



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 20th March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As well as showing the power given to Jesus by his Father, this Sunday's Gospel reminds us of Jesus' humanity. Jesus was upset by Lazarus' death and wept for him. His compassion for Lazarus and Lazarus' family mirrors his compassion for each one of us when we are upset. We too can experience Jesus' compassion through other people and through spending time with God in prayer.

We have celebrated St Joseph's Day this week with Y2-6 attending Mass, Y1 working hard to collect litter from the street and our Foundation Stage taking part in a wonderful listening ears activity around our lovely school.

CAFOD BIG LENT WALK 2026 REMINDER

This Lent our school is supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help fight poverty around the world. Thank you to those who have already given.



To raise money, we're going to walk as a whole school either to the beach or to the forest on **Monday 30th March**. Please give to the school just giving page here: [BIG LENT WALK](#)



Mission Together Little Red Boxes 2026 A reminder:

I am delighted to have already received quite a few little red boxes full of spare change. If these could all be returned before the Easter Break I would be most grateful. For more information on this year's charitable work in Cambodia helping children attend a Nursery please check their website [here](#).

Next week's Highlights:

- Monday 23rd March LAST DAY FOR BOOK FAIR
- Tuesday 24th March Tuesday Toddlers
- Wednesday 25th March No School Uniform Day & Easter Bingo Doors open at 5pm

Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Performance Thursday 2nd April

This is on the last day of this term- Thursday 2nd April 2026 at 1.45pm. Parents are most welcome to come and share the work the children have been doing recently on this year's play. Children can be collected after they have changed at the end of the performance as can any siblings.

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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Bloodrun Easter Egg Appeal- A reminder

Our very own Mr Taylor also volunteers on the Blood bikes. Every Easter they run an appeal for Easter Eggs which they then take to hospitals in the local area, particularly those staying in hospital. If any families are able to donate Easter Eggs we will arrange for these to be distributed.

Easter Bingo:



Wednesday 25th March 5.30-7.30pm. Doors open 5pm.

We are offering a pre-booked meal deal consisting of a hot dog and drink for £1.50 or a burger and drink for £2 to enjoy during our Easter Bingo. **Tickets are available until**

3.30pm Monday 23rd March from Miss Ayton. Please note hot dogs and burgers will not be available to purchase on the night. We will however have drinks, sweets and a chocolate tombola on the night.



On Wednesday 25th March we will have a no school uniform day. If children could bring in chocolate that day towards the tombola that will be run at the Easter Bingo.

Stars of the Week:

This week certificates have been awarded to the following children:

- LJ- Mabel D & Florence E
- FS1- Rayleigh H & Elizabeth W
- FS2- Raegan B & Dash Dash M
- Y1- Natalie P & Marlie S
- Y2- Charlie S & Layla W
- Y3- Isaac RW & Hannah V
- Y4- Brooke HT & Ellis J
- Y5- Lucas M & Gabriel T
- Y6- Imogen T & Bella T

Final Thoughts/Prayers:

"Lord, meet us in the silence, give us strength and hear our prayer.
Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness and hatred, and to seek peace".
Amen.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

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