



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday 16th February 2026

Lent – To Fast, Give and Pray

This year the school will be supporting two charities as part of our charitable work during the holy season of Lent, Mission Together and CAFOD.

In our whole school prayers this morning I introduced the cause for our 'Mission Together' charitable act. 'Mission Together' is the children's branch of Missio – the Catholic Church's official children's charity for overseas mission. For over 180 years, 'Mission Together' (known internationally as Holy Childhood) has helped children around the world to grow in love of Christ and love of neighbour. This is the Pope's chosen charity with a wonderful motto '*children helping children.*'

Thanks to the prayers and donations of pupils in England and Wales, each year Mission Together supports around 20,000 children living in poverty and turmoil around the world – regardless of their background or belief. This support is provided through our funding of feeding programmes, educational provision, medical assistance, residential care, pastoral and spiritual care. In such ways we make God's love known to everyone, everywhere.

This year's appeal is to support children living in Cambodia and attending Sacred Heart kindergarten under the guidance of Fr Paul the National Director for Mission in Cambodia and Laos. Any money raised will assist to fund to pay for teachers, meals and stationery as currently only 37% of children are able to attend free early years education supported by the Church. More information about this can be found on their website here:
<https://missiontogether.org.uk/calendar/together-in-cambodia-2/>

Each child will bring home a little cardboard red box. The hope is that over the next few weeks we can fill these boxes with any donations and collect them at Easter time. Your support with this is gratefully appreciated. More information will be shared next half-term about a sponsored walk that we will take part in alongside other Catholic schools nationally affectionately known as the big Lent Walk organised by CAFOD.

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Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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