



17th January 2025

Dear parents / carers

Baptism of the Lord

This week, we thought about the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (celebrated on 12th January). During assembly, children thought about how, when Jesus was a baby, he was presented at the Temple by his parents for a special blessing but how, when he was older, he chose to be baptised. We talked about how Jesus was baptised with people who weren't welcome in their own communities and that by doing this, Jesus was giving the message that he wanted to be there for them. Children thought about how Jesus teaches us that God welcomes and values everybody - whoever they are, whatever they do. We reflected on how we can show love to others. Finally, children thought about how the Baptism of Jesus shows us that, through God's love, there is always a chance to make a fresh start and to find peace - sharing Jesus' love with others.



International Human Rights Day – Amnesty International

10th December was International Human Rights Day. Peter Gwilliam, one of our Governors, visited our Year 6 classes on behalf of Amnesty International. He explained what Human Rights are and that they are a gift to us from God. He spoke about how Amnesty works to protect people around the world. Every year, Amnesty International organises a world-wide event called Write For Rights. This year, nine cases were selected from different parts of the world. Details are given about the way in which they suffer from Human Rights abuses. Messages of support are sent. Peter chose one of these cases to discuss with children in Year 6. The Wet'suwet'en Nation in Canada are indigenous people whose land is being taken to construct a gas pipeline which will physically divide it into two parts with a barrier in between. As part of a peaceful protest several were arrested and charged with contempt of court. Each pupil wrote a message of support on a post card which will be sent to those charged. These cards will then join the river of support flowing from all around the world - typically each case will receive about 150,000 cards. By doing things such as this we can, as individuals, act to make a difference in our world. The symbol of Amnesty International is a candle wrapped in barbed wire. In such actions we shine a light into an otherwise dark place. If you would like to take part - there is still time, look up Amnesty International online and, on their website, search for Write For Rights 2024.

Report by children in Year 6 - For our Amnesty International 'Write for Rights' session, a kind man called Peter taught us all about what Amnesty International does and what the campaign was about. We learnt about our human rights and how each person deserved to be treated equally and fairly. He told us about people all around the world whose land was being taken by the government without their permission. We learnt specifically about one person called 'Sleydo' who lives in Canada. She is an indigenous person who has had her homeland split in half by a gas pipe. The people of the land protested against this and were imprisoned. When we were told about this, we found this very unfair. Amnesty International helps these people in need, by writing supportive letters and postcards. In class, we all wrote a postcard to Sleydo to show our support. Our postcards will be just a few of the hundreds of thousands of postcards that will be sent all over the world. There is a bookshop in the North Lane called 'Books for Amnesty' that supports this cause.

To Sleydo
We are so thankful
to have you on our
Earth fighting for
the human rights.
I will be praying
for you and for
everything you've
done on our Earth
Keep up the good
work

Dear Sleydo,
I am supporting you
all the way through,
I pray for you and
I hope you thrive in
your work and
complete your mission.

Dear Sleydo.
Thank you for protecting our
lovely earth.
Thank you for standing up
for what you believe in.
We stand with you!
Your rights are human
rights!



AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



Wishing all of you an enjoyable weekend. Have a lovely weekend. Rachel Breen, Headteacher.

Buddy Masses at Cardinal Newman Catholic School in the chapel.

- Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 – Thursday 23rd January at 9.15am
- Year 1 and Year 5 – Thursday 30th January at 9.15am
- Reception and Year 6 – Thursday 6th February at 9.15am

Entrance for parents will be via the lower gate at Cardinal Newman School, Upper Drive and registering at the Chapel side door as you round the back of it (follow the other parents if you haven't been there before!). Children will be brought across with their classes for the Mass and then will return to school afterwards. Parents will not have general access to school toilets so please come prepared for this. If you can help walk your child's class over, please contact their teacher asap. There will be a retiring collection for the charities that we support. We look forward to seeing you.

Spring Termly [1st half] Overviews on Website

The Half Termly Overviews for the 1st half of the Spring Term have been published on the relevant year group pages on our school website. These overviews give you detailed information about the upcoming topics and, whether it's exciting science topics, creative art projects, or language learning opportunities, there's something for every child to look forward to. We encourage you to find out, and have conversations with your child, about what they will be studying at school. If you have any questions about forthcoming topics, please speak to class teachers.



Anti Racist / Racial Literacy Workshop for Parents

**Workshop for parents. Wednesday 29th January 2025.
9am – 10.15am. Cottesmore school hall.**

What is anti-racism and what does it mean to be an anti-racist school? Schools should be places that are safe and welcoming for all students and staff. This session will give parents and carers an insight into the training that school staff receive as well as helping to develop your own understanding on how to be anti-racist and developing your own racial literacy. The aim is that those attending will then use this information to further support their own child's racial literacy at home as families work to ensure that their children grows up to be an anti-racist member of society. This workshop will help support those attending to develop their confidence when identifying any form of racism (including micro aggressions) and aims to help attendees to feel better equipped and skilled when talking to their children about this in a way that is effective and has lasting impact. **Our aim is for all our families to be actively engaged in teaching their children about being anti racist citizens as well as all being secure in their own racial literacy. Please make the time to come and reflect together on how this can best be done.**

Entry: Radinden Manor gate will open at usual times and you are welcome to enter the hall from 8.45am. Radinden Manor gate will open again at 8.55am - 9am.

Please contact the school office if you plan to come so we can ensure we have enough seats available. If you forget to do this, please come anyway as it's important that as many families attend as possible so no one would ever be turned away. Please promote via class groups as we'd really like as many families to come as possible.



MONDAY 20th	
TUESDAY 21st	
WEDNESDAY 22nd	- Year 6 St Benedict Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 23rd	- Year 2, 3 and 4 buddy mass 9.15am Newman. Parents welcome - Reception St Peter, Year 3 St Martin and Year 5 St Josephine only Parent Cons calls and face to face. - Smartphone Free Chldhood meeting. School hall. 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Ticketed
FRIDAY 24th	
MONDAY 27th	Holocaust Memorial Day
TUESDAY 28th	Reception St Peter, Year 3 St Martin and Year 5 St Josephine only Parent Cons calls and face to face.
WEDNESDAY 29th	- Year 5 St Josephine Forest School am - Year 1 St George Forest School pm - Chinese New Year - Anti Racism and racial literacy workshop for parents. 9am in the school hall
THURSDAY 30th	- Year 6 school trip to Downs Junior Air Raid Shelter - Year 1 and 5 buddy mass 9.15am Newman. Parents welcome
FRIDAY 31st	
FEBRUARY	
MONDAY 3rd	
TUESDAY 4th	
WEDNESDAY 5th	- Year 5 St Oscar Forest School am - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 6th	- Year 3 school trip to Brighton Museum - Reception and Year 6 buddy mass 9.15am Newman. Parents welcome
FRIDAY 7th	
MONDAY 10th	
TUESDAY 11th	- Safer Internet Day – extra online safety lessons in school - International day of women in science
WEDNESDAY 12th	Honeypot Party
THURSDAY 13th	- Year 5 school trip to Brighton Pavilion - Year 4 Viking workshop - PTA uniform sale after school – items between £1 and £2 - PTA Valentines cake sale after school
FRIDAY 14th	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils = 21st February International Mother Language Day

HALF TERM

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February
Outdoors Project Holiday Club on school field

HALF TERM Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February Outdoors Project Holiday Club on school field	
MONDAY 24th	• Reception have chicks coming into school to visit them • Year 3 Pedestrian Training
TUESDAY 25th	• Reception balance bike training
WEDNESDAY 26th	• Year 4 St Lewinna Forest School am • Year 1 St George Forest School pm • Reception balance bike training
THURSDAY 27th	• Reception balance bike training • Parent Consultation calls and face to face and SEN 3.15pm – 6pm
FRIDAY 28th	• Year 4 Swimming • Reception balance bike training
MARCH	
MONDAY 3rd	• Fairtrade Fortnight (until 16th March) • Year 3 Pedestrian Training • Year 3 St Martin Meet the New Teacher 8.55am – 9.20am • Year 5 St Josephine Meet the New Teacher 8.55am – 9.20am
TUESDAY 4th	• Shrove Tuesday • Reception St Peter Meet the New Teacher 8.55am – 9.20am • Parent Consultation calls and face to face, and SEN 3.15pm – 6pm
WEDNESDAY 5th	• Ash Wednesday service in School for children only. Lent starts today • Year 4 St Cuthman Forest School am • Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm
THURSDAY 6th	• World Book Day (dress in pyjamas and comfy clothes)
FRIDAY 7th	• Year 4 Swimming
SATURDAY 8th	• International Womens Day
MONDAY 10th	• Science Week • Year 3 Pedestrian Training
TUESDAY 11th	
WEDNESDAY 12th	• Year 2 St Monica Forest School am • Year 1 St George Forest School pm
THURSDAY 13th	
FRIDAY 14th	• Year 4 Swimming
MONDAY 17th	• St Patrick's Day • Year 3 Pedestrian Training
TUESDAY 18th	• Year 5 Bikability
WEDNESDAY 19th	• Year 2 St Patrick Forest School am • Year 1 St Teresa Forest School pm • Year 5 Bikability
THURSDAY 20th	• Year 5 Bikability
FRIDAY 21st	• World Poetry Day • Year 4 Swimming
MONDAY 24th	• Year 3 Pedestrian Training • Year 5 Bikability
TUESDAY 25th	• Annunciation of the Lord • Year 5 Bikability
WEDNESDAY 26th	• Year 3 St Martin Forest School am • Year 3 St Cecilia Forest School pm • Year 5 Bikability