



SAINT CHRISTINA'S BULLETIN

Friday 20th March 2026



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Dear Parents,

I did not expect to be writing a bulletin about a visit from two dentists, but in a week where a great deal has been going on, it captures the week better than any summary I could give.

During Science Week we welcomed two dentists to speak to the children about teeth, sugar, and all the things that usually result in polite nodding before life carries on as normal. This time, though, it appears to have stuck. A parent wrote afterwards to say that bedtime has taken on a new energy, with brushing teeth now approached with an enthusiasm that had been missing until very recently. If that holds, we may have stumbled across one of the most effective pieces of teaching this term.

The dentists themselves noticed something too. They said they visit a great many schools, but that something stood out at Saint Christina's. They spoke about how much they had enjoyed being in the school, the feel of the community, and how striking it was to see children so attentive and engaged. It is not the first time we have heard that; we hear it often. Visitors and colleagues from other schools regularly comment on the behaviour, the energy, and the general decency of our children.

You will find throughout this bulletin reports on Science Week, Hispanic Week, and Neurodiversity Week. Do take the time to read them and to see in more detail what your children have been thinking about and working through over the course of the week. A special thank you to the many parents who have come in over the past few weeks to share their experiences and expertise with the children, and to my colleagues who continue to go the extra mile.

Each of these is different but they are still part of the same picture, and as you read through you begin to see the pattern in how the children approach things, leaning in to something new or different rather than stepping back, having a go, and engaging, whether that is making a piñata, recognising that not everyone's brain works in the same way, or, as I hope some of you may have discovered this week, a sudden and unexpected commitment to dental hygiene.

Have a good weekend when it comes.

Best,

Damien Walshe
Headteacher



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Neurodiversity Celebration Week

This week we have been celebrating Neurodiversity Celebration Week across the school, and the celebrations continue into next week too!

Today we marked the occasion with a special whole-school assembly, led by our Wellbeing and Inclusion Ambassadors. Ms Geary opened by explaining what neurodiversity means: that all of our brains are wired differently, and that this natural variation - which includes dyslexia, ADHD, autism, dyspraxia and more, is not something to fix, but something to understand and celebrate. Every brain has strengths. Every brain has challenges. And the world is a richer place because of it.

Together, the children then explored what those differences can look and feel like, hearing from inspirational people who think differently and have achieved remarkable things because of it, not in spite of it.

The highlight was a poem written by one of our own children, read aloud and displayed alongside a beautiful piece of artwork created to accompany it.

My brain feels like a carousel.

In the centre there's a pole and all my thoughts are going round it.

When people start singing or talking around me, the carousel gets faster and faster and more thoughts get on.

I get caught up in the thoughts and I accidentally get on the carousel, when I come off, I'm lost.

When there's too many thoughts on the carousel, or it's going too fast, I hear a buzzing.

It buzzes my brain, I can't focus.

I can push the outside of my ears repeatedly, it helps stop the noise and slows my brain carousel down.





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What a remarkable piece of writing. We are so proud of the courage it takes to share something so personal, and of the empathy and understanding shown by every child in that hall today.

Mr Burke - Assistant Head (Pastoral) and Ms Geary - SENCO

Big Lent Walk

Yesterday, children in Years 2–6 took part in our Big Lent Walk at Primrose Hill, organised by our Caritas Ambassadors.

We just wanted to say a huge thank you for your support. The children walked brilliantly and we raised a wonderful £385 for CAFOD to help support families without access to food, clean water or safe homes.

Thank you again for your generosity and support - it really does make a difference.

If you would still like to donate, you can do so here: <https://superkind.org/campaign/saint-christinas-the-big-lent-walk>

Mr Burke - Assistant Head (Pastoral) and the Caritas Ambassadors





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LA SEMANA HISPANICA

This week, our school has been buzzing with excitement as we celebrated Hispanic Week. Timetables were set aside to make space for a really fun and immersive experience, and what a fantastic week it has been!

The children have been brilliant, getting involved with the Spanish language and enjoying lots of new traditions and cultural activities. It's even been fun seeing some of the teachers having a go at speaking Spanish too.

Throughout the week, the children took part in a wide range of activities. The children loved making and tasting their own guacamole, creating colourful flowers and papel picado to decorate the school, and designing their own piñatas (with some well earned treats at the end). Zumba sessions brought loads of energy and laughter, and there were also some really interesting conversations about traditions.

One of the highlights was Wednesday morning, when we welcomed parents into school to share stories and information about their countries. A big thank you to everyone who came in, we really appreciate it. The children absolutely loved it and were so excited to take part.

It's been a really special week, full of fun, learning and celebration.

Ms Bretones - Head of Spanish, Art & DT





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Science Week at Saint Christina's

We enjoyed Science Week at Saint Christina's this week, with the national theme being Curiosity. Luckily for us, we know that we our children enjoy being curious so we were able to combine this with our other 6Cs to have a week of Science.

Our Science Week was launched with Curiosity and Communication by a talk from two local dentists who gave the children a demonstration about how to brush our teeth, oral hygiene and showed our older children how a 3D scanner works to create images of teeth. The impact of this has been heard around the school, from parents commenting about the renewed enthusiasm their children have had about brushing their teeth (see Mr Walshe's bulletin article about this), from children considering a career in dentistry.

We have also been using our Critical Thinking and Commitment by investigating bubbles - which tools make the best bubbles, if can we have a bubble of different shapes and what makes a bubble last longer. Although we used our serious Science skills, we also had great fun!

Our Creativity has been employed while we tried to draw a picture as a team, reminding us that all good STEM work needs teamwork for it to be successful and this frequently involves good co-operation.

Finally, if your child would like to enter the poster competition, the details are [here](#). Any entries should be in by **Tuesday 24th March** please.

This week, our main lesson has been that we can have fantastic Science and STEM learning with household equipment. Keep enjoying Science!

Miss Chand - Head of Science





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Art Exploration Week 4

This week the children explored new materials while continuing their sculpture work. Using pipe cleaners and thread, they practised threading different beads and enjoyed exploring how these could be added to their sculptures.

The children were also introduced to wire and oasis for the first time. They experimented with bending the wire and pushing it into the oasis to build different sculptures, discovering how these materials behave in a different way from the ones we have used before. There was lots of focus and attention to detail while threading, as well as plenty of practice of fine motor skills and a good test of our patience and concentration. Although the children all used the same materials, the sculptures all look completely different, with each child putting their own ideas and creativity into their work.

Ms Randle - Head of EYFS





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Science Week in Reception: Exploring Flowers

This week, Reception has been learning about flowers and the changes we see during spring. We have been reading stories about the flower life cycle and learning about the different parts of a flower. During choosing, the children have been making their own flowers in the playdough area using stencils and running a busy flower stall in the role play area. As part of Science Week, we carried out a class experiment using white flowers and coloured water. Together, we added red, blue and yellow food colouring to the water, cut the stems on an angle, and placed the flowers into the vases. The children predicted that as the flowers drink the water, the petals would begin to change colour. They have been carefully observing the flowers with magnifying glasses to spot any changes. After one day, we have noticed only very small changes so far, but we are continuing to watch closely at the science table. Some children even predicted it might take up to a thousand minutes, so we are excited to see what happens next!

Ms Williams - Reception Class Teacher





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Year 1 OH - First whole school Mass

Year 1 OH were so proud to lead their first whole school Mass in front of parents and the wider school community. We were amazed by how confident the children were as they read, sang and took part with such reverence and joy. Their incredible singing and beautiful actions helped to make the Mass truly special, and it was a lovely moment to share together.

Ms Higgins and Ms Khalique - Year 1 Class Teachers



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Y1 OH - PE Showcase

Year 1 OH loved showing off their skills to their parents during our PE lesson this week. We have been learning tag rugby and enjoyed practising our passing, tagging, dodging and scoring lots of tries. There was such a great sense of energy and excitement throughout the session.

A highlight for everyone was getting our parents involved at the end, when they had to try and catch us to tag us. It was a lovely opportunity to share a snapshot of our learning and what we enjoy in school each day.

A huge thank you to Mr Raveney and Mr Artur for making this special experience happen.

Ms Higgins - Year 1 Class Teachers





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Year 2

In Maths this week, Year 2 have been exploring mass, capacity and temperature. The children have been learning how to compare objects by thinking about which items are heavier or lighter and using balance scales to help them investigate and explain their ideas.

They have also been thinking carefully about how we measure different things in everyday life, exploring how much something holds when we talk about capacity and how temperature can change. The class enjoyed making predictions, comparing different objects and discussing their reasoning as they worked.

It has been a really practical and engaging week of Maths.

Mr Burke - Year 2 Class Teacher

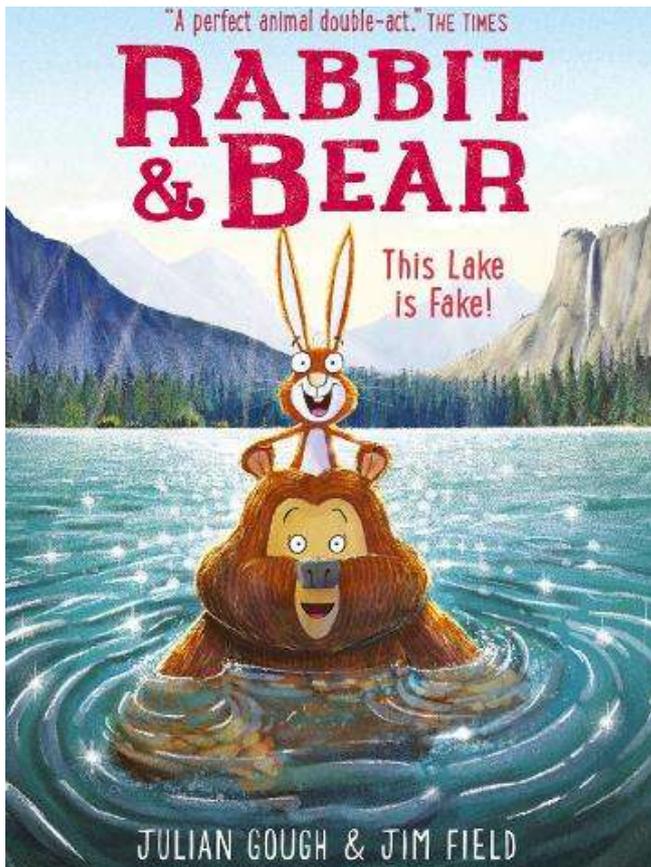
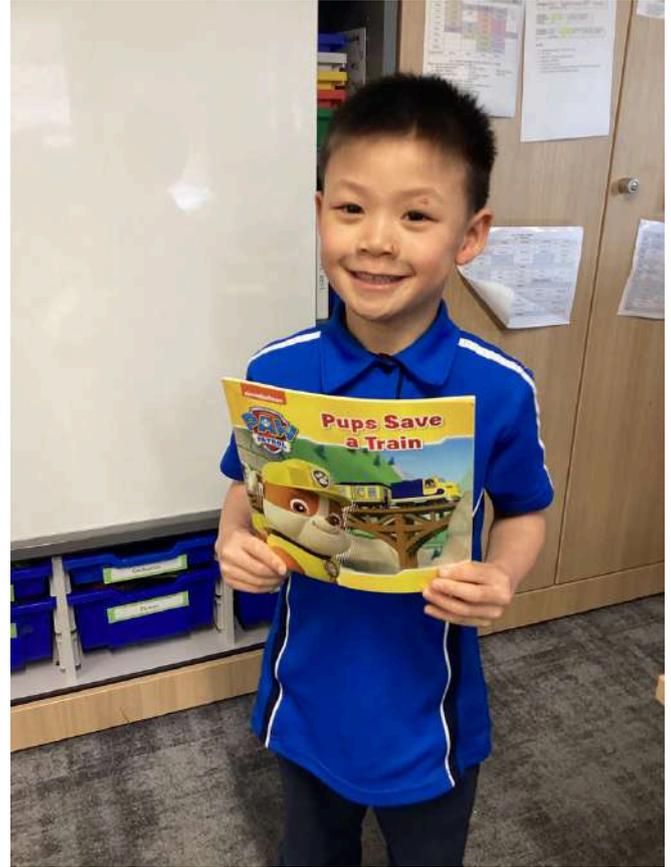




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KS1 Story Club

Pups Save a Train: I like this story because they were trying their best and it was very pretty. - Child in Year 1 MK



Rabbit & Bear This Lake is Fake: I liked Rabbit's vision for the perfect world and the cave was filling up with poo which was super funny! I also liked the part when he says 'I have a Vision of a perfect world' and the vision is not coming true. - Child in Year 2



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Year 3

This week in Maths, Year 3 have been working hard on developing their understanding of fractions. They have been learning about numerators and denominators, and what these represent within a fraction.

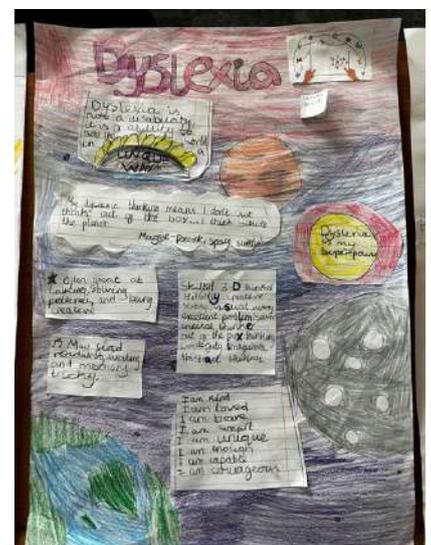
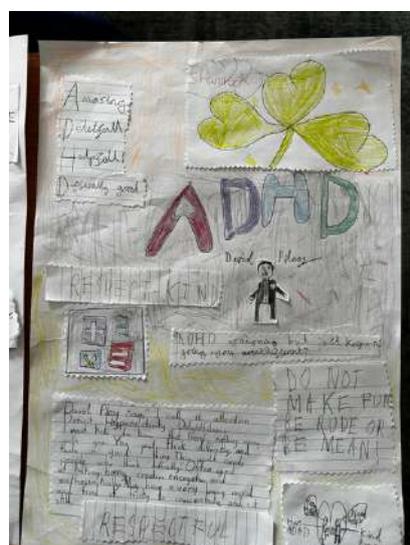
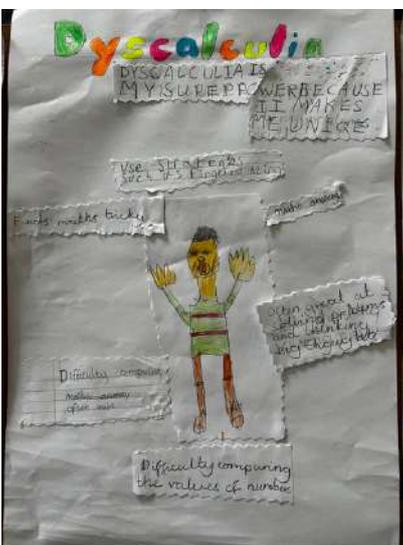
The children have also been comparing and ordering both unit and non-unit fractions, building their confidence in recognising the relative size of different fractions. In addition, they have been exploring the links between fractions and scales, helping them to see how fractions apply in real-life contexts.

They celebrated Neurodiversity Week with great enthusiasm and curiosity. The children spent time researching and learning about a range of conditions, including Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, and Dyscalculia.

Working collaboratively in small groups, they showed excellent teamwork and respect for one another's ideas. Using their creativity, each group designed eye-catching and informative posters to share what they had discovered.

I was particularly impressed with how well the children communicated, listened to each other, and worked together. It was wonderful to see them developing both their understanding and their teamwork skills. Well done Year 3!

Ms Sephton - Year 3 Class Teacher





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Year 4

This week in Year 4, we explored the parable of the Judgement of Nations in RE, linking the works of mercy to Lent through our own journey diagrams or calendars. In Geography, we compared Sherwood Forest with the Amazon Rainforest, and in Maths we continued our decimals learning by adding, partitioning and ordering tenths and hundredths. In English, we completed comprehension work on The Hare with Many Friends and chapter 10 of Journey to the River Sea, and revised prepositions. Our rainforest dioramas are coming to life in Art as we created plants, trees and animals to add next week. We also celebrated Science Week with a visit from Seven Dental Clinic, team-drawing challenges, and bubble experiments; enjoyed Hispanic Week workshops, including piñata-making and film analysis; and ended the week with an exciting trip to hear the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican, where the children were fantastic role models throughout.

Ms Farquhar - Year 4 Class Teacher





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Year 5

We had a lovely visit from a child's mum, who taught us all about Ramadan, a special and important time in the Muslim faith. We learnt about fasting, prayer, and helping others, and we created beautiful lanterns called fanous, which are often used as decorations during Ramadan. It was a wonderful and creative way to learn about another faith. Thank you for such a wonderful workshop and for the wonderful lantern-making activity!

Ms O'Leary - Year 5 Class Teacher





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Year 6

It has been another wonderful week, and I can hardly believe it is already the penultimate week of term!

In English this week, the children have been crafting vivid and dramatic descriptions of the battle scene from Macbeth. Using powerful imagery and ambitious language techniques, they have worked hard to bring their writing to life. By engaging the senses and carefully selecting precise verbs and expanded noun phrases, they have created wonderfully atmospheric pieces. They also applied their "thinking moves" brilliantly, showing thoughtful reflection and creativity throughout the process.

As part of Science Week, Year 6 enjoyed a visit from a dentist, learning more about oral health and the importance of looking after their teeth. They also took part in a fun collaborative STEM challenge, where, in small groups, they used pegs attached to a single pen, with strings tied to each peg. Holding only the strings, they had to work together to control the pen and draw an image, requiring excellent teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills.

Beyond the classroom, the children also enjoyed taking part in the House Quiz. A group of boys have been particularly engaged during Curiosity Club, where they have been playing chess and developing their strategic thinking and sportsmanship, relishing the opportunity to challenge themselves and one another in a calm and focused environment.

It was also wonderful that the sun was shining for our CAFOD Lent Spring Walk around Primrose Hill, which was a lovely opportunity to enjoy the outdoors together.

Mrs Ellisdon - Year 6 Class Teacher





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The battlefield flooded with armour and swords as soldiers rushed in from all sides slashing at the air before trunking into bodies. Cries of agony and terror filled the air like a bad smell, the sounds of corpses falling to the ground as Macbeth carved through helpless warriors trembling in fear.

The smell of wet grass was soon replaced by the putrid stench of blood. The clouds darkened as if angered by the chaos below. Arrows fell like rain hitting many unfortunate people taking out large groups at once leaving the lucky survivors scattered and wounded.

Macbeth, consumed by a relentless fury, struck down an enemy commander, the metallic taste of blood lingering on his tongue. Clash! Splat! A soldier had dented Macbeth's armour, only to be beheaded two seconds later. As rain fell, mud formed and tripped everyone who stepped in it making them vulnerable to attacks.

Fire burns and crackles as Macbeth is faced by an enemy he once knew. Their swords clashed and swung for what seemed like an hour until, at last, a decisive blow struck its mark, and one fell with a blood-curdling cry and they fell to the ground with a blood curdling scream...it was Macbeth!

Finn - Y6



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Sport Update

This week has been incredibly busy in school sport, with lots of fantastic participation and effort from our pupils.

Our Year 6 girls' football teams took part in two tournaments this week, competing extremely well throughout. The girls played amazingly well across the events and should be very proud of their efforts.

On Wednesday we took part in a local competition alongside 9 other schools hosted by Cavendish School. We topped our group of five teams, winning three games and drawing one, which saw us progress to the final. We went on to become overall champions, beating City of London Girls on penalties. Penalties are never easy, but the team stepped up with confidence, scoring some excellent goals. A special mention goes to Alice for two remarkable saves in the shootout. Well done also to Pia, who was awarded star player for her constant energy, as well as her excellent passing and tackling throughout the event.





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The Year 6 netball team played a league match, narrowly losing 8–6 and 7–5 despite their best efforts. There was some excellent shooting from Ava across both games, alongside brilliant defending from Alice. Well done to all of the girls involved for their hard work and commitment.

It was also lovely to welcome Year 1 OH parents on Tuesday to watch their tag rugby lesson. The children have worked incredibly hard during their sessions and consistently show great effort and enthusiasm. It was wonderful for parents to see the progress they have made, and the children thoroughly enjoyed having you there. We look forward to welcoming 1MK parents next Tuesday.



Upcoming Fixtures

Monday 23 rd March	Channing	Y6 Netball Girls	Away	15.30-16.00
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Mr Raveney - Director of Sport



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Music Lessons

Exam Results

Congratulations to Lily (Year 2) and Angelo, Annabelle, Benjamin and Noah (Year 4) who all passed their initial grade piano exam this term. Well done to all of you and to Mr Pun their teacher too!

Orchestra Trip

Last Thursday the orchestra visited the Primrose Hill Community Orchestra at St Mark's Church, having been invited to watch a rehearsal. The orchestra made us feel very welcome and demonstrated the different instruments, before we were treated to a private concert as they practised the repertoire for their upcoming concert. I (Mrs Bryant) was invited to play alongside the violins and really enjoyed it – this was also a chance to show the children that even when we can't play all the music yet, we don't panic but keep reading along and play what we can! It was great to hear Mr Puzey our violin teacher playing a solo part and to watch him conduct the orchestra. We hope to return during the summer term.



Year 4 Music Trip – London Symphony Orchestra

On Friday this week Year 4 visited the Barbican Centre to hear the London Symphony Orchestra give an orchestral storytelling concert. The story was called "The King Who Tried to Change His Fate" and Year 4 have been preparing in their Music lessons this term. We have explored the different sections and instruments of the orchestra, and experimented with composing motifs to represent different characters. We had great fun exploring a range of percussion sounds and bringing them together in our own class composition. It was wonderful to finally hear the orchestra live and to hear the story brought to life through music.



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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 29th April – EYFS Music Showcase Assembly

Tuesday 12th May – KS2 Spring Concert (ensembles)

We have spaces for flute, violin, guitar, trumpet and trombone lessons at the moment. If you are interested in lessons for your child, you can find information and the application form [here](#). If you have any questions please contact me via email - ebryant@saintchristinas.org.uk

Mrs Bryant - Director of Music

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NOTICES and REMINDERS

Nut Free School

We have a number of children and staff in the school who have serious nut allergies. Please will you ensure that you do not give your child any nuts or nut products (e.g. Nutella) to bring into school.

Summer Uniform

After the Easter holidays, all children should return to school wearing full summer uniform.

Mass – Reminder to Parents and Carers

We kindly remind parents and carers that, in line with our safeguarding policies and school guidelines, photographs and videos must not be taken of children during Mass.

We also ask that this time is respected as a moment for reflection and prayer. We would therefore be grateful if parents and carers could refrain from using mobile phones during Mass.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Online Safety – Children and Mobile Phones

The NSPCC has published guidance for parents and carers about children's use of mobile phones and staying safe online. While phones can be helpful for communication and learning, it is important that children are supported to use them safely. The advice encourages parents to have regular conversations with their children about their online activity, set clear boundaries for phone use, and make use of parental controls and privacy settings.

You can read the guidance here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>



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Dates for your diary

Monday 23rd March

- No Clubs
- Year 6 Netball Fixture (Away)

Wednesday 25th
March

- Year 6 Parent Coffee Morning
- Year 4 Zoo Trip

Thursday 26rd March

- Year 1 Cinema Trip
- Passion Play

Friday 27th March

- Nursery Art Exhibition

Friday 27th March

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT MIDDAY FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS

Tuesday 21st April

CHILDREN RETURN IN FULL SUMMER UNIFORM

Wednesday 22nd
April

- Earth Day

Thursday 23rd April

- Year 3/4 Inter House Football



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Friday 24th April

- Year 6 - TFL Citizenship
- Staff Mass (2.45 pm)

Monday 27th April

- Year 5/6 Cricket (Away)
- Extra-Curricular Clubs Start

Tuesday 28th April

- Year 6 Girls Football Tournament (Away)

Wednesday 29th April

- EYFS Music Assembly (Details to Follow)
- Year 5/6 School Journey Information Meeting (Details to follow)

Thursday 30th April

- London Fire Visit
- PL Quiz Night (Details to Follow)

Friday 1st May

- Mr Walshe is visiting Latymer Upper School
- Year 6 Mass (2.45 pm)

Monday 4th May

- BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 5th May

- Year 3 Swimming (2 weeks)

Thursday 7th May

- School Council Trip (Details to Follow)



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Friday 8th May

- Georgia Carmichael Visiting (A lesson in Resilience)
- Year 5 Mass (2.45 pm)

Monday 11th May

- Mr Walshe is attending St. Paul's Girls School Prep Head's Welcome event
- Year 4,5 & 6 Cricket (Away)

Tuesday 12th May

- Spring Concert (Details to Follow)

Wednesday 29th April

- EYFS Music Assembly (Details to Follow)

Friday 15th May

- First Holy Communion (Details to Follow)
- Year 4 Cricket

Monday 18th May

- Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip
- St Raphaela Feast Day

Friday 22nd May

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT USUAL TIME FOR HALF -TERM

Monday 1st June

CHILDREN RETURN

ABOVE TIMES/DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please note: Policies can be found on the School Website – please click link below:

<https://www.saintchristinas.org.uk/our-school/policies/>