



# Friday Bulletin

Friday 19th January 2024

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# Message from Mr Dachtler



Dear Parents,

The start of the new year has coincided with freezing conditions outside. However, I can assure you that inside school, the new term has been 'hotting up' with the start of a number of new before and after school clubs as well as the start of an exciting series of writing workshops, exploring sentence structure, handwriting and spelling. We look forward to continuing these workshops into next week for Years 4,5 and 6 parents.

Many of you will be aware that Fr Roshi is soon to be moving to begin an exciting new chapter of ministry. We would like to thank Fr Roshi for his support of our school over the past few years. During this time he has helped our Faith Team to lead assemblies as well as supporting us with many aspects of our liturgical calendar including Masses and Reconciliation. Fr Roshi has a special Mass on Saturday evening at the church that I hope many of our families will be able to attend.

Please do keep the children in Year 3 in your prayers, many of whom are beginning their First Holy Communion classes this weekend. Please also pray for the members of our school and church community who are Catechists, led by our very own Mrs Malone.

Mark's Gospel this weekend sees Christ announcing the good news that "*..the time has come...and the kingdom of God is close at hand.*" Fishermen - Simon, Andrew, James and John all lay down their nets immediately and follow Him. A new community is formed that will go onto become Christian faith as we know it today. Our own school community and parish are an incredibly important part of our lives. We are blessed with a thriving school and church filled with disciples with an extraordinary array of talents and gifts. Let's continue to use them!

Wishing all of our families a warm weekend.

Mr. Dachtler



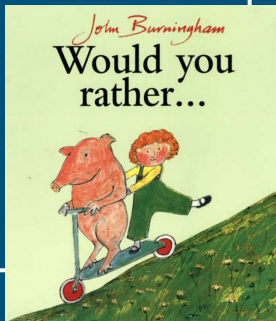
# BOOK TALK

On these pages, we usually highlight brilliant books published recently. However, this week, our choices are old books that are still loved and enjoyed.



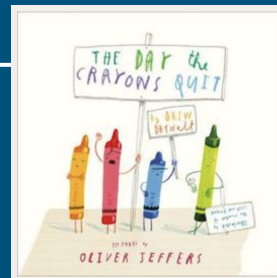
## Would You Rather ... by John Burningham

Would you rather that your house was surrounded by water, snow or jungle? Would you rather be covered in jam, soaked with water or pulled through the mud by a dog? How about being made to eat spider stew, slug dumplings, mashed worms – or drink snail squash? The format of the book and lack of judgement enables readers to talk together about what they'd rather do and why – important in building confidence with little ones about making their own choices for their own reasons.



## The Day the Crayons Quit Written by Drew Daywalt and illustrated by Oliver Jeffers

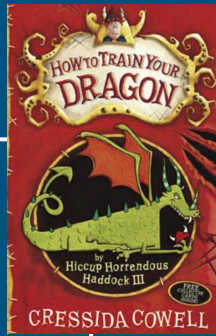
Duncan just wants to do some colouring - but when he opens his box of crayons, he finds a whole bundle of letters of complaint. The crayons aren't happy: Beige is sick and tired of playing second fiddle to Brown; Blue is exhausted after colouring in so many oceans, lakes and rivers; Orange and Yellow can't agree on who is really the colour of the sun; and Peach has a rather embarrassing problem. Can Duncan come up with a solution to keep the crayons happy - before they quit colouring for good?



# BOOK TALK

## How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

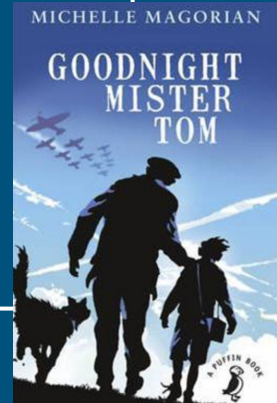
Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III was an incredible sword-fighter, dragon-whisperer and the greatest Viking hero who ever lived. But he wasn't always like that - in fact, in the beginning, Hiccup wasn't fierce, brave or heroic at all. But the arrival of the Seadragonus Giganticus Maximus offers the chance for Hiccup to shine. The ferocious bravado of the other Vikings proves useless, and Hiccup is called upon to save them by using his brains rather than his brawn. Can he defeat the dragon and save the Viking tribe from certain death?



## Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian

Willie Beech is evacuated to a tiny English village in the country just before the outbreak of World War II. A lonely and deprived child, he finds himself living with the reclusive, gruff old widower, Thomas Oakley. Although the two find it hard to adjust to their life together at first, they gradually develop a strong, mutual bond. Willie begins to enjoy life and make new friends in the village.

Michelle Magorian's classic wartime story is a superbly written and deeply moving tale, which shows that even the most unlikely people can become exceptional parents.

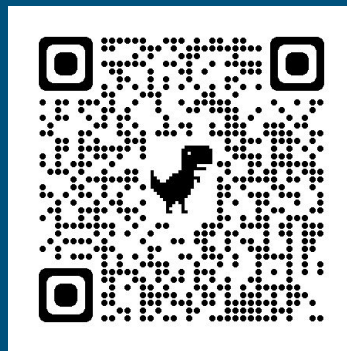




# School Library Wishlist



Our children at St Teresa's love to read, and by buying a book from our wish list, you will help to continually improve the range of books we can offer in the school library. Each book will be labelled with the name of the family who donated it, so please remember to add your child's name and class to the gift message so we know who donated the books. Click on the link [here](#) or scan the QR code opposite to buy and donate a book. Please choose the St Teresa's delivery option when you check out.



Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated books to the library.

# Headlines of the week

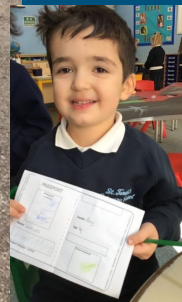
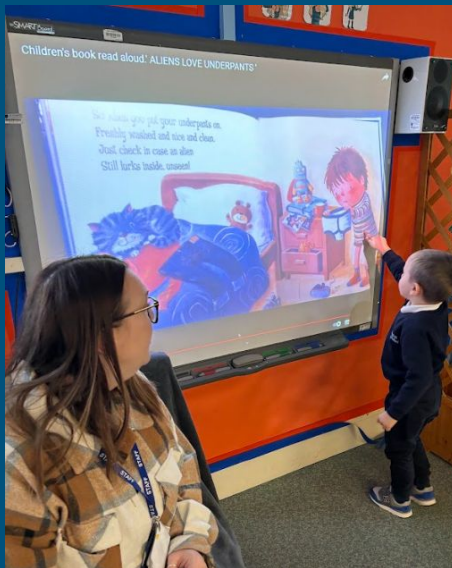


# Nursery

Nursery have had another great week full of aliens, number work, phonics, PE and creating their own ice sculptures in the chilly temperatures outside!

All the children made their own alien passport, counted to five using teddy bears and learnt three new sounds s,a,t! Amazing work Mini and Tiny T's.

The children have had great fun in PE, exploring new exercises and getting their hearts beating fast!





# Reception

This week the children continue to discover the jungle and use adjectives to describe the many animals that live there. We focused on our growth mindset, like the character Gerald from Giraffes Can't Dance and talked about the things we can do and the things that we can't do...yet!

Nature helped with Science this week as we explored cause and effect by using our senses with Natural Ice Play, thanks to the freezing cold weather.

Completely opposite to the temperatures in a Jungle!



# Year 1



Year 1 have had an exciting week in school. In our RE lessons we were visited by Mrs Malone and some of the altar servers who told us all about their roles in the church. Afterwards, we spent some time role playing what we do in Mass.

We also had a fantastic 'experience day' in our English lessons where we imagined what it is like to ride on a bus and went on a virtual journey around Sutton.

In our Science lessons we had lots of fun carrying out an experiment to help us learn more about how penguins stay dry in Winter.



**Our NED champions this week:**

**1KH:**

**1LH:** Mark is our NED champion this week. He has had a great start to the Spring term and has been trying hard in all areas of his learning, particularly English where he is work hard to improve his handwriting. Keep up the good work! :)





# Year 2



## Writing Workshop

Thank you Year 2 parents for **attending**, it was great to see so many of you.

For anyone who was not able to make it, workshop presentations will be shared with parents, once all have taken place.

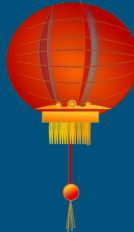
This week, whilst it has been very cold, children having been working hard in **RE lessons** and **recognising** the different ways **we show The Gospel reverence and respect** during **Mass**.

In **Maths**, we have started learning all about **money** and have been **exploring** the **value** of **different coins** and **notes**.

In **English lessons** we have begun a new text called ***The Journey Home*** by **Frann Preston-Gannon**. This text offers us the opportunity to begin discussing with children the **impact that us humans** can and do have **upon the habitats of the wonderful animals and creatures** that we share our world with and what we can do about this now.

In **Geography** we have been learning about **Chinese New Year** and celebrated by **making our very own Chinese lanterns**.

This week our wonderful NED champions are: **Eadie in 2LM** and **Victoria in 2CM**. **Well done to you both!** 😊



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# Year 3

This week in English, we have continued our work on the Egyptians where we wrote descriptive sentences about Howard Carter and how he helped discover Tutankhamun's tomb. We also practised how to write in present perfect tense when writing postcards.

We had a great and enjoyable Art lesson where we produced some amazing prints, and in French, we learnt how to describe the weather.

We were on our feet in Music as we explored the pattern and structure of the music 'March' from the Nutcracker.



★ NED CHAMPIONS ★

**3EW**

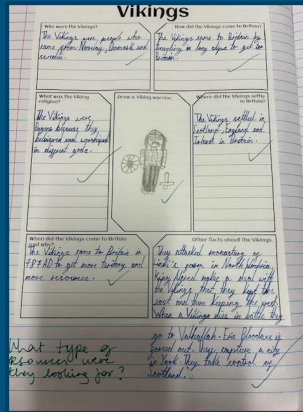
**Emilija's** determination and perseverance this week has enabled her to produce some great work, especially in her maths lessons.

**3M**

**Maya** is our 3M Ned champion this week. Her positive attitude in our maths lessons has shone through in her work and been an inspiration for others.



# Year 4



Year 4 have had a busy week since Viking day on Friday, where the children learnt a great deal and enjoyed invading the Year 5 and 6 classes! We have since written a 'Viking life' fact file in History, as well as researching Norse Gods for a presentation to our class. In Science, we devised an experiment to find out if gas weighs anything, by weighing fizzy drink bottles and then left them for 4 days without lids on, to be weighed again. The children had to think about variables and make a prediction of which drinks they felt would lose the most gas.

## Well done to our NED champions in Year 4

In 4D, Niall is our NED champion for his reflective and considered answers in RE about how the church supports the community. He demonstrated his immense knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of people within the church. Well done Niall!

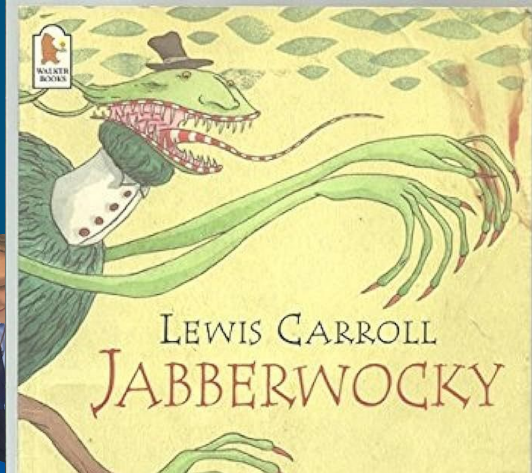
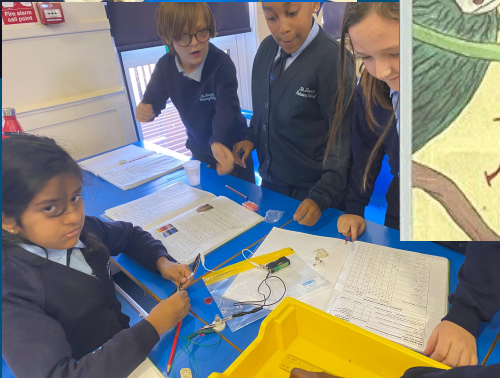
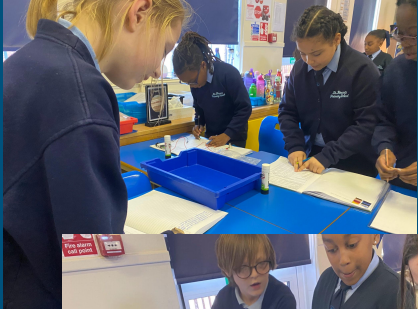
In 4P Olivia embraced Viking Day last Friday as the golden-haired goddess Freya. Much like Freya, Olivia is hard working, conscientious and kind and she brings a sassy confidence to the classroom.



# Year 5



In Year 5, we had a fantastic week continuing our work on *The Malfeasance* by Alan Bold, as well as reading *Jabberwocky* by Lewis Carroll and writing our own amazing nonsense poems! In Science, we investigated the properties of different materials, including thermal and electric conductivity, transparency and magnetism.



## Our NED champions this week:

**5G** - Isaiah is always extremely dedicated and hardworking but I have been especially impressed after Christmas by his commitment to his Maths! His practising of long multiplication and short division have been brilliant. Isaiah's behaviour for learning has also been fantastic and it has been great to see his eager engagement in the classroom. Well done, and keep it up!

**5C** - Ella has been a superstar this week! In class, she has persevered at increasing her pace of work and fluency. Ella also spent half an hour with Yr1 to answer all of their questions about her role as an altar server. She did this with great enthusiasm and maturity. Fantastic work Ella!

# Year 6

This week, students delved into the wonders of Ancient Greece through an immersive experience day featuring Greek dancing, a taste of Greek cuisine, and engaging games. These activities enriched their understanding as they transitioned into History and English lessons.

**Congratulations to our NED champions...**

**6W - Aiden N.  
6F - Will**





# Noticeboard



## Reminders

Polite reminder - The playground toilets are for use by children **only**, if you are in need please go to the front office where there is an adult toilet.

Yr 2-5 Boosters for some children start next week - please see information on the letter received by your child.

The next coffee morning is January 26th - please see next slide for details.

Please see the next slides for all the exciting upcoming FOST events during the Spring Term!

Boosters for some children in Yr 2-5 start next week - please see information on the letter received by your child.

## Upcoming key dates

- 23 Jan - Yr 6 Parent Writing Workshop
- 24 Jan - Yr 5 Parent Writing Workshop
- 25 Jan - Yr 4 Parent Writing Workshop
- 26 Jan - Family Coffee Morning

## Useful links

- [Contacting the school](#)
- [Term times](#)
- [Reporting absence](#)
- [School menu](#) (New for Autumn Term)
- [Religious Education](#) Spring Curriculum

# FOST

Spring 2024  
event schedule...



 **Friday 2nd  
February  
Valentine's  
Disco**

in the school hall  
[Click below to purchase tickets](#)

EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15

KS2 5:30-7:15



**Thursday 29th  
February  
'Leap for Leap Day'**

during school time



**Friday 22nd  
March  
Easter Film  
Night**



in the school hall













**Times and ticket  
information coming soon.**



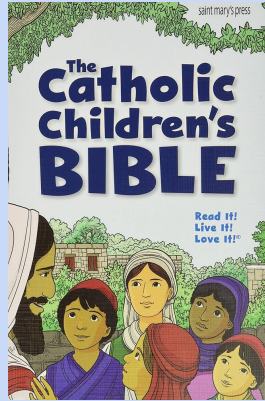
# FOST

## Spring 2024 event schedule...



What?	Where?	When?	How?
 <b>Valentine's Disco</b> 	<b>School Hall</b>  	<b>Friday 2nd Feb</b> <b>EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15</b> <b>KS2 5:30-7:15</b> 	Click on the correct link below to purchase your tickets. <a href="#"><u>EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15</u></a> <a href="#"><u>KS2 5:30-7:15</u></a> 
<b>Leap for Leap Day</b> 	<b>In school</b>  	<b>Thursday 29th Feb</b> During the school day	This is a <b><u>new event</u></b> to celebrate the rare occurrence of 29th February. <b><u>More information</u></b> about this fundraising event will be <b><u>available soon.</u></b>
 <b>Easter Film Night</b> 	<b>School Hall</b> 	<b>Friday 22nd March</b>  <b>TBC</b>	As promised, we are rescheduling our film night. <b><u>Times and ticket information coming soon.</u></b>

# Wonderful Word club!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wonderful Word Club has been happening in school since Autumn one term.

Please encourage your children to join us and build a deeper knowledge of scripture or you may indeed like to do this together at home.

Come and discover the wonderful Word of God. Journey with us through the hot deserts of Israel, across the deep, Red Sea into Egypt, up into the cooler mountains around Sinai. Come and meet Jesus and His ancestors in the scriptures!

Take some time to open your mind and let God's words sink deep inside. We'll wonder, question, pray and together discover what God is asking us to do. **Every Wednesday 12:30-12:55pm.**

# Family Coffee Morning - Friday 26th January 2024

Please join us for the next family coffee morning. This will be led by Merton's NHS Wellbeing Service and Miss Gregory.

## Family Coffee Morning



The sessions will have a short presentation which will include different strategies, support and information on how to support your children. The sessions will be fun and informal. There will be lots of time to ask questions and share experiences.

**Friday 26th January 2024**

### **'Helping your child's fears and worries'**

*Different ways you can:*

*Talk with your child about worries*

*- Identify key worries*

*- Support your child with their anxieties and worries*

*- Provides some key resources*

Time: 8.45am-9.30am

Location: The School Library

Miss Gregory (SENCo) and Mrs Cain (Jigsaw4u) will be at the session.

No need to book, just turn up!



## HELPING YOUR CHILD'S FEARS AND WORRIES

Wellbeing  
Support Service  
NHS In-School

**A webinar for St Teresa's parents delivered by Merton's NHS Education Wellbeing Service**

It can be hard sometimes to know how best to support your child's fears and worries. This webinar provides a range of guidance, tips and tools for supporting common childhood fears and worries including around loss.

This free webinar looks at different ways you can:

- Talk with your child about worries

- Identify key worries

- Support your child with their anxieties and worries

- Provides some key resources

**Dates:**

-Friday 26th of January 12.30-1.30pm

-Thursday 8th of February 7.30-8.30pm

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to hear more and sign up. Limited free tickets available.

