



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our recent Parents' Evening. Your engagement in your children's learning makes a real difference, and we greatly value the strong partnership between home and school.

Our PTA continues to work incredibly hard behind the scenes, and we are excited about the fantastic events they are planning for the coming months. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

This term, we also say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Casey, who is leaving us after 20+ years of dedicated service to the children of Christ the King. Her commitment, care and contribution to our school community have been truly exceptional, and she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the very best for the future.

We are currently in the process of finalising staffing arrangements for three classes. The names of the teachers will be shared with you as soon as possible.

Finally, I would like to thank you once again for your ongoing support throughout the term. It is deeply appreciated.

Wishing you and your families a happy and restful holiday.

Best Wishes,

Vanessa

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Families of Faith

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Good News from the Gospel	Prayer Corner	Families Faith in Action
Lent is a season of hope and renewal. Each Sunday Gospel reveals something life-giving about Jesus and God's love: • Jesus resists temptation — showing that God strengthens us when we struggle. • The Transfiguration — reminding us that God's light is stronger than any darkness. • The Woman at the Well — Jesus meets us with unconditional love and offers new beginnings. • The Man Born Blind — Jesus brings healing, understanding, and fresh vision. • The Raising of Lazarus — God can restore life and hope even in the hardest situations. • Palm Sunday — Jesus shows that true power is found in peace, humility, and love.	Loving God, Help our family to grow in kindness, to forgive one another, and to walk with you this Lent. Guide us towards Easter joy. Amen.	During Lent, families can live out their faith through simple acts of love: • Pray together in short, everyday moments. • Give to others through donations, charity, and kindness. • Fast meaningfully by giving up small things and choosing positive habits. • Show kindness through helpful actions and thoughtful words. • Read the Gospel and talk about Jesus' message. • Make a family Lenten promise to grow together. • Prepare for Easter with hope, gratitude, and small acts of love.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter Holiday – 30th March to 12th April

School re-opens - 13th April

Whole school mass – 15th April

Yr 6 Swimming begins – 23rd April

Bank Holiday – 4th May

Travelling Book Fair – 5th -12th May

May Procession - 8th May

School Disco – 8th May

SATs – 11th – 14th May

Mental Health Awareness week - 11th May

Walk to School Week – 18th May to 22nd May

KS1 SATs week – 18th May

Yr 3 Class mass - 20th May

Half Term – 25th – 29th May



School Uniform- Please ensure your child/ren come to school in correct uniform

Navy-blue sweatshirt or cardigan with or without school badge

White polo shirt with or without school badge

Skirt or dark grey trousers with white or grey socks

Sensible shoes - Trainers, jelly shoes or sling-back sandals are not acceptable for general wear.

Boots may be worn in winter to and from school; however, pupils must change into black shoes once in school.

Religious head coverings, where worn, should be in school colours or black

Children come into school in their PE kit on their PE day

PE Kit consists - T-shirts should be in the child's house colour (red, green, yellow or blue), White t-shirts are acceptable with navy shorts and plimsolls.

Tracksuits in black or navy may be worn and trainers are acceptable when P.E. is outside, but not for indoor P.E. sessions

Children are not permitted to wear jewellery in school. Only small, simple studs in pierced ears and wrist watches are acceptable

“Smart” watches are strictly prohibited.

Children should not wear jewellery to school on PE days

If children do attend school with jewellery, they will be asked to cover or remove objects before Physical Education lessons or any other lessons where the wearing of such items constitutes a potential safety risk

Teachers and other members of staff do not take responsibility for the safe keeping of jewellery which has been removed.

Mid to long length hair should be tied back. Hair accessories should be minimal and should be brown or black.

No markings should be shaved into hair or on scalp and hair dye, both temporary or semi-permanent is not permitted unless authorised as part of a school event.

The wearing of make-up, nail varnish or false nails is not permitted.

The wearing of temporary tattoos is not permitted.

In consultation with the headteacher, exceptions on the grounds of medical evidence may be granted.

World Book Day Photos

On Thursday 5th March all pupils and staff were invited to dress up as a character from a book.



Mini Vinnies

Our Mini Vinnies organised The Big Lent Walk in school last week to raise awareness and funds for CAFOD.

After explaining the project during Worship, the Mini Vinnies promoted the event to make sure it was a huge success.

Each class in the school completed three laps of the playground on Thursday and the Mini Vinnies walked the 40th lap together, symbolising the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert.



Our Mini Vinnies after completing the 40th lap.



Children from Mrs Powell's class completing three laps.

Nursery – Miss Parsons

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for helping the children celebrate World Book Day. The children had a wonderful morning showing off their fantastic costumes and participated in a variety of themed activities.



This term we are learning all about "Brilliant Books " One of the stories was "Jack and the Beanstalk". Jack plants the mysterious beans in the garden, not knowing they are magic. During the night they will grow into a giant beanstalk reaching high into the clouds. For our Jack and the Beanstalk week, the children planted bean seeds in small bags filled with cotton wool. This allows the children to observe how plants grow. The clear bag allows the children to see the roots develop into bean sprouts. To continue with this theme and part of our learning about plants and traditional stories, the children explored plantable books. These books are made from biodegradable paper that contain tiny seed. After reading the story together, the children planted the pages in soil and watered them. This activity helps children understand how plants grow and what they need to survive, such as water, sunlight, and soil. Over the coming weeks we will watch the seeds begin to germinate and observe as the plants start to grow.



We were delighted to invite parents / grandparent in to join us for a special Mother's Day Morning Tea at Nursery. This was a lovely opportunity to relax, enjoy some delicious teats, and spend some time with their child in their nursery environment, while getting to know our team and other families a little better. We truly value the important role you play in your child's learning journey and loved spending the morning with you all. The children were very excited to take part in getting everything ready. They

helped to set tables, arrange the cups and plates, place forks, spoons, chocolates in each box and carefully place the jam in containers. We counted how many spoonfuls were needed to make each pot full. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to work as a team, practice their fine motor skills, and to learn to take part in a celebration.



The children celebrated British Science Week by carrying out a variety of different experiments. The theme for 2026 is 'Curiosity: what's your question?'. The children have been exploring the world around them through exciting hand on activities. The children showed curiosity, asked lots of lovely questions and discovered how things work.



It has been a very busy and exciting term; we also got to celebrate National Recycling Day by learning how we can look after our planet. The children explored the importance of recycling and how everyday materials such as paper, plastic and cardboard can be reused instead of thrown away. Through fun,

hands on activities, the children sorted the different materials and talked about which items can be recycled. We then used a variety of plans and pictures to create our own artwork and models using recycled modelling.



The children also took part in a special Young Writers competition back in January and had the opportunity to create a poem. We talked about what a poem is and how poets use words to share their thoughts, feelings and imagination. These poems are being published into a Christ the King Nursery Poetry Book.

This week we celebrate the children's achievements by presenting them with a certificate and a bookmark in a while school assembly. We are very proud of the children's hard work.



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent Parents' Evening. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to share your child's progress and celebrate their achievements together. Your continued support and involvement in your child's learning makes a huge difference, and we value the strong partnership between home and school. Please do continue to add to your child's Tapestry account we enjoy seeing all the children's achievements from home. Please do keep an eye on the main school website as this is updated regularly with dates, events and what the children have been doing at school.

Small Garden

Little Garden have enjoyed an exceptionally busy and vibrant March, filled with a wide range of engaging and enriching activities. A particular highlight of the term was World Book Day, during which the children arrived dressed as their favourite literary characters and proudly participated in a themed parade. As part of the celebrations, the children went around the school see all the decorated classroom doors, each inspired by a different well-loved book. Little Garden contributed to this whole-school display by creating their own *Very Hungry Caterpillar* door, designing individual caterpillar pictures and decorating the various foods from the story. This provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate a love of reading and imagination, and the children embraced the occasion with great enthusiasm.

In addition to this, Little Garden took part in the Lent celebrations, during which the children designed their own teardrops for the classroom Lent prayer space, reflecting on the theme *"God comforts us when we are sad."* The children also visited a Lent prayer space in another class, which focused on the message *"Lent is a season of penitence—being sorry for the wrong things we have done, saying sorry to God, and resolving to change with His help."* During this visit, the children contributed by drawing on a jigsaw puzzle piece and offering a prayer. This experience provided a meaningful opportunity for reflection, spiritual growth, and understanding of the values of Lent.

Finally, during Literacy, Little Garden have been exploring *The Naughty Bus*, a book the children have thoroughly enjoyed. They created their own "naughty buses" through cutting and sticking activities and used toy buses to recreate scenes from the story, travelling through materials such as baked beans and water to bring the narrative to life.

Little Garden had a wonderful term, filled with engaging learning experiences and exciting adventures!



Ducklings – Miss Nyilas

Stars of the Week: February 27 – Ezekiel and Akosua, March 6 – Fathima and Blake, March 13 -Arabella, March 20 – Zayd and Aron, March 27 – Tudor.

Ducklings were full of Spring excitement! We went on a bear hunt during English. We enjoyed reading the story and doing different activities including making flapjacks as a snack for our bear hunt! In Maths we learned about position by moving about the classroom and demonstrating our understanding by sitting ON chair, being NEXT TO our friends and started looking at ordinal numbers arranging ourselves from 1st to 9th. In Science we looked at Animals and their lifestyles. Different types, wild, pets, and farm. We also looked at what animals need to live and the life cycle of frogs. For RE we have been on a journey with Jesus as he has been walking these last 40 days to Easter. We looked at how we can be more like him by listening to others, how we can help others, and to pray like Jesus. Miss Charlotte from Berkshire Music Maestros came and did music with us every Monday this term; we enjoyed the singing, instrument playing, and being silly with music. Speaking of visitors, the Year 5/6 class have been coming to read to us every Thursday! It has been a real treat seeing the older children reading to the Ducklings! For DT we looked at preparing food and looked at where food comes from. We tried peeling, chopping and tasting different types of fruits and vegetables. We also started our new core word program where we explore different core words to support our communication in the classroom. So far, we have looked at want, yes, and no. We also celebrated our mother's this month with a special Mother's Day stay and play afternoon where we were joined by mums to play and enjoy some tasty treats. To top everything off Ducklings and the Ark went on our Spring trip to Ufton Court where we explored a woodland circuit, pulled catapults, and played fun games in the woods!







Reception – Mr Taplin

HAPPY MARCH!

Maths

In Maths, we have been focusing on addition. The children have been learning to add two numbers together, working with numbers under ten. They have used practical resources and counting strategies to support their understanding. It has been great to see them becoming more confident in solving simple addition problems.

Music

In Music, we have been learning about different instruments with Charlotte. These include the ukulele and the cello. The children enjoyed listening to how each instrument sounds and learning about how they are played. They were excited to explore the differences between string instruments and talk about their favourites.

Literacy

In Literacy, we explored the story “Pig in the Pond” by Martin Waddell. The children really enjoyed engaging with the text and developing their understanding of storytelling. We focused on sequencing the events of the story, creating story maps and writing simple sentences based on what happened. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow in retelling the story and forming their own ideas in writing.

Religious Education

In Religious Education, our learning has been focused on Easter. The children have been learning about the story of Jesus healing a blind man and discussing what this teaches us about kindness, compassion, and helping others. They have engaged thoughtfully with the story and shared some lovely ideas during class discussions.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came to our Mother’s Day celebration. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. The children were very excited to share this special time with you.

We hope you like the children’s Easter cards, they worked very hard on them and were proud to share them with you.

Have a lovely Easter,

Mr Taplin

MARCH STARS OF THE WEEK:

6 th March Abigail Jaslyn	13 th March Adrian Hannah	20 th March Daniel Nathan
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Year 1 – Miss Scott

Welcome to our March update! It has been such a lovely month in Year 1, and the children have approached every activity with so much enthusiasm and joy. We are proud of how hard they have been working and how kindly they have been supporting one another.

Our Stars- Dakari, Ellie, Jonathan, Kayden, Ruby-Mai and Chinasa.

This month in DT, the children had a wonderful time making their own fruit kebabs. They enjoyed trying different fruits, practising their cutting skills, and creating bright, colourful kebabs.



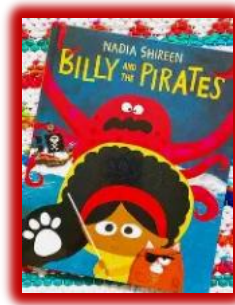
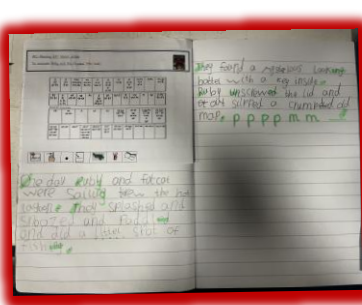
We also had a fantastic time at the Ridgeway Multisport event. The children took part in a variety of activities and showed brilliant effort, teamwork, and positivity throughout the morning.

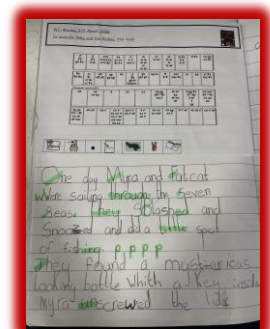
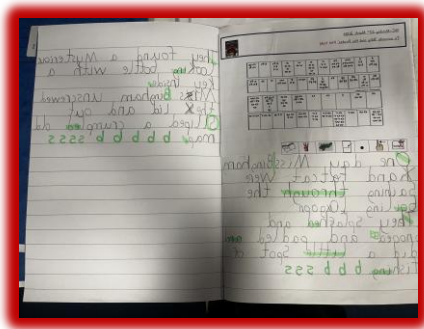


In maths, we have been learning all about numbers to 40. The children have been practising how to partition numbers into tens and ones, spotting number patterns, and finding one more and one less. It has been lovely to see their confidence growing as they become more independent with these skills.



In writing, we have been following our Pie Corbett approach, and the children have really enjoyed working with the story *Billy and the Pirates*. We began by learning the text through story mapping, and the children did a brilliant job remembering the key events and using their maps to retell the story confidently. Once they were secure with the original version, we moved on to innovating the text by changing the main character and the setting, and the children loved exploring how these changes could shape a new adventure. We have also been practising adding the suffixes *-ed* and *-ing* to verbs, and the children have been using these carefully in their writing. I have been so impressed with their handwriting and presentation — they have been taking such pride in their work, and it really shows. The children are now halfway through writing their own versions of the story, and it has been wonderful to see their creativity and independence growing each day.





We also shared a very special Lent prayer morning. The children helped to create a peaceful and thoughtful prayer space for Year 3 to visit, and they took great pride in preparing it. As part of our Lent reflections, we have been thinking about kindness, generosity, and the importance of helping others. The practice of almsgiving encourages us to find ways to give safely and generously, whether through small acts of kindness, helping someone in need, or offering a listening ear. Each act of love brings us closer to God in a meaningful way.



A little reminder to please send a water bottle into school each day and make sure all clothing is clearly named. Please also continue to sign reading records and return reading books daily. Homework books should be returned on Thursdays. 😊

It was so lovely catching up with so many of you during our parents' consultations. Thank you for taking the time to come in and chat about your child's progress. It is always a pleasure to share how well your children are doing. Please remember that I'm also available after school if you ever need a quick chat or have any questions. I do kindly ask that you wait until all children have been safely dismissed before approaching, just so we can keep everyone secure at home time.

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful Easter break, and I look forward to a fun and exciting summer term with the children.

Miss Scott

Year 1/2 – Mrs Uminska

What a wonderful and busy month it has been! Here is a little snapshot of what we have been up to in class.

We started the month by celebrating World Book Day, with children coming in dressed as their favourite book characters. We had a fantastic parade, and it was lovely to see so much creativity and enthusiasm — the costumes were brilliant!



We also made Mother's Day cards and hope all our mums and special people had a lovely day with their little ones.



In Geography, we have been learning the names of the continents and oceans, as well as the cardinal directions (North, South, East and West). The children have loved learning the continents to the tune of our favourite Hopscotch song — you may have heard it at home!



In Science, we explored life cycles and had fun measuring the height of our friends, practising our measuring skills in a practical and engaging way.

In Maths, we have been working with numbers up to 40, building confidence with number recognition, ordering and counting.

In English, we have been studying the fantastic story *Billy and the Pirates*. The children have story mapped, boxed up and invented their own versions of the story — and we are now getting ready to write our very own retellings.

In PE, we explored Dance this month with a pirate theme — the children threw themselves into it and had an absolute blast becoming pirates on the high seas!

In Computing, we have been learning about data handling — looking at attributes, collecting data, and creating our own charts and tallies.



In Design and Technology, the children designed their own fruit kebabs, learned how to use a knife safely, and then made and (hopefully!) enjoyed their creations.

In RE, we have been learning about Lent, and the children are very much counting down the days to Easter- that special and important time in our Catholic life.

Finally, in PSHE, we talked about substances found around the home and the safe and responsible use of medicines — an important topic for keeping ourselves and others safe.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to Parents' Evening — it was truly lovely to have a chat, catch up and see so many familiar faces. We really do appreciate your time and involvement in your children's learning.

Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter and a well-deserved break — I hope you enjoy a wonderful and restful time with your little ones. 😊

Stars of the Week in March:

Deliah and Archie

Ndaya and Osher

Zethan and Naomika

Year 2 – Miss Lockwood

✿ Year 2 Newsletter – What a Busy Month We've Had!

📖 World Book Day

Year 2 had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day. The children arrived in an amazing range of costumes, from classic storybook characters to modern favourites, and the excitement in the classroom was brilliant. We spent the day sharing stories, talking about our favourite books, and taking part in lots of reading activities. As a special treat, we made marmalade sandwiches just like Paddington Bear, and the children loved creating their very own Supertato using real potatoes and craft materials. It was a joyful day full of imagination and creativity.



🍷 Design & Technology – Fruit Kebabs

In DT, we have been preparing to make our own fruit kebabs. The children explored a variety of fruits, tasting them, describing their flavours, and choosing their favourites for their final design. We also practised our cutting skills, focusing on using knives safely and carefully. The class showed great enthusiasm and growing confidence as they worked with real ingredients and tools.



CAFOD Lent Walk

As part of our Lenten fundraising, Year 2 took part in our big Lent walk. The children completed laps of the playground with huge determination, raising money for CAFOD and showing wonderful teamwork and perseverance. It was lovely to see them encouraging one another and taking pride in contributing to a good cause.



🏈 Didi rugby with Reading RFC

We were lucky to welcome coaches from Reading RFC for a Didi rugby session. The children had an amazing time learning new skills, practising teamwork, and taking part in fun, energetic activities. Their confidence grew throughout the session, and the coaches were impressed with their enthusiasm and willingness to try something new.



🌐 Geography – Continents and Oceans

In Geography, we have been exploring the world's continents and oceans. The children can now confidently locate them on a map and have enjoyed learning facts about each one. More recently, we

have been identifying human and physical features across different continents, comparing landscapes, landmarks, and environments. Their map skills and geographical vocabulary have really developed this term.



PSHE – Healthy Me

Our PSHE topic this half term has been Healthy Me. We have talked about how to keep our bodies and minds healthy, and the children have shown thoughtful understanding during discussions. In our most recent lesson, we focused on road safety. We created a pretend road on the playground, complete with “cars”, and practised crossing safely using the Stop, Look, Listen, Think routine. The children took the activity very seriously and demonstrated excellent awareness.



Year 3 – Mrs Asif /Miss Choudry

This month, our class has done lots of work on spellings and improving our handwriting. This has had a good impact on our presentation in our books in all subjects.

In Reading, we have been reading through ‘The Big Book of The Blue’, learning about sea life, how to use non-fiction text and how to write and answer questions to improve our comprehension skills.

In English, we have been focusing on how to create lists of pros and cons for a debate and how to then write these up. The children have written up their debates for and against having to wear a school uniform!

In maths, we have been using pictorial representations of large numbers to help us add and subtract large numbers. This has supported children in coming up with their own abstract ideas for formal written methods to add large amounts.

Year 3 /4 Mrs Gooch

We wanted to let you know why the class page hasn’t had any information on it for this this month. Mrs Gooch is currently off on long-term sick leave, which has meant that updates haven’t been possible.

We’re really sorry if this has left you without the usual insight into what the children have been learning and enjoying in school. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding — it truly means a lot to us.

The staff are working incredibly together to make sure the children continue to feel settled, supported, and happy every day. We hope to add new information to the next edition of the newsletter so you can stay connected with classroom life again.

Year 4 – Miss Thompson

English- This term, we've had a fantastic time diving into *The Greenling* by Levi. The children have been absolutely captivated by its vibrant illustrations and its heart-warming message about coming together and accepting others. Alongside our reading, we've also been stretching our writing muscles by learning how to craft clear and balanced discussion texts. To make things even more exciting, the class split into two lively debate groups: one exploring whether football should be banned in schools, and the other considering whether schools should have tuck shops. It has been wonderful to see such thoughtful ideas and enthusiastic participation from everyone!

Geography- We have been diving into the amazing world of rainforests and exploring the different layers that make them up. The children were especially amazed to discover how many of the medicines and foods we use every day come from the rainforest. It has really helped us appreciate just how valuable and fascinating these extraordinary ecosystems are!

DT- We have been getting creative with stitching and experimenting with a range of different materials. The children have enjoyed trying out various types of stitches and have been practising their skills with lots of care and enthusiasm. We also looked closely at all the different parts that make up a bag, and many of us were surprised to discover just how many components and uses a bag can have! To bring all this learning together, we decided to make handmade purses for Mother's Day. These special gifts will be given out after Easter, once we've added those final finishing touches.

Class Mass- This month, Year 4 and Year 3/4 took part in their class Mass at Christ the King Church, and they were brilliant. Both classes read with loud, clear voices and showed tremendous confidence and reverence throughout the service. The children participated with great maturity, showing real understanding of the significance of the occasion. Staff and parishioners alike commented on how well the pupils conducted themselves. They represented the school beautifully, and we are all incredibly proud of the effort, respect, and enthusiasm they brought to such a special event.

Stars of the week

20th March Myra and Rion

13th March Logan and Lyla

6th March Whole class

27th February Carl and Rasheed

Year 5 – Mrs Casey

World Book Day

What a busy and eventful month we have had. We kick started the month with World Book Day and the theme in our classroom was set on our reading book 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. A magical and adventurous novel about Isabella, a cartographer's daughter, who embarks on a perilous quest to save her island and her missing friend. All the children dressed up, and it was lovely to see such diverse costumes. We had a parade in the hall with activities throughout the day.



The Big Lent walk

We all participated in the Big Lent walk whereby each class completed three laps of the playground with the Mini Vinnies completing the 40th lap. Donations were received for Cafod.

Maths

In maths we have been multiplying using different methods which have also involved word problems.

PSHE

Our theme this term has been 'Healthy Me.' This has involved us discussing different health risks which are prominent for our society today, social media influences regarding health and how being healthy can also assist us with our well-being and mental health.

DT

In DT we have been looking at cakes in WW11 and making it relevant for today. The children baked their own cakes, and fun was had by all. I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Black who was the master mind behind all the cake baking and with her calm manner and organisational skills – a good time had by all.

RE

We have been looking at Lent this term how Jesus went into the desert, how the Beatitudes shape our lives today and that it is also a time for prayer, almsgiving and fasting. In addition to this we have looked at scripture relevant to this theme and finished the term with The Stations of the Cross.

Stations of the Cross

To complete the month, all the year 5 children participated in the Stations of the Cross which was acted out in the church. All the children played a part in the re-enactment of Jesus being crucified. I would like to say a big thank you to all the year 5 children who practised this solemn affair over the last few weeks. A big thank you to Mrs Flynn for assisting and guiding all of us and Mrs Day who played the organ in the Church.



★ Stars of the Week

- February 27th – David & Kamari
- March 6th – Ethan & Michelle
- March 13th – Natalia & Wictor
- March 20th - Issa

Maths Ninjas:

Shodan - Logan

Nidan – Klarke & Heidi

Yondan – Bartosz & Anaya

Sandan – Anaya, Michelle

Godan – Natalia

Rokudan – Issa

Shichudan – Tenzing & Ethan

Kudan - Logan

Year 5/6 – Mrs Powell



Stars of the Week



February 27th: Alba, Charlie, Georgie

March 6th: Lexi, Myra

March 13th: Natalia, Esmee, Nikola

March 20th: Olesia, Elliot

Maths Ninjas

Shodan: Charlie

Sandan: Lexi

Yondan: Nikola

Godan: Samuel, Nikola, Sahan

Kudan and Shodan: Rayaam

Kudan and Sandan: Isaac

World Book Day





We celebrated the popular 'Where's Wally?' books on our class door, but with a little twist – photographs of all the children were placed on a 'Forget Wally – Where are you?' display and the children had to find their face in the crowd. We also designed book marks in class and held a book quiz.

DT

In DT, we investigated how food was made during World War II. The children tasted a modern cake to compare textures and flavours, then they tested cakes made with a basic wartime recipe. Finally, they baked their own WW2-style cakes, adding ingredients only available during rationing.

Maths revision:

Children can log on to [maths.co.uk](https://www.maths.co.uk) up until May 1st to prepare and revise for their Maths SATs papers. Everyone in the class has their own log in.

Lent Prayer Space

During Lent, we held a Lent Prayer Space morning, taking time to reflect on the importance of the season and how we can change for the better. We did a class swap with The Ark and completed jigsaw puzzle pieces for our shrine, exploring times when we had not made the right decisions and how we could make it right.



Year 5 Public Speaking Competition



Year 5 pupils from Mrs Bloom's Class and Mrs Powell's Class attended the Blessed Hugh Faringdon Public Speaking Masterclass on Wednesday. Olesia, Zach, Isabella, Newel, Ewa and Nikola enjoyed the opportunity to gain an understanding of the challenges which they will face in the forthcoming public speaking competition to be held in July. The children took part in workshops and will decide on a topic to discuss.

Year 5/6 - Mrs Bloom

World Book Day



What a busy and eventful month we have had. We kick started the month with World Book Day and the theme in our classroom was set on our Master Readers book 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. *Clockwork* is a dark fairy-tale about a clockmaker's apprentice whose unfinished work causes a frightening story to come to life. Strange characters appear, events click into place like gears, and everyone is forced to face the consequences of their choices.

The Big Lent walk

We all participated in the Big Lent walk whereby each class completed three laps of the playground with the Mini Vinnies completing the 40th lap. Donations were received for Cafod.

Maths

In Maths, we have been working on Fractions. Children have learned how to multiply fractions by whole numbers, find fractions of amounts, and use bar models to understand these processes. They have also explored how to find the whole when given a fractional part and how fractions can be used as operators (for example, understanding that " $\frac{1}{3}$ of 12" is the same as " $12 \times \frac{1}{3}$ "). This unit has helped strengthen confidence with both unit and non-unit fractions.

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DT

In DT, we investigated how food was made during World War II by exploring an authentic rationing-era cake recipe. Children tasted a modern cake first to compare textures and flavours, then adapted and improved the wartime recipe using only ingredients that would have been available during rationing. Finally, they baked their own WW2-style cakes, experiencing how creativity and resourcefulness were essential in cooking at the time.

Maths revision:

Children can log on to [maths.co.uk](https://www.maths.co.uk) up until May 1st to prepare and revise for their Maths SATs papers.
Everyone in the class has their own log in.

Maths Ninjas:

Kudan & Sandan - Perez

Nidan	Sandan	Yondan	Godan	Rokudan	Shichidan	Hacidan	Kudan
Lilly-Mai Louis Sadia	Isabella	Newel Finley Amelia	Chelsea Kade	Ewa Ellarose Leon	Leon Chelsea	Franek Vanessa	Alex

★ Stars of the Week

<u>6th March</u>	<u>13th March</u>	<u>20th March</u>
Leon Isabella	Shay Juliusz	Chelsea Amelia

The Ark – Mrs Machado

Stars of the Week: Jaxon, Spencer, Jai & Nelly

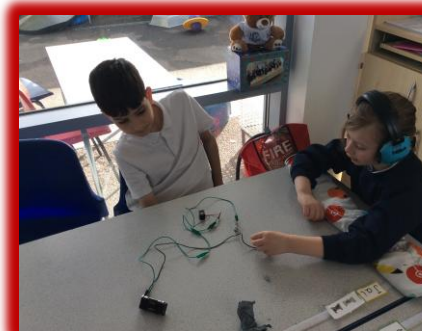
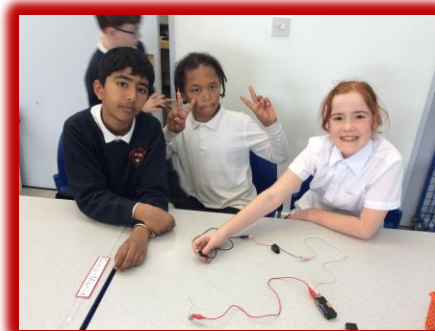
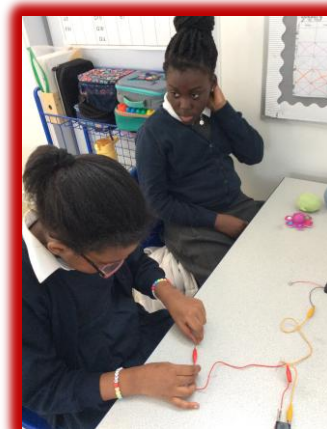
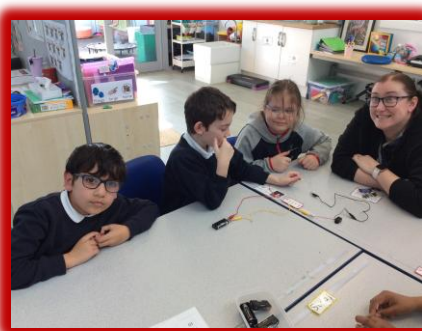
Ufton Court School Trip



Last week, our class enjoyed an exciting and adventurous day at Ufton Court! The children took part in a blindfold sensory trail, working carefully with a partner to explore the outdoors using only their partner's instructions. They then tested their teamwork skills with catapult and parachute games, before heading back to the treehouse for our lunch. In the afternoon, we went deep into the woods for a variety of woodland challenges, including an energetic game of hide and seek. It was a fantastic day full of confidence-building, cooperation, and lots of laughter!

Science: Electrical Circuits

This term, The Ark have been exploring electricity and learning how electrical circuits work. The children investigated a range of components—including bulbs, wires, switches and batteries—and discovered how to build complete circuits that light up or power a device. They explored what happens when a circuit is incomplete or when different materials are added, helping them recognise which materials conduct electricity and which act as insulators. It has been a hands-on, exciting topic that built both confidence and curiosity in the world of electricity!



Year 6 went to Pangbourne Collage for an Orienteering competition against other WEC schools, where they had to run around the college finding different flags on a map, helped by Year 11 pupils. Followed by a lovely hot chocolate and cookie!

One of the teams came first. Well done to all who took part as map reading is a great life skill.



Kids Online Safety - “You Won’t Know Until You Ask”

“You Won’t Know Until You Ask”, is to help parents have open conversations with children about harmful online content, including misogynistic material, body-shaming and rage-bait.

The campaign provides practical tools and prompts to support parents to talk about what children are seeing online, strengthen critical thinking, and challenge misinformation.

Visit <https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/> for information and advice.

**To view the Government press release please use the following
Link**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/is-your-child-influenced-by-toxic-content-new-government-campaign-supports-parents-to-talk-about-harmful-online-content>

Research with parents:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/media-literacy-parents-study>

You can also view this information

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EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS

1

Welcome & Warm-Up Fun: Kick off the day with Easter-themed activities and a fun introduction to the day

2

Teamwork & Friendship: Build confidence and friendships through engaging ice-breakers and team challenges.

3

Get Active: Take part in structured gymnastics and ninja* sessions on the gym floor, developing skills, strength, and coordination in a fun and safe environment.

4

Picnic Time: Enjoy snack and lunch breaks to refuel. **Don't forget your packed lunch!**

5

Fun & Games: Our energetic coaches lead exciting Easter-themed games full of movement, laughter, and smiles.

6

Arts & crafts: Get creative with colourful Easter crafts and take home your own seasonal masterpiece.

7

Cool Down & Reflect: Wind down the day with a calm group game and a chance to reflect before pick-up.

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Walk to School Week 18th – 22nd May

Following the success from last year where 26 schools signed up in Reading, we will be promoting Living Streets' Walk to School Week again in 2026.

Walk to School Week will take place from 18-22 MAY 2026 and is a five-day walking challenge in celebration of the walk to school - the perfect activity to celebrate National Walking Month this May.



THIS YEAR'S THEME AND ACTIVITY

This year's challenge will see pupils set off on a special operation - *Mission Move*, to complete our five-day walking challenge. On the way, pupils will meet fun and friendly secret agents as they explore the many benefits of walking or wheeling to school.

More information can be found below and at the link [https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-](https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school/primary-schools/walk-to-school-week-2026/)

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OPEN DAY FOR YEAR 5 PUPILS

Reading School would like to invite you to a special open day on Wednesday 25th March, 2026.

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SEND Short Breaks - Easter Holiday 2026

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Chance to Dance Make Sense Theatre

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