



## Reflection



This Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent and we are going to hear about how Jesus goes out into the desert for 40 days to be alone and to pray. He goes to draw closer to God, to listen to what God is asking him to do and to find strength for his work of spreading the good news.

Lent is a time when we try to be a bit like Jesus in the desert. We spend 40 days trying to come closer to God, so that we are ready for Easter. We try to pray more and share more. We try to think less about ourselves and more about other people – our neighbours at home and around the world.

We can be closer to God by praying, by asking for forgiveness for all the things that we have done wrong, and by trying to live the kind of life God wants us to. We can share with and care for others who need our help.

**Prayer:** God of life, your Son Jesus went out into the desert to spend time in prayer and be closer to you. Help us to draw closer to you this Lent, in our prayers and in our actions. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

## CAFOD walk against Hunger

This Lent, CAFOD is asking us to Walk Against Hunger, in solidarity with the 200 million children in our world whose lives are at risk because of malnutrition. Every little step can make a big difference. More information can be found here <https://walk.cafod.org.uk>

## Family Mass

All our families are invited to join the Parish for Mass this Sunday at 11am at St Mary's Church. We hope you can join us on the first Sunday of Lent.

## Lent Charity Appeal

A letter was sent out this week all about Lent and how we will be raising money for charity. We hope you can support The Good Shepherd Appeal, Comic Relief and Cafod this Lent. Please see key dates below as a reminder.

Friday	11	Family Fast Day – KS2 soup and a roll
Friday	11	Non uniform £1 for Cafod and <b>bring a chocolate bar for the chocolate raffle</b>
Friday	18	Non uniform for Comic Relief £1 and <b>bring a bottle for the bottle raffle</b>
Friday	18	2022 Good Shepherd Fundraiser*
Monday	28	Easter Egg Donations for SVP

In addition, we are asking for donations of Easter Eggs for the SVP as we did last year. These were very well received by the children who received these through the SVP foodbank. The cut off date for donations of Easter Eggs is Monday 28 March. Thank you in advance for all your support with our almsgiving.

## NEWSLETTER – 4 March 2022

### IMPORTANT – NUT ALLERGY

We have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies. Please ensure you do not send your child in with any nut products. This includes Nutella products.

### World Book Day Assembly

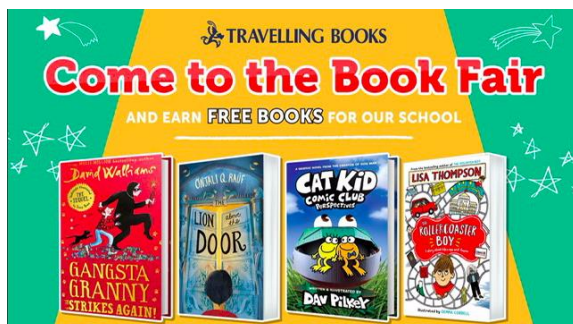


What a wonderful World Book Day it was this week. The children came dressed as some amazing words, the teachers even learnt a few new ones like Abibliophobia – the fear of running out of reading material! The children were so creative and really enjoyed sharing their words with their friends.

It was lovely to be able to share the children's outfits with the parents and family members and the amazing potato book characters they created. The Northern Arts workshops were loved by all the children too and they enjoyed sharing stories with the other classes too. It was a day full of bibliophilia (the love of books)!

If you haven't made payment for the Northern Arts workshop and are able to, please do so as in

order to have these experiences for the children we do rely on parental contributions.



### Book fair

The Travelling Book Fair will be in school from 16<sup>th</sup> March to 21<sup>st</sup> March 8.30 – 8.50am and 3.15 – 3.45pm. For every book that is bought, school gets a percentage of the money to spend on new books so please visit the book fair. It has been 3 years since it was last in school! Each class will get the opportunity to visit during the school day.

### School Uniform

Please be reminded that children should not wear nail varnish for school and should wear black school shoes not boots or trainers. If your child has nail varnish on, please ensure this is removed over the weekend.

## NEWSLETTER – 4 March 2022

### Awards

#### Headteacher Awards

Reception – All of Reception  
Year 1 – Hannah B & Jan C  
Year 2 – Emelia M & Alice P-B  
Year 3 – Kelly I & Alex T  
Year 4 – Tiffany Y & Skyla S  
Year 5 – Amelia D & Anna G  
Year 6 – Bess H & Scarlett K

#### Virtue Awards

Reception – Jasmine L  
Year 1 – Lucy H  
Year 2 – William S  
Year 3 – George B  
Year 4 – Esmae V  
Year 5 – Allegra S  
Year 6 – Layla R

### Diary Dates

\*denotes parents welcome

#### March

Sunday	6	11.00am	Family Mass – 1st Sunday of Lent*
Monday	7	9.00am	Cut off for soup and a roll orders for KS2
Thursday	10	9.15am	Year 2 class assembly*
Friday	11		Family Fast Day – KS2 soup and a roll
Friday	11		Non uniform £1 for Cafod and bring a chocolate bar for the chocolate raffle
W/b	14		Year 6 Sacrament of Reconciliation for Lent
Monday	14		Year 5 residential
Wednesday	16		Year 5 return
Wednesday	16		Book Fair in school 8.30 - 8.50 and 3.15 - 3.45
Thursday	17	9.15am	Year 3 class assembly*
Friday	18		Non uniform for Comic Relief £1 and bring a bottle for the bottle raffle
Friday	18	2.30pm	2022 Good Shepherd Fundraiser*
Saturday	19		Year 5 class Saint – Feast day of St Joseph
Monday	21		Last day of Book Fair 8.30 - 8.50 and 3.15 - 3.45
Tuesday	22	9.30am	Y6 VE day celebration*
Tuesday	22	2.00pm	Reception Easter Workshop*
Wednesday	23	2.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2 Easter Workshop*
Thursday	24	9.15am	Year 1 class assembly*
Thursday	24	2.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Workshop*
Friday	25	2.30pm	Mother's Day assembly*
Monday	28	2.00pm	Year 3 and Year 4 Easter production*
Monday	28		Last day for donations for Easter Eggs for SVP foodbank
Tuesday	29		Stations of the Cross activity day
Tuesday	29	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*
Wednesday	30		Stations of the Cross activity day
Thursday	31	9.30am	Whole school Mass led by Year 5*
Thursday	31	2.00pm	Year 5 and Year 6 Easter Workshop*
Thursday	31	4.00 – 6.30pm	Parents Evening*



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### April

Friday	1	2.30pm	Stations of the cross
Friday	1		Finish for Easter holidays

### Parish news

#### LENTEN ACTIVITIES

The Stations of the Cross once a week: every Thursday at Assumption at 10am, after Mass; every Friday at Holy Name 5.30pm, followed by Mass; every Wednesday at St Mary's at 7.00pm, followed by Mass. (Please note revised time at SM.) We shall use "St Alphonsus of Liguori Stations of the Cross. Copies are available in church at a cost of £4 each. Penitential services in preparation for Easter will occur as follows: St Mary's on Fri 11th March, 7.00pm Holy Name Church on Fri 18th March, 7.00pm Church Assumption on Tues 22nd March, 6.00 pm. Remember, you can make a private confession arrangement if the need arises. Contact any of your priests. Everyone is welcome. Day Of Retreat for Holy Communion Ministers and Readers coming soon. Details to follow. SM 11am MASS (Today) We welcome everyone to our family Mass today. The children will take the reading from the Children's Lectionary.

#### 1st HOLY COMMUNION ENROLMENT MASS

Next Sunday (13th March) at the 9am at Holy Name or 11am at St Mary's we welcome children and their families enrolling for FHC preparation to all Masses. Parishioners will be encouraged to support one of the children by taking a name (only first names will be used) from a basket and praying for them throughout their preparation.

#### FAMILY FAST DAY

This coming Friday, 11th March, is CAFOD Family Fast Day, when we try to eat a very simple meal and give the money we save to CAFOD. Your gift will enable local experts to provide support to families around the world in times of need or conflict. You can return your CAFOD envelope in the church collection next weekend, or donate online by visiting the CAFOD website: [cafod.org.uk/lent](http://cafod.org.uk/lent) Your small act of love can make big things happen.

#### UKRAINIAN CRISIS

Leeds Polish Centre, Newton Hill Rd, LS7 4JE are taking items for Ukrainian refugees or you can donate through: Caritas - Ending poverty, promoting justice and restoring dignity.

#### 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