all parents
4th	9am Year 5 Class Assembly
5th	Ash Wednesday 3.30pm—4.30pm Book looks for all parents
6th	World Book Day
10th	3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Evening for Early Years and Key Stage 1
12th	3.30pm—6.30pm Parents Evening for Key Stage 1
13th	9.30am Year 5 at mass
18th	9am Year 1 Class Assembly
20th	9.30am Year 4 at mass
26th	9am Year 6 Class Assembly
27th	9.30am Year 3 at mass
28th	9am Mothers Day assembly for Nursery and Reception

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APRIL

2nd 3.30pm—6.30pm Key Stage 2 Parents Evening

3rd 9.30am Year 6 at mass

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10th 9.30am Whole School Lenten Mass in church

11th 2.30pm Parents invited to Values Assembly

14th 6.30pm Easter Story production

15th School closes for Easter at 3.15pm

28th School reopens

MAY

1st 9.30am Year 5 at mass

5th **BANK HOLIDAY—School closed**

8th 9.30am Year 4 at mass

12th Year 6 SATs all week

17th 10am First Holy Communion Mass at St Joseph's Church

21st Year 6 Residential to Kingswood

22nd 9.30am Going Forth Mass at church—celebrating children who made their Holy Communion

23rd Break the Rules day—details to follow

2.30pm Parents invited to Values Assembly

BREAK UP for Half Term

JUNE

9th School reopens

Phonics Screening for Year 1

Multiplication Check for Year 4

12th 9.30am Year 6 at mass

Dates continued—dates are subject to change

JUNE

- 13th 9am EYFS Father's Day assembly
- 18th 6pm New Nursery Parents meeting for September 2025
6.45pm New Reception parents meeting for September 2025
- 19th 9.30am Year 5 at mass
- 25th Sports Day:
9.15am Foundation Stage 10.30 am Key Stage 1 1.30pm Key Stage 2
- 26th 9.30am Year 4 at mass
6.30pm Summer Music Concert

JULY

- 1st Moving up afternoon
- 3rd 9.30am Year 3 at mass
- 9th Moving up afternoon
7pm Year 6 play
- 10th 9.30am Year 6 at mass
- 16th 3.20pm—4pm Meet the Teacher—*chance to meet your child's new teacher*
- 17th 9.30am Mass for the whole school in church
- 18th 2.30pm Parents invited to Values Assembly
- 21st 6.30pm Leavers Mass in church. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Centre
- 22nd 1.30pm Break up for the Summer holidays

