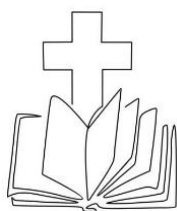




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GOSPEL VALUE OF THE WEEK

FORGIVENESS

LISTEN to the Word of God

THE DEATH OF JESUS

"It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, 45 for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. 46 Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last."

Luke 23:33-46

RESPOND to the Word of God

As we reflect, give thought to:

- ♥ Why do you think Jesus said, "Father, forgive them" even while He was suffering?
- ♥ How do you think Mary and the disciples felt watching Jesus on the cross?
- ♥ Why do you think Jesus spoke to the criminal beside Him and offered hope?
- ♥ What does this passage show us about how deeply Jesus loves people?

GO FORTH with a mission from the Word of God

"Do this in memory of me."

Jesus showed forgiveness, compassion, and sacrificial love even in His deepest suffering. Our mission is to carry those same qualities into the world.



The Wednesday Word is an outreach which shares Sunday's Gospel with all school families in a unique way. [Click here](#) for this week's latest Wednesday Word to discuss with your loved ones at home.

HOUSE POINTS

"None of us, including me, ever do great things. But we can all do small things with great love, and together we can do something wonderful."

St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Every child from Nursery to Year 6 has been assigned to one of our four houses: St George, St Margaret, St David, or St Brigid. Children can earn house points for going above and beyond, especially when they demonstrate our Gospel values:

Be Ready to Learn → Diligence

Be Resilient → Courage / Perseverance

Be Respectful → Respect

Be Responsible → Responsibility

Each week, points are totalled, and the winning house enjoys an extra playtime. The house with the highest total at the end of the half term will celebrate with a special afternoon celebration.

THIS WEEK'S WINNING HOUSE IS...

ST BRIGID

SPRING 2

	St George	St Margaret	St David	St Brigid
Week 1				
Week 2				
Week 3				
Week 4				
Week 5				
Week 6				
TOTAL POINTS	487	475	502	517



We are delighted to celebrate the personal achievements of our children this week! Each of these stars has been carefully chosen by their teachers for a variety of reasons—whether it's demonstrating outstanding behaviour, producing an excellent piece of work, mastering a tricky concept, showing kindness to others, or going above and beyond in so many ways.

In all they do, these children are shining examples of our school motto: "Only my best will do. Be kind to one another." Through their efforts and actions, they live out our Catholic values each day, inspiring those around them. As Pope Francis reminds us, "Each of us is a masterpiece of God's creation."

Well done to all our shining stars!

CLASS	STAR OF THE WEEK
Nursery	Aadwik
Reception	Crystal
Year 1	Jacob
Year 2	Ilan
Year 3	Ciaran
Year 4	Jessica
Year 5	Autumn A
Year 6	Ellie

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	CLASS
	Year 2



MRS J MCCORMICK'S
CELEBRATION SHOUT-OUTS

"Fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honourable."

Philippians 4:8

Each week, I love to take a moment to celebrate and give a little shout-outs to children, staff or classes who have really shone this week. It might be for showing kindness, living out our school motto, working hard in their learning, being a brilliant team member, or simply making a positive difference in our school community. It's such a pleasure to recognise the efforts and kindness that make our school a special place.

KS2 - HOLY WEEK
<p>I would like to give a heartfelt shout-out to our KS2 children, who have led us so beautifully through our Lenten reflections this week. Our Y3, Y4 and Y6 children guided the school through the Stations of the Cross with such maturity and reverence, helping us all to pause and reflect on Jesus' journey. This morning, Y5 brought the story to life with a moving and thoughtful Passion Play, shared so confidently with our children, staff and parents.</p> <p>Together, these moments have helped us focus on the true meaning of Easter, the hope, love and new life we celebrate through Jesus' death and resurrection. I am incredibly proud of the way our children have embraced this message and supported our school community in preparing for this most important time.</p>

100% ATTENDANCE - SPRING TERM 2026
<p>Huge well done to the 75 children (Nursery - Y6) who achieved 100% attendance this term! Extra shout out to Y4 who had the highest number of children with 100%!</p>



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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

"Encourage one another and help one another, just as you are now doing." - 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Our school is a hive of activity, with every class busy learning, exploring and growing together.

Each week, we share highlights from every class - this could be linked to exciting learning in a particular subject, positive behaviour, teamwork, kindness, creativity or a special achievement that the children are proud of. Take a look below to see what has made each class shine this week!

NURSERY

Ms Alderton & Ms Williams

Nursery have had such a wonderful week focusing on their topic dinosaurs and exploring Easter too! We made our own patterns using paint on Easter eggs talking about how they represent new life during Easter. In RE we learnt all of the events of Holy Week- we especially loved decorating our own cross understanding how the cross is such an important symbol for Christians.

RECEPTION

Mrs Brewerton & Mrs Reynolds

Reception has had a wonderful week celebrating holy week. We have enjoyed watching Year's 3, 4 and 6 take us through the Stations of the Cross, ending with Year 5's Passion Play. We shared hot cross buns together to celebrate Easter!

YEAR 1

Ms Tabone, Ms Chan & Ms McKeown

Year 2 have had a great last week of term. We concentrated on Holy Week in RE, thinking about how Jesus and the disciples felt during the week. We loved going to watch KS2 perform stations of the cross and the Passion Play - it really brought the story to life. To end off our week, we created bridges as part of our DT unit. The children have loved exploring throughout this unit of work, thinking about what shapes and materials would work best to make a strong bridge.

YEAR 2

Mrs Rabbette, Ms Alderton, Mr Morton & Ms McKeown

Year 2 has had a wonderful week of learning all about Holy Week. The children have given some thoughtful insights into Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the cross. They have also enjoyed watching the KS2 classes perform the stations of the cross and the Passion Play. In English, the children worked hard to complete their information reports about a rainforest animal. We were impressed with their efforts to give fascinating facts about the animal they'd chosen.

YEAR 3

Mrs Fitchett-Sabbagh, Mrs Oyewale & Ms Conway

On Monday, we delivered the first four Stations of the Cross to the whole school. We have really enjoyed learning about Jesus' final days and taking part in this special time of remembrance. We also had lots of fun at our first athletics training session, where we were introduced to high jump and enjoyed trying out this new skill.

YEAR 4

Ms Perez & Ms Bullen

This week, we took part in the events of Holy Week by delivering Stations 5-8 of Stations of the Cross, reflecting on Jesus' endurance, obedience and mercy during his final hours. In English we have been writing letters to the character of the Witch in our story 'The Lost Happy Endings', and have really enjoyed using our persuasive voices! We are looking forward to a restful Easter break after all our hard work this term.

YEAR 5

Ms Rozycka, Mrs L McCormick, Mrs Maguire & Mrs Xhafa

Year 5 have had a brilliant time this week, practising and performing the Passion Play to our school community. In Geography, the children had a chance to learn about various dangers of living in close proximity to the Alps, and investigated the impact of avalanches and glaciers. In RE, we learnt all about the special ways we celebrate Holy week, including learning about the Altar of Repose where

YEAR 6

Ms Kaur & Ms Doyle

Year 6 have worked so hard this week on delivering Stations 9-12 of Stations of the Cross this week, we tried our best to learn our lines and present to the whole school in such a respectful and reflective manner. We have also enjoyed finishing off our RE topic which has been linked to Holy Week too. Athletics practice was so fun with lots of children



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people gather on Holy Thursday to 'keep watch', just like Jesus had asked his disciples to do! We cannot wait for Easter!

pushing to show off the best of their abilities! We are ready for the half term and for the final push before our SATs!



INVITATION TO CELEBRATE HOLY WEEK

DATE	TIME	MASS SERVICE	LOCATION
Thursday 2 nd April	7.30pm	Mass of the Lords Supper	St Oswald's Church
	9.45pm	Night Prayer	St Oswald's Church
Friday 3 rd April	3.00pm	Passion of Our Lord	St Sebastian's Church
Saturday 4 th April	7.30pm	Easter Virgil Mass	St Sebastian's Church
Sunday 5 th April	9.15am	Easter Sunday Mass	St Oswald's Church
	11.15am	Easter Sunday Mass	St Sebastian's Church
	1.30pm	Seven Churches Prayer	St Oswald's Church

As we finish school today and enter the most sacred days of the Easter season, I want to thank you for the trust, kindness and support you show our school community each day; walking with your children through Lent has been a privilege and their compassion, curiosity and small acts of kindness have reflected the true meaning of Easter in such beautiful ways.

As we move into this holy weekend, may the hope of the Resurrection bring peace to your homes, strength to your hearts and a renewed sense of God's love in your lives.

Wishing all our families a joyful, blessed Easter, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 13th April.

Only My Best Will Do. Be Kind To One Another. Amen



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ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

The national expectation for attendance is **97%** and above, but at our school, we aim even higher! Guided by our values of care and responsibility, we monitor attendance and punctuality every day, working together as a school community to support our children in being present and engaged. By attending school regularly, our children can make the most of every learning opportunity and flourish in their talents and abilities.

	Weekly Attendance	Punctuality (Lates)	Attendance to date
Reception	96.1%	2	95.5%
Year 1	90.6%	1	93.2%
Year 2	86.6%	9	93.9%
Year 3	98.7%	2	96.3%
Year 4	94.2%	1	96.6%
Year 5	85.9%	5	92.2%
Year 6	89.1%	5	94.9%
Total	91.6%	25	94.6%

SPRING TERM 1

CLASS OF THE WEEK - ATTENDANCE STARS

	R	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Week 1					★		
Week 2	★			★			
Week 3					★		
Week 4					★		
Week 5				★			
Week 6				★			

We know that regular attendance has a direct impact on children's progress, confidence and wellbeing and we are committed to working together to improve this. To support this, rather than waiting until the end of term to highlight achievement, we recognise 100% attendance of the week! Any child who achieves 100% attendance for the week will be invited to choose a reward from the class attendance prize box. We fully understand that children will sometimes be unwell and must remain at home when necessary. By recognising 100% attendance each week, we hope to provide more achievable milestones for our pupils.

ATTENDANCE & WELFARE PROCEDURES

As shared in our newsletter on 12.02.2026, we have now implemented updated attendance & welfare procedures in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025. These procedures came into effect from the week beginning 27.02.2026 & form part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring that every child in our school community is safe, supported & able to thrive.

REPORTING ABSENCE

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please remember that parents and carers must telephone the school office before **9.15am**.

Messages sent via ClassDojo cannot be accepted as notification of absence.

If you leave a voicemail, a member of staff will return your call as part of our safeguarding first-response procedures. This ensures that we have spoken directly with a parent or carer & can confirm the reason for the absence.

If we have not received notification by 9.15am, the school will begin our safeguarding first-response process, which may include follow-up phone calls and, where necessary, a home visit.

WELFARE VISITS AFTER 48 HOURS OF ABSENCE

We are aware that some parents have recently asked for clarification regarding our welfare home visits. To ensure everyone has the same information, we would like to reiterate the following:

A member of the Senior Leadership Team will carry out a welfare home visit for any child who has been absent for more than 48 hours, even if the school has already been contacted by the family.

These visits are not a sign of concern or mistrust. They are a proactive safeguarding measure designed to check on your child's wellbeing and to check in with parents & carers to see whether any further support is needed to help your child return to school.

Our Catholic mission calls us to care for the whole child & to walk alongside families, especially during times of difficulty.

Welfare visits help us:

- ✓ ensure every child is safe and accounted for
 - ✓ maintain strong, supportive communication between home and school
 - ✓ identify any barriers that may be preventing a child from returning to school
 - ✓ offer practical help, guidance, or signposting where needed
 - ✓ uphold our statutory safeguarding responsibilities
- These procedures are not intended to cause worry or inconvenience. They are in place because the safety, wellbeing & flourishing of every child is at the heart of our work.



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IMPORTANT REMINDER ABOUT SHARING PHOTOS & VIDEOS

At our school, safeguarding every child is always our top priority. As part of this, we use our secure school app (ClassDojo) to share photographs and videos directly with parents and carers. Everyone featured in these posts has given CONSENT for their child's image to be shared only within this closed, school-managed platform.

We want to kindly remind families that:

1. We share photos and videos only on our secure school app (ClassDoJo) ONLY.
2. Parents and carers have consented to their child's image being used in this protected space.
3. We do not post identifiable images of children on our public school website without seeking individual consent, because it is open to the wider public.

This is part of our commitment to keeping all children safe online.

Unfortunately, we have noticed that some photos and videos from ClassDoJo are being reposted on other social media platforms such as Instagram or TikTok.

This creates two safeguarding concerns:

1. Consent has NOT been obtained from ALL parents|carers of children who may be identifiable in the image or video.
2. It breaches our school's online safety measures, which are in place to protect every child.

I would like to kindly remind parents | carers to not share any photographs or videos from ClassDojo on social media unless only your own child is clearly identifiable. The sharing photographs or videos of children which are not your own & without consent is classed as an offence and can be reported to the police.

Please bare this in mind when sharing photographs | videos with your friends and family.

This small step helps us maintain a safe and respectful online environment for all children and families.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in keeping our school community safe.

PTA COFFEE AFTERNOON

As a school community, we've always strived to foster an environment where teachers and families work together for the success and growth of our children. One of the most important ways we can continue to support our children's education and create a positive school experience is through our Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

Our staff are working extremely hard to try and provide numerous enrichment opportunities for our children throughout this year e.g. our wide variety of FREE (after-school hours) extracurricular clubs, workshops, competitions, festivals, trips etc.

We are reaching out to you for support. The PTA needs more volunteers to help plan, organise and participate in these events. Your involvement, no matter how much time you can offer, will make a huge difference. Whether you can help out with planning, setting up, or simply supporting with attendance, your contribution is invaluable.

For any families who are interested in supporting our school or would like to learn more about how you can help as part of the PTA, please come along to our coffee afternoon meeting.

The PTA coffee afternoon will take place on:

FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2026 : 2.00PM

Together, we can make a real difference and continue to build a supportive, vibrant school environment.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to get involved and make a lasting impact.
We look forward to your support!





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TERM DATES 2025 - 2026

Below are important dates for your reference in which children do **NOT** attend school

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Friday 3rd April - Friday 10th April 2026

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Monday 4th May 2026

INSET 3 - STAFF TRAINING

Friday 5th June 2026

INSET 4 - STAFF TRAINING

Monday 8th June 2026

SUMMER - MAY HALF TERM

Monday 25th May - Thursday 4th June 2026

INSET 5 - STAFF TRAINING

Monday 20th July 2026

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 21st July - 31st August 2026

Please ensure you check term dates carefully before booking any holidays as they will not be authorised.

TERM DATES 2026 - 2027

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We're excited to share the schedule of events for this term! Our aim is to give parents | carers plenty of notice so you can join in at family events (highlighted in yellow) and support your children whenever possible.

Information regarding specific child attendance, timings & location of events etc will be shared with families privately via school APP ClassDoJo.

Please note that there may be additional activities, workshops, or competitions throughout the term that are not listed here yet, as we are waiting for confirmation of some events.

We aim to keep you updated as soon as new information becomes available.

SCHOOL CALENDAR - SCHOOL WEBSITE

Date	Year Group	Event
13.04.2026	Y1	LSSP Balance-ability
13.04.2026	Y6	Faith in Action
16.04.2026	Y4	With You Always: First Holy Communion Session 3
20.04.2026	Y1	LSSP Balance-ability
21.04.2026	Selected Pupils	Great Big Dance Off Competition
22.04.2026	N- Y6	Earth Day
23.04.2026	Selected Pupils	St George's Day Celebrations at St George's Hall
23.04.2026	Y4	With You Always: First Holy Communion Session 4
24.04.2026	Y3	Stay & Pray Family Session
24.04.2026	PTA	PTA Coffee Afternoon
27.04.2026	Y1	LSSP Balance-ability
27.04.2026	Y6	Faith in Action
28.04.2026	Y3	Monthly Mass
30.04.2026	Y4	With You Always: First Holy Communion Session 5
01.05.2026	EYFS	Stay & Play Family Session
08.05.2026	N- Y6	Sir David Attenborough's 100 th Birthday Assembly

EXTRA-CURRICULAR INFORMATION - SCHOOL WEBSITE

HOLY COMMUNION WITH YOU ALWAYS PROGRAMME - SCHOOL WEBSITE



ASSESSMENT

DFE ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

As we prepare to move into the Summer Term, several year groups will be taking part in the Department for Education's statutory assessments. These assessments help us understand how children are progressing and how best to support their learning as they move through school.

Below you will find the key dates and important information for each assessment taking place during Summer Term.

We kindly ask that you make a note of these dates and ensure your child attends school promptly and well-rested on the relevant days.

[Year 1 - Phonics Screening Check](#)

Administration for Y4 Multiplication Tables Check is within the 1-week period from Monday 8th June 2026.

[Year 2 - Optional Key Stage 1 National Curriculum Tests](#)

The recommended administration period for Y2 Optional KSI Tests is during May 2026.

[Year 4 - Multiplication Tables Check](#)

Administration for Y4 Multiplication Tables Check is within the 2-week period from Monday 1st June 2026.

[Year 6 - Key Stage 2 National Curriculum Tests](#)

Date	Assessment
Monday 11 th May	English GPS Papers 1 & 2
Tuesday 12 th May	English Reading
Wednesday 13 th May	Mathematics Paper 1 & 2
Thursday 14 th May	Mathematics Paper 3

BRINGING COLOUR AND NATURE BACK TO OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS

We're reaching out to our wonderful school community for support as we work to bring colour, life, and a sense of magic back to our woodland and science garden areas.

Following our recent tree survey, several trees in the woodland had to be removed for essential health and safety reasons. While this work has made the area safer for our children, it has also left the woodland feeling much more open, exposed and lacking the natural character it once had. The space is now in real need of some care, creativity, and attention... and this is where we're hoping our families might be able to help!

Our aim is to restore the woodland into a vibrant, nurturing environment where children can explore, learn, and enjoy nature. To do this, we are looking for donations of items that will help us rebuild the space and encourage wildlife to return.

We would be incredibly grateful for donations of:

- ✓ **SOIL** to help us re-level areas and prepare new planting beds
- ✓ **BARK OR WOOD CHIPPINGS** to create safe, soft pathways and ground cover
- ✓ **EVERGREEN SHRUBS** that are child-friendly (no thorns or sharp leaves) to bring structure and greenery all year round
- ✓ **PLANTS THAT ATTRACT INSECTS**, such as pollinator-friendly flowers, to help bring colour and biodiversity back into our science garden
- ✓ **ANNUAL PLANTS** that will return each year and brighten the space with seasonal colour

In addition to planting, we would love to create a calm, welcoming seating area where children can sit, relax, read, or simply enjoy being outdoors. If any families have wooden benches, picnic tables, or other suitable outdoor furniture they no longer need, these would make a huge difference in helping us create a peaceful, child-friendly space.

Every contribution – no matter how small – will help us transform these areas into something truly special for our children. Any donations you have, please leave by main school office - science garden. Your support will not only enhance the school grounds but also enrich the outdoor learning experiences we can offer.

Our school community always comes together when it matters, and we are deeply grateful for your kindness and generosity.



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SUMMER UNIFORM: SUMMER TERM

As we look forward to welcoming the children back after the Easter break (13.04.2026), we would like to remind families that pupils should return to school in their summer uniform. This helps ensure that all children are comfortable, smart, and ready for the warmer months ahead.

Our summer uniform expectations for Nursery - Y6 are outlined in our [school uniform policy](#)

RECEPTION - Y6 BOYS' SUMMER UNIFORM

- ✓ Pale blue polo shirt (no logo required)
- ✓ Navy blue jumper with yellow school badge
- ✓ Grey knee-length shorts
- ✓ Navy or grey ankle socks
- ✓ Black flat school shoes (no heel) or black trainers (no logos)
Please note: For health and safety reasons, children must not wear jelly shoes, crocs, open-toe or open back sandals.



RECEPTION - Y6 GIRLS' SUMMER UNIFORM

- ✓ Navy blue gingham summer dress
Please note: this must be NAVY BLUE gingham and it must be a DRESS
Shorts may be worn underneath for comfort.
- ✓ Navy blue cardigan with yellow school badge
- ✓ White or navy ankle socks
- ✓ Black flat school shoes (no heel) or black trainers (no logos)
Please note: For health and safety reasons, children must not wear jelly shoes, crocs, open-toe or open back sandals.

