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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Easter is a very special time for Catholics because it celebrates the most important event in Jesus' life: His resurrection. That means Jesus came back to life after He died on the cross. Catholics believe that Jesus died to show His great love for everyone and to save us from our sins.

When we celebrate Easter, we remember how Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. This shows that love and life are stronger than anything, even death! Because of this, Catholics are filled with hope, knowing that Jesus gives us new life, both now and forever. Easter is also a time to celebrate how much God loves us and how He wants us to be happy with Him forever. Catholics go to church on Easter to pray, sing, and thank God for Jesus' love and for the promise of eternal life.

So, Easter is like a big joyful party to remember that Jesus is alive and that He is always with us, helping us to be kind and loving to others! It's a time to feel happy, full of hope, and grateful for all that Jesus has done for us.

Easter Bonnet Parade



We will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet competition on the last day of term. This is a wonderful tradition that allows our children to showcase their creativity while celebrating Easter. We encourage all children to get involved, and to make it even more fun, there will be delicious chocolate prizes for the most creative bonnets.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Wednesday it will be our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. This event is always a highlight, bringing together children, and staff in a joyful celebration. To make it a success, we'd greatly appreciate your donations of chocolate eggs. Please remember to check that your donations are peanut-free.



Trip to the Shropshire Discovery Centre – A Day of Discovery and Adventure.

On Tuesday, our Year 6 students embarked on an exciting adventure to the Shropshire Discovery Centre, where they explored the wonders of nature, science, and local history. The trip was a fantastic learning experience, offering hands-on activities that tied in beautifully with their current curriculum topics.



Throughout the day, the children participated in a variety of interactive workshops and tours, which sparked curiosity and encouraged teamwork. They had the opportunity to explore the local wildlife, learn about the

fascinating geology of the area, and even engage in some problem-solving activities designed to enhance their critical thinking skills.

The day was filled with laughter, discovery, and plenty of memorable moments. Our Year 6 students were fantastic ambassadors for the school, demonstrating their enthusiasm for learning and their curiosity about the world beyond the classroom.

We would like to thank all the staff at the Shropshire Discovery Centre for their warm welcome and for making the day so educational and fun. A special thanks also goes to the parents and teachers who helped make this trip possible. It was truly an unforgettable experience for all involved!

Dinner Money

A quick reminder about dinner money accounts: if you have an outstanding balance, please take a moment to check your child's account and settle any amounts as soon as possible. Timely payments help us continue providing healthy meals for all our children.

Lent Walk

In other exciting news, as a school, we will be taking part in CAFOD's 'Big Lent Walk'. This will take place on the school grounds on Monday, 7th April. Our goal is for every child to walk at least 1km, contributing to a collective distance of over 200km! Please make sure your child brings a pair of trainers with them on that day.



The Big Lent Walk will also serve as our Lenten fundraiser, aligning with our school's ethos and Catholic values. We have chosen to support CAFOD as a way for our pupils to put their faith into action. By raising money together, we will help those in need around the world and live out our school mission.

CAFOD is the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, working alongside communities worldwide to end extreme poverty and global injustice. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and South

Sudan. Right now, CAFOD is supporting families in Ethiopia who are struggling due to a devastating food crisis caused by years of drought. Your donations will help provide vital resources such as water, emergency food, and healthcare.

We hope that every child can bring in at least £1, which would help us raise over £200 for this incredible cause. If you'd like to ask other family members to contribute, any additional donations would be greatly appreciated. Please bring in all contributions by Monday, 7th April.

Year 2 Trip to Cosford Air Museum – A Soaring Success

On Thursday, our Year 2 children had the opportunity to visit the fascinating Cosford Air Museum, where they spent the day exploring the exciting world of aviation. The trip was an incredible hands-on learning experience, allowing the students to see real aircraft up close and learn about the history of flight in an interactive and fun way.



During their visit, the children had the chance to explore the museum's wide range of exhibits, from iconic military aircraft to modern aviation technology. They were captivated by the sight of full-sized planes, and helicopters all displayed in the museum's impressive hangars. The children enjoyed engaging in a variety of activities designed to spark their imaginations and expand their knowledge of the science behind flight.

A highlight of the day was the interactive displays and the chance to learn about the different forces that allow planes to soar through the sky. The children asked brilliant questions and were eager to share their new discoveries with their friends and teachers.

The visit was not only educational but also a great opportunity for the students to develop a greater understanding of the world around them. They left the museum inspired and excited to learn even more about how aircraft work and the history of aviation.

We would like to thank the staff at Cosford Air Museum for their warm welcome and for making the trip such an enjoyable and enriching experience. A big thank you to the teachers and parent volunteers who helped make this adventure possible.

Church on Sunday

We are delighted to invite you to Mass at **St Mary's Catholic Church** on **Sunday, 6th April**, at **11:00 AM**.

This event is open to all members of our school community, both Catholics and non-Catholics alike. It's a wonderful opportunity for us to come together in faith, celebrate our school community, and enjoy a moment of prayer and reflection.



Whether you're a regular attendee or this is your first visit, we would love to have you join us. Your presence will make this gathering even more special.

We look forward to seeing you there.

**Heavenly Father,
We come before You today with grateful hearts, thanking You for
the gift of our children and the joy they bring to our lives. As we
entrust them to Your loving care this weekend, we ask that You
watch over each one of them.**

**Lord, we pray for their safety in all they do, whether they are at
home, with friends, or traveling. Protect them from harm and
surround them with Your angels to guide their steps and keep them
safe from any danger.**

**Grant them peace and joy, and may they always feel Your presence,
even in the midst of life's challenges. Help them to grow in wisdom,
kindness, and compassion, and may they be a light to others,
reflecting Your love.**

**We ask for Your special blessing upon their families, that they may
find strength and support in one another. May all that is done this
weekend be pleasing to You.**

**We trust in Your loving care, knowing that You are always with us.
In Your holy name, we pray.**

Amen.

Dates for your Diary

01.04.25	Year 6 trip-Shropshire discovery centre	
03.04.25	Year 2 Trip to Cosford	
07.04.25	Big Lent Walk	
09.04.25	Easter Egg Hunt	
	Easter Bonnet Parade	

10.04.24	Children break-up	
11.04.25	PD day	
28.04.25	Return to school	
05.05.25	Bank Holiday Monday	
06.05.25	Reception Trip to Home Farm	
09.05.25	Year 4 curriculum assembly	Children in year 4 will be sharing the work they've been doing in their class. All parents of year two children are invited. This will begin at approximately 8:55 AM in the hall.
12.05.25	Year 6 SATS week	These tests assess children's knowledge and understanding in core subjects: English (reading and grammar, punctuation, and spelling) and mathematics. The results help teachers understand how well children have progressed and are used to inform the transition to secondary school.
23.05.25	Leavers mass in Shrewsbury Break up	Our 6 children will be travelling to Shrewsbury to celebrate mass together with other year 6 children from Catholic schools across Shropshire
03.06.25	KS1 Sports day	Families of children are invited to come and spectate our Sports Days. These will begin at approximately 9:00 AM.
05.06.25	KS2 Sports day	
20.06.25	Year 1 curriculum assembly	Children in year 1 will be sharing the work they've been doing in their class. All parents of year two children are invited. This will begin at approximately 8:55 AM in the hall.
23.06.25	Parents Evening	More information to follow.
24.06.25	Parents Evening	
04.07.25	Reception curriculum assembly	Children in Reception will be sharing the work they've been doing in their class. All parents of year two children are invited. This

		will begin at approximately 8:55 AM in the hall.
18.07.25	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Parents of children in year 6 will be invited to our leavers assembly to celebrate the children's years spent here at Saint Mary's Catholic primary school. The assembly begins at approximately 9:00 AM and should last just over an hour.
	Children break-up for summer	
21.07.25	PD day	