



## Reflection



This Sunday is Easter Sunday when we celebrate because Jesus is risen from the dead. We are filled with hope and joy, and we look for new life

Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb where Jesus's body has been laid. But she sees that the stone, which blocked the entrance of the tomb, has been moved. What does she think has happened? How do you think this makes her feel?

She runs back to tell the disciples, and Peter and John run to the tomb to see what has happened. When they get there, they see that the tomb is empty except for the cloths that had been wrapped around the body.

The disciples realise that Jesus is risen from the dead and they believe in him.

Jesus died; yet Jesus lives. This fills us with great hope. It reminds us to look for signs of new life and people doing good in the world, even when things are difficult. The risen Jesus is working with us to change things into justice, peace and love.

Where have you seen kindness and people working to make the world a better place? Where can we see new life springing up in nature around us? What hopes do you have for the world this Easter? How can you help make them happen?

## Prayer

Living God, we are filled with joy as we celebrate the rising of your Son. Inspire us to make our world a better place for everyone as we look to the future with hope. Amen.

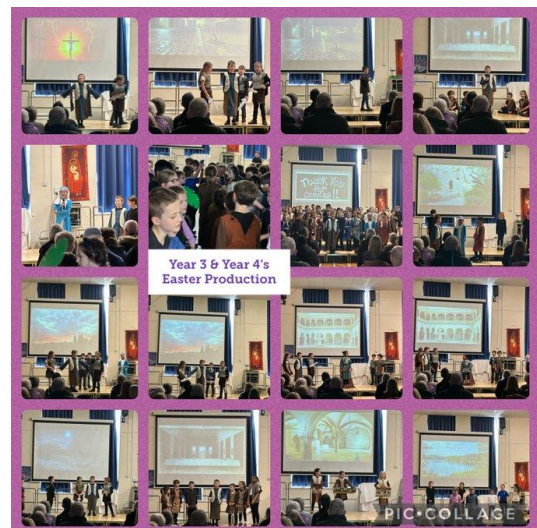
*We wish everyone a happy and holy Easter and hope you enjoy quality time with your family and friends.*

## Fundraiser

A huge thank you to all who came to the Good Shepherd Fundraiser. We raised a huge £475 and a further £162 for our non-uniform. All this money goes towards the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal. We do appreciate at Lent and Advent we ask for a lot of donations and support, so we do appreciate all who were able to support this worthy cause.

## Easter production

Well done to all the Year 3 and Year 4 children and staff for a fantastic Easter production and thank you to all the family members who were able to attend. It was lovely to have this as part of our Holy Week activities.



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### Lent fundraising – message from Mini Vinnies and Mrs Wray



Dear Parents,

We just wanted to say a huge thank you for all your support this Lent. We are overwhelmed with the support you have shown the common good and would like to share with you how you have helped us to support our community.

For the Big Lent Walk, the school raised an amazing £693 for CAFOD and collectively walked a total of 1678km. Our target was to walk 200km so that total is amazing! We know that money will help support those less fortunate than ourselves and we feel so proud of our school for helping to make a difference.

Yesterday, the St. Vincent De Paul (SVP) charity came to school to collect the food bank items and Easter Eggs you donated. They were expecting a bag and were blown away when they saw how much we had! As a school, we collected 239 food items and 91 Easter Eggs. We really hope they will put a smile on some little faces in our community.

A very big thank you to all who helped to support and donate to the causes we recognised at the beginning of the term. We really appreciate the love and care you have shown.

Happy Easter!

The St. Mary's Mini Vinnies

### Major Roofing work

We are having major roofing work starting on **2<sup>nd</sup> April**. This will not impact the classrooms as it is over the kitchen and hall however it will impact the carpark and entrance into school. The entrance down the side of church will be closed off as will the gate that Year 3 and Year 4 exit through, at the end of the day. Parents will need to come around the school building via Reception's playground to collect their children from Year 3 and Year 4.

### Easter workshops

Thank you to all the parents and family members who have attended the Easter workshops over the last few weeks. It has been lovely to share this special time with our community.

### Book fair

Thank you to all who came to the book fair. We earned £250 commission through this to buy new books for our class and school libraries.

### Parking

We have been asked to remind parents about parking considerably by local residents. Unfortunately, cars have been parked over their driveways and exits at pick up and drop offs and when we have had events which has caused them inconvenience. Please be mindful of this issue.



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### Parents Evening Feedback

Another thank you to all who attended the parents evening and gave their feedback in our survey. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Question	Yes	No	Not applicable
Following your parent's evening appointment, do you have information about how your child is socially and emotionally in class?	98%	2%	
Following your parent's evening appointment, do you know how well your child is doing in relation to the age related expectations for their year group?	99%	1%	
Following your parent's evening appointment, were you given guidance and support on how to help your child to improve?	100%	0%	
Did you attend the open classroom event for your child's year group?	67%	26%	7%
If you did attend the open classroom, did you think it was a good new initiative?	63%	0%	37%
Do you find half termly curriculum newsletters useful?	100%	0%	

### Actions following feedback.

- 2 parents asked for more time – unfortunately we cannot allocate more time as this would make the parents evenings too long for the teachers after a full day of teaching and we have to consider their workload and wellbeing. If there are ever any issues you wish to discuss with the teachers, please do make an appointment via the office.
- Continue with the open classroom events next academic year as these were well attended and children really enjoyed their parents/family members working with them.
- Continue to send half termly diary dates.

### PTA

The profit from the disco was a huge £782! Thank you to all who volunteered and supported by attending the event. The feedback from parents was that it was a great help to have money towards trips last academic year so this year the PTA will donate £200 to each class for their school trips which helps reduce the overall cost of the trips for all parents.



### Y3 staffing – Wednesday

Mr Harding will be working in Year 3 in summer term on a Wednesday. We have had issues with staffing due to changes in circumstances, but we have asked Mr Harding to work until the summer holidays to ensure more consistency for the children.

### Clubs for summer term

Please discuss with your child if they would like to join any of the following clubs in summer terms. A further link for booking will be sent out in the first week back. MVMNT will continue to run their sports clubs in addition and cheerleading for Y3 and Y4 will commence on a Friday as previously arranged.

Club	Day	Time	Led by	Year group
Film club	Monday	12.40-1.10	Mrs Hurley	KS2
Boomerang	Monday	12.20 – 12.50	Mr Waddington	Y1 and Y2
Choir	Wednesday	12.30 – 1.10	Mrs Ellis	KS2
Netball	Wednesday	3.20 – 4.40	Mrs Pounder	Y5 and Y6
Drawing	Thursday	12.20 – 12.50	Mrs Robertshaw	KS2
iPad	Thursday	12.20 – 12.50	Mrs Wray	Y3 and Y4
Mindful colouring	Friday	12.20 – 12.50	Miss Michelet	Y1 and Y2

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### Curriculum enrichment

It has been another busy term! We thank all the staff at St Mary's who constantly improve our curriculum offer through great teaching, fantastic pastoral care and additional trips and activities to make our curriculum as exciting as possible. We also thank all those families who are able to contribute towards the costs of trips and workshops to help to inspire the children.

	Educational Visits	Catholic Life	Events	In school visitors	Parental Involvement	Clubs
<b>Spring term</b>	Year 5 residential Library Visit Year 6 Holocaust Centre Trip Year 4 able writers Year 5 and 6 able maths day Swimming Year 4 Year 3 Eureka trip Year 3 Mosque visit Year 1 Abbey House Museum Year 5 maths mystery	Open the Book Whole school Mass led by Year 6 Year 3 Class Saint – Feast Day of St John Bosco Family Mass – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent Family Fast Day – KS2 soup and a roll Year 5 class Saint – <u>Feast day</u> of St Joseph Mother's Day assembly Year 3 and Year 4 Easter production Whole school Mass led by Year 5 Mini Vinnies SVP Easter Egg Appeal Priest visits Y5 and Year 6 <u>Bambisanani</u> day Shared collective worships with SJP and SSS Easter egg raffle for Good Shepherd Non uniform for Good Shepherd	Young Voices at Sheffield Arena Safer internet day Science week World Book Day KS2 assembly for World Book Day Reception and KS1 assembly for World Book Day 2024 Good Shepherd Fundraiser Football matches Cross Country Leeds School Council event Year 3 and Year 6 tag rugby Year 4 skipping competition Year 1 and Year 2 library visit Year 5 <u>Bikeability</u> Cross Country	Author visit Northern Arts workshops Open the Book Police – Reception and Year 1	Years 1-6 open classrooms Year 5 residential meeting Reception <u>stay</u> and play Reception – Year 6 Easter Workshops Parents Evening Mother's Day assembly Year 1 class assembly Year 5 class assembly Reception and Year 6 assembly	Mindful Colouring Purple Mash Art Club Choir Football Lego <u>Girls</u> football Cheerleading Cosy readers KS1 Netball Gymnastics Sign Language Cosy Readers KS2 Football

### Headteacher Awards

Reception – Teddy E & Fernando ZB

Year 1 – Tommaso F & Maeve P

Year 2 – Jack B & Jack H

Year 3 – Betty T & Hattie E

Year 4 – Thomas R & Leo P

Year 5 – Arthur T & William F

Year 6 – Esmae V & Callum G

### Virtue Awards – Forgiveness

Reception – Joseph Y

Year 1 – Noah H

Year 2 – Zayaan M

Year 3 – Joshua F

Year 4 – Charlotte F

Year 5 – Francesca G

Year 6 – Zachary J

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### Diary dates

Please note changes or additions in red. \*denotes parents welcome.

#### April

Monday	15		School opens
Thursday	18	9.05am	Year 3 class assembly*
Friday	19	9.30am	Whole School Mass led by Year 3*
Monday	22	9.30am	Jungle Book
Tuesday	23		Year 4 Class Saint Day – St George
Wednesday	24	9.05am	Year 1 class assembly
Thursday	25		Open the Book
Friday	26	9.30am	Year 2 and Year 5 Class Mass*
Monday	29		Reception farm trip
Monday	29		Islam workshop
Tuesday	30		Class photos

#### May

Wednesday	1		Athlete event in school
Thursday	2	9am	Year 3 open classroom*
Friday	3	9am	Year 4 open classroom*
Tuesday	7	9am	Year 1 open classroom*
Wednesday	8	9am	Year 2 open classroom*
Thursday	9	9.30am	Whole School Mass led by Year 4*
Friday	10		Bring a flower for Mary
Friday	10		Mary Day
Friday	10	9.05am	Year 2 class assembly*
W/B	13		Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Sunday	19	11.00am	Family Mass*
Monday	20		Pentecost Picnic
Monday	20	2.00pm	Reception Stay and Play*
Tuesday	21	9am	Year 6 open classroom*
Wednesday	22	9am	Year 5 open classroom*
Thursday	23	9.15am	Reception class assembly*
Thursday	23		School closes
Friday	24		Training Day

### Parish News

#### GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St Mary's Good Friday Workshop.

Parents are asked to sign their children in at the school hall before attending the service. Pre-school children to be accompanied by an adult please. Any offers of help for the SM workshop will be gratefully received, please let Amanda or Liz Wood know if you can help in anyway asap. Both groups will return to church for the Veneration of the cross. All welcome.

#### SUNDAY MASSES (Saturday Vigil)

Holy Name	6.30pm
St. Mary's	8.15am
Holy Name	9.00am
Assumption	9.45am
St Mary's	11.00am
Holy Name	11.15am