



What a week. Blankets of snow and then pouring rain, who could predict it! Life in school has carried on regardless with netball matches, parents evening and all our normal curriculum areas. There have been changes to dates due to train strikes etc so please find below the most up to date calendar for the weeks leading up to Easter. Have a lovely weekend and good luck to all running at Reigate or Farningham Downs tomorrow.

Eucharistic adoration

Year 3 and Year 4 both took part in Eucharistic Adoration today. The children were able to see the Eucharist displayed in the monstrance and could pray in Jesus' presence. As ever, the children were very reflective and were able to explain how Jesus would be living today and how we can learn from him. Our thanks for Gerlinde, Pam and Tessa for volunteering their time to lead this special occasion with the children.



Netball v Ecclesbourne

On Tuesday, both netball teams played Ecclesbourne at home. The A team showed some lovely transitional play down the court with all of the team doing their part. They won 16-1. The B team played next in what was a very tight, nail biting game. They gave it their all and we thought they might just catch up in the end but they ended up losing 5-4. Well done all.



Key dates for end of term

- 13/3/23 – Reception trip to Nower Wood
- 13/3/23 – Year 4 Reconciliation service
- 15/3/23 - Possible teacher strike day
- 16/3/23 - Possible teacher strike day
- 16/3/23 – Geography Day (children wear PE kit)
- 17/3/23 – Year 1 assembly 9:15
- 17/3/23 – Mother's Day sale
- 17/3/23 – Year 1/2 gym competition
- 17/2/23 – Year 5/6 confessions
- 18/3/23 – Cross country at Woodcote
- 20/3/23 – Year 2 class liturgy 2:15
- 22/3/23 – Team colour dodgeball (KS2 wear PE kit, team colour t-shirt)
- 22/3/23 – Y5 and 6 Gaelic football session (Y5/6 wear PE kit)
- 23/3/23 – Year 5 trip to Kew gardens
- 23/3/23 – Year 1 and 6 trip to London Zoo
- 23/3/23 – Music Concert 5pm
- 24/3/23 – Careers Day
- 24/3/23 – Year 5/6 confessions
- 28/3/23 – Pop lacrosse tournament
- 29/3/23 – Y5 and 6 Gaelic football session (Y5/6 wear PE kit)
- 29/3/23 – Year 5 Passion service
- 30/3/23 – School mufti for Lenten appeal £1 donation
- 31/3/23 – Break up for Easter 1.45 p.m.
- 17/4/23 – School open for summer term



St Mary: Louis Chen
St. Francis: Maksymilian Dawidko
St. Joseph: Sienna Burge
St. Bernadette: Luca Lagos-Sewell
St. Theresa: Dylan Rebello
St. Peter: Jaxon Porter
St Paul: Michelle Antwi



St Mary: Lola Dougan
St. Francis: Edwina Antwi
St. Joseph: Max Velleyen
St. Bernadette: Josiah Batte
St. Theresa: Lana Nelson
St Peter: Michael Growney
St Paul: Ifunanya Igbokwe

Netball v Chipstead Valley

Last Friday, our netball team went to Chipstead Valley to play their next league game. The A team won 10-1 and the B team won 4-0. What an amazing winning streak they are having. Well done all.



Careers day

Many thanks to all who have volunteered their time for our careers day on Friday 24th March. A letter has been sent to our volunteers today outlining how the day will be run. We are very excited to hear about the many different professions and hope that it gives the children the opportunity to hear about jobs they may have little or no knowledge of which may inspire them for the future.

Car Parking

Sadly, we have had some complaints about parking in the local area, in particular parking across residents' driveways. Drivers committing offences place themselves at risk of being prosecuted/ issued with tickets by the council and or the police. More importantly, inconsiderate and dangerous parking outside schools puts lives at risk.

We therefore request that you adhere to the following when parking, dropping off or collecting children from school:

- Keep the School Keep Clear marking (zig zags) clear
- Ensure pavements, driveways and pedestrian access points are kept clear
- Ensure emergency vehicles would be able to get past if needed
 - Adhere to local parking restrictions
 - Turn off your engine when parked – engines left idling contribute to air pollution
- Behave in a manner that is respectful towards others – including pedestrians and local residents
 - Park further away from school if at all possible



Request for leave forms

We have had an increasing number of people informing us that they will be taking their children out of school to go on holiday. Please be reminded that any absence, not related to illness, should be requested prior to travel.

The default position of the school is that requests for absences will not be granted during term time and will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. If an event can reasonably be scheduled outside of term time then it would not be normal to authorise absence.

Absence during term time for holidays is therefore not considered an exceptional circumstance.

Attached to the newsletter is our 'request for leave' form which must be completed if you are planning for your child to miss school time.

Music concert

Many thanks to those who have asked for their child to take part in our music concert on Thursday 23rd March at 5pm. We can't wait to share their talents. There are still a few places left so if you would like your child to take part, please e-mail the school office.



Achievement

Well done to everyone who celebrated individual achievements in assembly this week.

Callum, Rafaele, Liam (Y5), Lucas (Y2), Moses, Dylan (Y1) and Dara (Y3) all took part in a rugby festival and were awarded medals. Joseph, Olivia (Y2), Celina (Y1) and Josiah, Adrian (Y3) have all earned Mathematics certificates. Conor (Y5) won Man of the Match for rugby, Callum (Y5) won Man of the Match for football, Dylan (Y4) won Man of the Match for rugby. Charlie (Y3) got a star swimmer award, Josiah (Y3) earned a world maths day certificate and Harry (Y3) was awarded a chief Scout's bronze award.



Joseph
George T
Jake
Harry
George
Edward
William K
William M



Iyla
Sophia
Anna
Harriet
Imogen
Sophia
Orlaith
Lola

Play equipment

This week the school council have been looking at ordering some new play equipment with money raised from the individual photos at the beginning of the year. They had £265 to spend and wanted to share with you what they would be purchasing based on what classes wanted.

	Soft Playground Footballs
Rainbow Saturn Bouncers	
	Coloured Skipping Ropes
32' Group Jump Skipping Ropes	
	Knock Down Foam Tins and Balls
Rubber Playground Balls	
	Swirly Hula Hoops

Lenten Appeal

The school council are organising this year's Lenten appeal. They have decided to support the CAFOD Lenten appeal which is to support people facing climate crisis. The money raised will help families around the world to cope with the climate crisis. Communities are losing loved ones, their homes and their crops through no fault of their own. The money raised will help communities and provide the tools and training they need. To raise funds, we will be having a mufti day on Thursday 30th March. We would ask that you donate £1 either via Parent Pay or on the gate on the morning of mufti day. For further information on this appeal, please use the link below.

[Lent Appeal 2023 \(cafod.org.uk\)](https://www.cafod.org.uk)

What your money could buy

