



Headlines

St John Fisher R.C. Primary School Spring Term 2023/24
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Week Beginning – 25th March

Please return your CAFOD boxes to school before Thursday. Thank you

Monday 25th

Tuesday 26th

Wednesday 27th

'Wear something purple' - whole school
(See Pg5)

Nursery breaks up for Easter—normal time

Thursday 28th

Easter service Yr2-Yr6 (pupils and staff only)

School closes at 2pm for Easter

This coming Sunday we will celebrate Palm Sunday—and we were reminded of this in an engaging and entertaining fashion this morning as St. Susanna class led us through the jubilation seen and felt as Jesus rode into Jerusalem. This celebration of course, marks our journey into Holy Week next week and the final stages of our Lenten preparations.

With the 'early' Easter break this year, it is good to be able to mark these events together in school, as indeed we will in our school 'Easter Service' on Maundy Thursday.

On Maundy Thursday (the last day of our Spring term) school finishes at 2pm and, later that day, at St. John Fisher Parish, the Mass of the Lord's Supper begins at 8pm with the washing of the feet ceremony which some of the elder children may wish to attend with their families.

Enjoy a wonderful weekend everyone.

Letters Home

RAH Feedback—Yr5

Quality Circles Presentation Slides—Yr2

Happy Birthday

Felix T, Sophie D,
Alexander J, Lily P,
Ariadne V,
Frederick H, Harry S.

Caterlink

The menu for each week can now be found on the school website using the link below and scrolling to the bottom of the page:

[Click HERE for menu](#)

**REMINDER SPECIAL MENU ON
WEDNESDAY 27TH MARCH FOR
EASTER—SEE PAGE 2**

Designated Safeguarding Leaders

Ms J Kenna
DSL

Mrs C Ellerker
Deputy DSL

Miss C Higgins
Deputy DSL



If you have any concerns about a child please contact school@st-johnfisher.merton.sch.uk

The Year 5 and 6 NFL Flag Football team went to the first ever Merton NFL competition on Monday. They achieved the highest scoring match of the day, 36-0!

This was a new competition launched this year by MSSP in collaboration with NFL. It has certainly captured the interest and enthusiasm of those children who have attend the NFL club run by Mr Coombes who has been equally excited and engaged by this new adventure.



Easter Menu 27th March 2024

Chicken & Sweetcorn Pie with Chips and Gravy

Or

Red Pepper & Cheese Frittata with Chips

Served with Carrots & Peas

Or

Jacket Potatoes with either Cheese , Baked Beans or Tuna Mayonnaise
&

Chocolate Crispy Cake

Or

Fresh Fruit Medley



Dance to the fabulous sound of

42ND STREET DANCE BAND

Saturday 11th May 2024

St. John Fisher Parish Hall

207 Cannon Hill Lane, London SW20 9DB

15 piece big band in the Glenn Miller style will be playing a range of music

Including all your ballroom and Latin favourites,

Jive & Rock'n'Roll, Pops and Disco!

Doors Open 7.00pm, music 7.30 – 11pm

Interval & raffle

Bring your own food, drinks, nibbles & glasses. Dress to impress.

Ticket price £10.00

Tickets – Cash or Card Reader

Available to buy after mass or from the parish office

All monies raised to support the refurbishment of the Parish Hall



Additions to our school website:

CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL

'Children's Reflection' page

Click on the '**Children's**' tab at the top of the page.

Then ['Children's Reflection'](#).

Click on the picture to take you to the page.



This page provides links to areas that your children may enjoy: opportunities for **prayer**, opportunities to **share Bible stories**, **Liturgical Year Activities** - to do throughout the year, from CAFOD. Plus **activities for Holy Week** for the children.

'The Year of Prayer 2024' page

Click on the '**Catholic Life**' tab at the top of the page.

Then ['The Year of Prayer 2024'](#).

Click on the picture to take you to the page.



This page discusses the message from Pope Francis about the year of prayer. There are links to several CAFOD sites for prayer and regular reflections.



This week Reception continued 'Travelling the Globe!'. We have been focusing on countries in North and South America. The children have enjoyed learning about Argentina and USA.

Many thanks to Mr Gee and Mrs Noble for sharing their experiences.



AFC Wimbledon are offering [FREE TICKETS](#) for their upcoming AFC Wimbledon Women's game v Norwich City Women, which will be hosted at Carshalton Athletic. They would like as much support as possible as they proudly defend their position as the league leaders in the FAWNL South East One, vying for promotion and are calling on all fans to join them for this special Easter weekend fixture and show your support for AFC Wimbledon Women's.

Please note that while this game won't be held at Plough Lane, Carshalton Athletic offers a fully accessible ground with space for 3000 on the terrace and 300 covered seats. Don't miss out on the chance to grab your [free tickets NOW](#) for what promises to be an exhilarating match, and you can meet the players after the game.

Date: Sunday 31st March. Gates open at 2pm. Kick off, 3pm.

LOCATION: Carshalton Athletic FC, Colston Avenue, Sutton, Carshalton, SM5 2PW



**SPRING HAS
SPRUNG IN
THE
NURSERY!**

**New Life,
New Hope,
New Joy and
Wonder!**



Spring Music Concert

On Tuesday this week we were treated to a musical extravaganza as pupils from across the year groups showcased their instrumental (and vocal) talents in our Spring Music Concert.

The level of talent was clear for all to see (and hear!) as we enjoyed performances from pianists, drummers, solo singers and our very own 'Music Makers club' with a high energy and perfectly timed finale.



Wednesday
20th March 2024

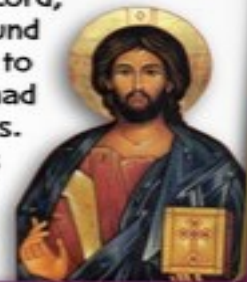


**Good News
for Families**

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Enjoy reading this Sunday's Gospel

When Jesus and his disciples were on their way to Jerusalem, they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two of his disciples into the nearby village to collect a donkey. He said to them, "If anyone stops you, tell them that it is for the Lord, and that the donkey will be returned." So the disciples set off and found the donkey. When they untied it from its post, some people said to them, "What are you doing?" The disciples answered just as Jesus had told them, and the people let the disciples take the donkey to Jesus. Then Jesus rode into Jerusalem. People were spreading their cloaks and palm branches on the road in front of him. They praised God, shouting: "Hosanna! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heavens!"



Taken from the Gospel of Sunday 24th March 2024. Mark 11:1-10 (Passion/Palm Sunday)

Which words stood out for you in this Sunday's Gospel, and why?
Now enjoy exploring this Wednesday's word, which is **PRAISE**.

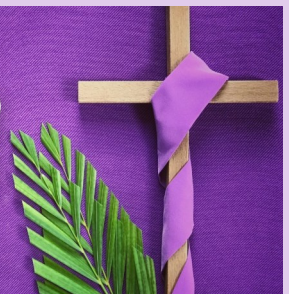
REMINDER:

Our final Lenten parent/carer prayer group will take place on Tuesday at 8:40am in St Cecilia's classroom.

Please see the [school website](#) for more details.

Everybody is welcome and we hope to see as many of you there to share in this final Lenten session.

**DAILY
PRAYER
DURING
LENT**



WEAR SOMETHING PURPLE

On Wednesday 27th March we are joining together with other Catholic schools to show our support for the work of the Catholic Children's Society.

Pupils and staff can come to school with an item of **purple** clothing or a **purple** accessory.

We ask for a contribution of £1 per pupil or family to increase the funds we are already raising to help the Catholic Children's Society support even more disadvantaged children and families.

**** PTFA Update ****

Thank you to everyone who attended and to all those who helped on the door and bar, and with craft and face painting at the Spring Disco last Friday. We raised nearly £2,000 and the kids all had fun dancing the night away.

Thanks also for the uniform donations this week and to those who helped sort, set up and sell.

The PTFA AGM will be held on 22nd April at 7.30pm in St Cecilia's classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and you can get involved with the PTFA as much or as little as you would like!

Please diarise 18 May for the May Mudder and 29 June for the Summer Fair. More info to follow after half term.

Don't forget to join the PTFA Community WhatsApp Group which has separate chats for each event so you can pick and choose where you would like to help. <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LSW63vmMxXm9LGNf0lknLX>

Don't forget to check our website <https://linktr.ee/stjohnfisherptfa> especially for more information on match funding and easy fundraising.

Please follow us on Facebook or Instagram for regular updates on events and fundraising. Search "St John Fisher PTFA" on Facebook or follow this link for our Instagram:

[instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnfisherptfa)

Children across the school have enjoyed taking part in learning activities as part of national first aid week and as you can see from the pictures below the recovery position was an important part of everyone's training.





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Saturday 23rd 10am–12pm

If you are wondering why mystery piles of wood chips keep appearing it's to make the Woodland Garden durable for the children who are keen to make use of it asap.

We are looking for volunteers to help move the woodchips in to the garden on **SATURDAY 22nd from 10am-12pm**. The more volunteers we can get the quicker the job will be done. Please come along.

Reception enjoyed using the NFL Flag Football equipment for the first time.



They tried to get as many tags from the opposing team.



As part of First Aid week St Nicholas Class had a great time learning about how to recognise the symptoms of bites and stings. Now they know exactly how to help someone who has been bitten or stung!!

Year 2 celebrated their first school mass today with Fr. Joseph. They learnt about the signs and symbols used during the mass. Fr. Joseph helped the children to understand the structure of the mass and the meaning of the responses. The children all participated well and sang beautifully.

Thank you to Fr. Joseph for giving so generously of his time.



BUILDBETTER LEARNING



These pupils have engaged with and enjoyed their first aid lessons.

St Scholastica – Caitlin H

St Aidan – Matthew L

St Ninian – Sonia R

St Teresa – Cian G

St James – Aviana L-K-T

St Osmund – Alabama W

St Hugh – Jack C

St Nicholas – Ezra B

St Francis – Amira G A

St Ignatius – Gabriel

St Susanna – Alice D

St Helena – Prince O

St Elizabeth – Finley B

St Rose – Imogen S

Nursery – Arabella W

Attendance Percentage week beginning 11th March 2024

| Class | Week commencing 11/03/24 | Week commencing 04/03/24 |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| St Rose | 94.10 | 95.90 |
| St Elizabeth | 96.00 | 93.70 |
| St Susanna | 86.30 | 98.00 |
| St Helena | 97.70 | 98.30 |
| St Francis | 97.90 | 97.90 |
| St Ignatius | 98.70 | 97.00 |
| St Nicholas | 97.80 | 98.10 |
| St Hugh | 95.80 | 93.10 |
| St James | 96.50 | 95.80 |
| St Osmund | 90.00 | 99.30 |
| St Teresa | 98.70 | 95.70 |
| St Ninian | 93.10 | 94.50 |
| St Aidan | 97.40 | 97.00 |
| St Scholastica | 94.80 | 91.70 |
| Overall | 95.30 | 96.10 |

Best Classes:
St Ignatius and St Teresa

This week's overall
winner of Ms Kenna's
BIG PENCIL.....

**** Jorge H ****



WELL DONE
St Nicholas

**for being on time, in
class and ready to learn
every morning.**