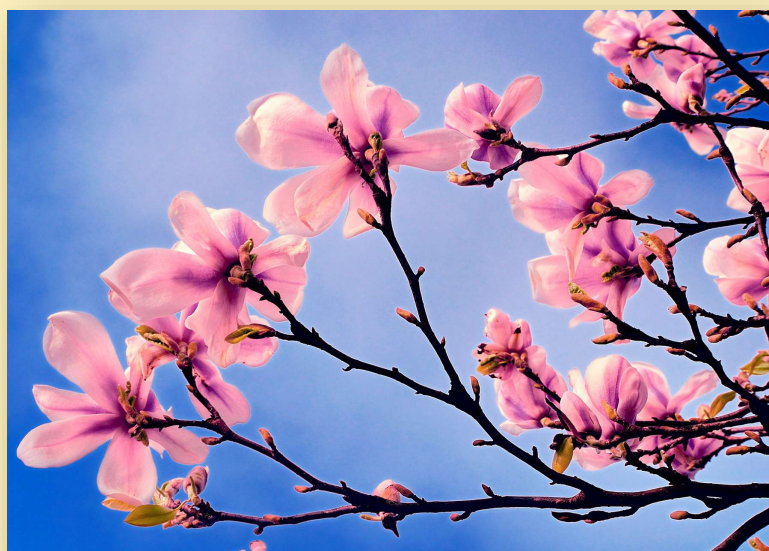


Spring Time: The time for New Beginnings...



Dear God,

Please help us to be kind to our neighbours and guide us through Lent to be like You. We will try our best to be truthful to each other and you will shine in our hearts forever.

Amen

Amelia (Year 5/6)

Dear God,

We pray that you help us to be more like Jesus, by helping us to make the right decisions and by following your commandments. We also pray that we can be like Saints, by living our lives like Jesus did.

Amen

Orla (Year 5/6)

FRANCISCAN VALUES AWARDS

Congratulations!

Infant Award (EY/KS1):

KINDNESS ~ Elliott Nolan

Junior Award (KS2):

GRATITUDE ~ Seth Eldridge

Dear Parents,

This half term has flown by and the Easter holidays are upon us!

As you are aware, this half term began with our Ofsted Inspection on 21st and 22nd February. The turnaround time of the Inspection is a lengthy process; we are hoping to be able to share the outcome and final report with you approximately mid May.

A huge thank you for supporting our World Book Day; the children looked fantastic dressed as their favourite book characters, a wonderful day to highlight the enjoyment of reading. Please see page 3 for photos, and congratulations to our winners!

Our commitment as a Christian school in supporting others less fortunate was certainly evidenced through our Comic Relief Fundraiser (£558 raised!) led by the School Council, see page 4 for photos. Thank you also for supporting our Lenten Trust Charity, the Catholic Children's Society - a gentle reminder to return all money boxes by Friday.

Year 1 / 2 have had a very *egg*citing time, following the life cycle of a chicken, through incubating their own chicks in the classroom. The whole school have been captured by this event and there have been many visitors, children and staff alike! See photos on page 5.

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our recent Parent Consultations, particularly as many were rescheduled as we navigated through a sickness bug outbreak!

We continue to work closely with all the schools in the Trust, in particular on school improvement, including curriculum focused professional development. Being part of the Catholic Academy Trust provides us with many opportunities to collaborate for the benefit of all our children.

Finally, thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful, Holy and restful Easter break. I look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 18th April.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Keating
Head Teacher



HOUSE POINTS:

St David

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St George

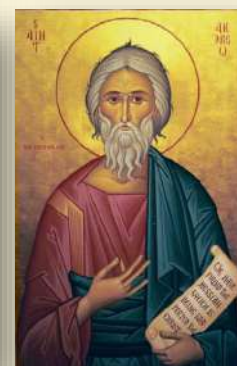
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St Andrew

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St Patrick

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Catholic Life of the School

Thank you for attending our Class Act of Worships. A range of themes have been covered during March, including Lent (Year 1/2); Mothers' Day (Early Years); Inspirational People (Year 5/6) and most recently Years 3/4's interpretation of Christ's Passion.





World Book Day



On 2nd March, we celebrated World Book Day. Reading is a life skill and improves your focus, memory, empathy and communication skills. Children were invited to dress up as their favourite book characters. Congratulations to our winners (below right) , and to all who participated.



Red Nose Day!



Thank you for supporting the School Council's Sponsored "Danceathon" for Comic Relief's RED NOSE DAY. We raised a fantastic £558 which will really help to make a difference to the lives of many people in the UK and around the world.





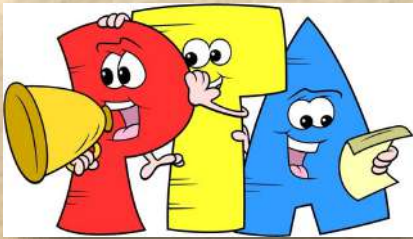
New Life!



We were very excited to watch our eggs hatch and have first hand experience of new life! We welcomed nine chicks into the world!

NOTICES

- Parents of children in Nursery are reminded to ensure their eligibility is reconfirmed for the summer term. If parents wish to discuss adding some extra hours for their Nursery child in the summer term, please do so with Mrs Overett and Mrs Sellers.
- Please be reminded that holidays should not be taken term time. In exceptional circumstances, please complete the Absence Request Form on our school website and book an appointment with Mrs Keating.
- Children should return to school after Easter in their summer uniform.



The latest fund raising total from the PTA is an amazing £5,450.70! Please do continue to support the PTA's many fun events, the most recent of which was the Quiz Night and Easter Egg decorating competition!

WE SADLY SAY GOODBYE TO MRS FARRANT...

Mrs Farrant will be leaving us at Easter. She will be starting a new Learning Support Assistant role in a Special Needs School. Mrs Farrant has been with us for many years and will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best for the future.



HCL LUNCH PRICE INCREASE

We have been informed by Herts Catering Ltd that unfortunately they are increasing the price of a school lunch from 1st April due to price pressures.

A school lunch will now cost £3.25 per meal, which will be amended in Cypad (School Gateway).

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday 30th March 09:15:	Year 3/4 Passion - Shared Act of Worship
Friday 31st March 09:15:	End of Term Awards Assembly (by invitation)
Friday 31st March 13:30:	Break up for Easter

EASTER HOLIDAYS

Monday 17th April:	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 18th April:	Summer Term starts - pupils back to school



Wishing our school community a blessed, happy and relaxing Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 18th April