

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER



Number 8: Wednesday 25 March 2026

A word from Mrs Toner

In a flash, the Lent term has come to an end and we are now well over half-way through this academic year. We have certainly had a busy few weeks in school, with many big events taking place - reconciliation for our Year 3 pupils, Mothers' Day, our Opal Platinum Award to name just a few.

I hope you all have wonderful Easter holiday with your families and pray that we see the sunshine of last week return again!

I look forward to seeing you all when we return to school on Monday 13 April.

Easter blessings, Mrs Toner.



Year 5 Easter Performance – 'Resurrection Rocks'

For those of you who attend the children's Easter production of Resurrection Rocks today, I know you will join me in saying what a wonderful performance it was. From the singing, the dancing, the acting and the stage crew – all of it fantastic! Well done children – you are such a talented bunch! Thank you so much, as always, to the Year 5 staff team who worked so hard to bring the story of Holy week to you all.

Year 6 Easter Egg Raffle



Some of our Year 6s are incredibly proactive and entrepreneurial and have organised an Easter Egg Raffle to raise money for some new, metal football goals.

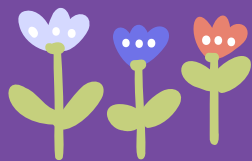
They've told all the children about it so if your child has been asking you to send in 50 pence, that's why. Tickets are on sale until Friday - the Year 6 children will come round the classes, and the draw will happen before the end of term.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

Many congratulations to the children who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time over the past three weeks in church. The children are now well on their way in their preparations towards making their Holy Communion on Saturday 13 June. Please keep them in your prayers. The after school lessons to prepare the children for their First Communion will recommence on Tuesday 5 May.

Year 4 Easter Song

Year 4 are delighted to share their Easter video with you all. [Visit our Youtube and watch their recording of 'I've got a Fire'](#) by Pat Barrett. We really hope you enjoy it and please do pass it on to your friends and neighbours as we continue our mission to spread hope and joy to others this Eastertime.



Parish Easter Events

Your child will come home with a flyer from Fr Philipp tomorrow, outlining all the events taking place at Church over the Easter Holidays.

As is tradition, Mrs Kitching will be leading the children's Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, 3 April. If your child would like to participate in the liturgy, please meet in the parish centre at 9.15am.

Alternatively, if you would just like to watch the service, please head straight into church for 10.15am. The service will be followed by tea and hot cross buns. All welcome.

Mother's Day Liturgy

How beautiful the Mother's Day Liturgies were a couple of weeks ago! Our Reception children made all the mummies and grandmas feel so special as the children gave thanks for everything they do for them - there were very few dry eyes in the house!

Many thanks to the staff who supported the children to bring their 'loud and proud' voices to their speaking and singing



Big thanks go to...

This term, we want to extend our thanks to:

- The Year 3 'swim-watch' parents who have been helping out each Thursday.
- The PTA for their work this term – in particular for taking food to Arnold Foodbank, arranging the Mothers' Day gifts, supporting with the OPAL project, providing tea and coffee at all the events and selling pre-loved uniform to reuse items and save families money.
- Our school governors, who give up so much of their time - offering support and challenge to ensure the success of the school.
- Mr Swanwick, Mr Tuxford and Miss Buczok who all run after school clubs to help us offer well-rounded extra curricular activities.
- Mrs Buxton, who coaches our girls' football team.
- The parents who give lifts to / from football matches.
- Our brilliant reading volunteers.

Car park reminder

For your own safety, please do not bring children through the car park in the morning. If you are late, come to Reception and we will sign the children in and get them to class. All children except nursery children should come through the main green gate please. Thank you for your cooperation.

Lenten fundraising for CAFOD

Many thanks to everyone who has already brought in their sponsor money / paid on Arbor for the Big Lent walk which took place on Monday.

As usual, the children were brilliant and full of energy as they completed many laps of the field on the Helicopter Park. As you know, all money raised goes to CAFOD people around the world who are living in poverty and so far we have raised an amazing £1500.

It's not too late to send in sponsor money – either via Arbor School Shop or as cash into the school office. All donations by this Friday 27 March please. Thank you.

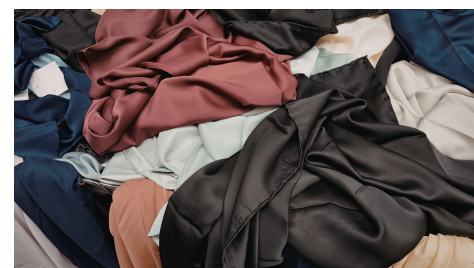


Dates for your diary

March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wedned25th - Year 5 performance of Resurrection Rocks - 2pm and 6pm - all welcome, no tickets needed.• Thursday 26th - Year 2 trip to White Post Farm.• Friday 27th - Last day of term. Easter Holidays.
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 13th - Back to school• 13th - 15th - Year 5 to the Briars.• Tuesday 14th - Y3 Divergent Drama visit (rearranged)• Friday 17th - PTA meeting, 9am, school hall.• Wednesday 22nd - Book Look - 3.30-4.15pm in your child's class.• Wednesday 22nd - Earth Day - read more in the <u>Earth Day newsletter</u>.
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monday 4th - Bank Holiday - school is closed• 10th-14th - Year 6 SATS week• Friday 15th - Wear it Green day for Children's mental Health Week - more to follow.• Thursday 21st - last day of term for children.• Friday 22nd - Inset day - school is closed.

Lost Property

We have accumulated a large amount of lost property over this term! The boxes in the outdoor classroom and on KS1 playground will be emptied over the Easter holidays and any unnamed items sent either to the PTA's pre-loved or to charity. If your child has lost any items, please look for these at prior to us breaking up on Friday. Many thanks.



Follow us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/GoodShepherdCatholicPrimaryWoodthorpe

Find us on Insta: [@goodshepherdprimary](https://www.instagram.com/goodshepherdprimary)

See our videos at <https://www.youtube.com/@goodshepherdprimarycatholi6950/videos>