



Dear parents/ carers

We have reached the end of the second term in the year!

In today's newsletter I have included all the dates to the end of the year already in diary – some have had to change a little since we set them in September – and more events have been added – please do check the dates for your child's class/ the whole school events.

Big Lent Walk:

Thank you for your support for our fun and fundraising. Firstly – apologies that we had to cancel the whole school trip to Elvaston Castle – the ground there was so wet and waterlogged despite yesterday being a lovely day that it just wouldn't have been the trip out we all wanted.

The children really enjoyed the extended fun afternoon at lunchtime. We will look for a date after Easter to actually have the trip to the Castle – especially as I counted the miles in advance toward our walk from Rome to Bangladesh.

Challenge 1:

All classes have planted their sunflowers – none are peeping out yet – but we will be judging the biggest monthly!

Challenge 2:

We have walked so far a total of 2533miles towards the total to get to Bangladesh. We have already walked further than last year. The castle would add a further 1500 miles so that is why we have 'succeeded' in this challenge and are in non-uniform today!

Challenge 3:

Raise £1000. We have raised a grand total so far of £878.64 (so nearly at target!!). If you still have money to send in, please either add it to ParentPay, add to Just Giving or send it into the office in cash. I know last year we kept on receiving money after Easter. Thank you so much for your support with this – CAFOD does so much good work around the world and I know they appreciate the efforts of schools to support them.

A special mention to Archie in Year R and Poppy in Year 3 who ran a lemonade stand at home as part of their fundraising – fantastic!!

Parent survey:

Please do try to find some time if you haven't yet to fill in our parent survey – we would really like the views of as many parent as possible. The link is [here](#)

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Uniform:

After Easter we move into summer uniform. This means polo shirt may be worn instead of a shirt and tie (if a shirt is worn then a tie should still be worn) and red/ white summer dresses may be worn.

Mass times over Easter:

I know Fr Mark would love to see the children at mass over the easter period. These are the mass times at English Martyrs.

Holy Thursday: 6.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: 3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday: 6.30pm Vigil Mass of Easter

Easter Sunday: 9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

Wishing you all a peaceful and calm Easter holidays.



Best wishes

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Headteacher

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Key dates Summer 2025/26

April:

- Monday 13th - Back to School
- Tuesday 14th - YR&1 trip to Bluebells Dairy
- Wednesday 15th - Year 2 Retreat Day
- Wednesday 22nd - Year 2 Celebration of the Word (9:15am – preceded by Y2 breakfast at 8:30am)
- Friday 24th - Non-uniform day for the PTFA Summer Fayre – donations of chocolates
- Wednesday 29th - Year 1 Retreat Day

May:

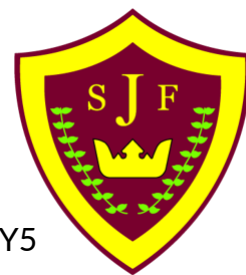
- Monday 4th - Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 6th - Year 1 Celebration of the Word (9:15am – preceded by Y1 breakfast at 8:30am)
- w/c Monday 11th - KS2 SATs week
- Friday 15th - Non-uniform day for the PTFA Summer Fayre – donations of non-perishable foods
- Tuesday 19th - Year 6 Alton Towers trip
- Wednesday 20th - Year 6 Retreat Day
- Year 6 Lea Green meeting 3:30pm
- Friday 22nd - May Procession 2:30pm
- Break up for Half term

June:

- w/c Monday 1st - Back to School
- Year 4 Multiplication Check fortnight starts
- Wednesday 3rd - Year 5 Retreat Day
- Friday 5th - Non-uniform day – donations of bottles
- w/c Monday 8th - Year 1 Phonics screening week

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- Wednesday 10th – Year 5 Celebration of the Word (9:15am – preceded by Y5 breakfast at 8:30am)
- Thursday 11th – New Parent's Meeting 3:30pm
- Friday 12th – PTFA Summer Fayre 3:30pm ->
- Monday 15th-17th – Year 6 Residential
- w/c Monday 15th – Healthy Fortnight Week 1
- Tuesday 16th – Year 1 Airport trip
- Wednesday 17th – Year R Retreat Day
- Year 2 Airport trip
- Thursday 18th – Fire service visit to Year 2 and Year 6
- Monday 22nd – Mass (St John Fisher) 10am at school
- w/c Monday 22nd – Healthy Fortnight Week 2
- Wednesday 24th – Year R Celebration of the Word (9:15am – preceded by YR breakfast at 8:30am)
- Thursday 25th – Sports Day 1:30pm
- Monday 29th – Sports day (reserve day)
- July:**
- Tuesday 7th – Transition in School Day 1
- Wednesday 8th – Transition in School Day 2
- Thursday 9th – Transition in School Day 3
- Tuesday 14th – Year 6 Leavers Play 5:30pm
- Wednesday 15th – Year 6 Leavers Play 2pm – followed by Year 6 Leavers BBQ
- Thursday 16th – PTFA Summer Disco 3:30pm ->
- Friday 17th – Reports to parents
- Monday 20th – Leavers Mass 10am at EM Church [TBC]
- Wednesday 22nd – Break up for end of school year.....



School Year 26/27

Monday 7th September to Friday 23rd October (Friday 4th INSET)

Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December

Monday 4th January 2027 to Friday 12th February

Tuesday 23rd February to Thursday 25th March (Monday 22nd INSET)

Monday 12th April to Friday 28th May [Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May]

Monday 1st June to Friday 23rd July (Monday 26th INSET)

INSET Days: Friday 4th September, Monday 22nd February and Monday July 26th – with 2 further INSET days to be confirmed