



# Friday Bulletin

Friday 15th March 2024

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# Message from Mr Dachtler



Dear Parents,

As you will see from the varied activities across all classes - it has been another super week in school. It has been especially pleasing to see children preparing for Easter.

Sunday was a very special day for our community as Archbishop John Wilson visited the Parish. It was a great privilege to be able to host the buffet lunch in our school hall and speak with the Archbishop, who told me that he was truly moved during the choir's beautiful singing during mass.

The Gospel this weekend has a scientific feel as Jesus explains the process of a planted seed having to die before coming back to life and growing again. His foretelling of the Easter story is a message of hope, renewal and growth. Something for us all to ponder on this weekend...

Happy St Patrick's day for this weekend!



Mr Dachtler



Here is a leaflet from the NHS with advice regarding when and how long your child should be off school when unwell.



## Should I keep my child off school?

**Yes**

**Until...**

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

**No**

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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**Advice and guidance**

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.do/minfex>.

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## Cafod Big Lent Walk

Wednesday 27th March

During Lent, we focus more intently on "almsgiving," which means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. This Lent, St.Teresa's chosen Charity is Cafod.

Cafod have challenged people to walk 200 km during Lent. That's a long walk for one person but we are planning to do it together in school On Wednesday 27th March. Sponsorship forms will be sent home and will need to be returned with donations raised on Thursday 28th March.





# Stay and pray.

Monday at 9am in  
the School Library.



Come to pray,  
Come to learn,  
Come to sit quietly and think,  
Come to worship,  
Come to light a candle for yourself  
Or someone you care about,  
Simply come...

## Lent at St Teresa's 2024

- **Y5 Easter Liturgy** for parents - **Tuesday 26th March** - time TBC
- In school, during lunchtimes, our **Faith Formation Team** will be leading children in some **quiet reflection** as we think about the time Jesus spent in the Garden of Gethsemane and to give children their own chance to “watch and pray.”
- **During Holy week**, the Faith in Action Team want us to all join in
- ‘*The Big Lent Walk*’ to raise money for Cafod.
- Here is a link to a short video on Lent - [Lent in 3 Minutes](#)

# THE TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR



The Scholastic Travelling Book Fair will be in the school library next week from Tuesday, March 19th, to Thursday, March 21st, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. It will also be available on the morning of Friday, March 22nd, for anyone attending the parent coffee morning. The children will visit the fair with their teacher on Monday to view the books and create a wishlist.

We have a fantastic range of books for all ages, so please do come and browse the shelves. We appreciate your support, as the proceeds from the fair will go towards funding new books for the children. To make buying your books even easier, we are able to take payment online. For more information, please visit this [link](#).

Our book recommendations this week are all from Scholastic Books. If you buy books on their [website](#) we get 20p for every pound you spend to buy books for the school so do think about it the next time you are shopping for books. Instructions on how to add our school name to your order are [here](#).



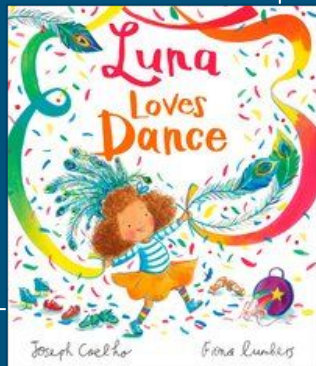
# BOOK TALK



Our books this week are all from the wonderful Joseph Coelho, a writer and poet, who has something to offer for all ages.

## EYFS - Luna Loves Dance

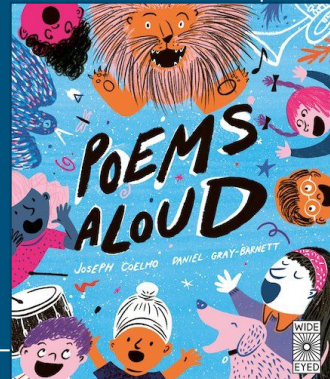
When Luna dances, she feels like the world's volume turns up, like all colours brighten, like sunlight sparkles behind every cloud. But when she takes her dance exam she ducks, dives, spins and... falls. Luna thinks she can't be a real dancer now. Can Luna's family convince her otherwise? Celebrate every culture and every style of dance with Luna.



## Key Stage One - Poems Aloud

In this wittily illustrated anthology of poems, designed to be read aloud, twenty poems arm children with techniques for lifting poetry off the page and performing with confidence.

Perfect for confident children and shy readers alike, this book teaches all sorts of clever ways to performing poetry.



# BOOK TALK

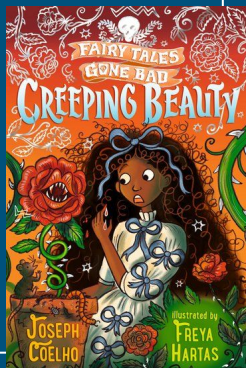
Find out more about the amazing Joseph Coelho on his [website](#).



## LOWER KEY STAGE TWO -

### Creeping Beauty

The third in Joseph Coelho's Fairy Tales Gone Bad series is just as fun, slightly creepy and stunningly illustrated as the first two. The verse novel format (meaning fewer words on each page) and the many illustrations throughout combine to make it an appealing read. This twist on Sleeping Beauty is absorbing, original and deliciously magical.



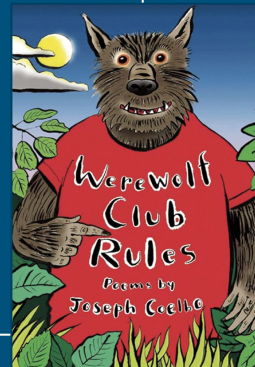
## UPPER KEY STAGE TWO -

### Werewolf Club Rules

Do not talk about Werewolf Club!  
You can howl about it  
But never talk.

Do not walk to Werewolf Club!  
You can bound to it in moonlight  
But never walk.

Find out the mysterious rules of Werewolf Club, how to look like a rainbow, what happens when puppies fall in love and how to fold up your gran!



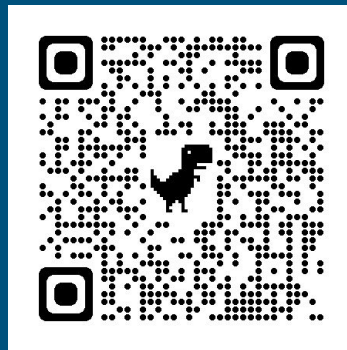


# School Library Wishlist



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 to The Ritchie Family for their recent donation of a book on Ancient Egypt inspired by our Year 3 history curriculum.



# Headlines of the week





# Nursery



*Nursery have had a brilliant week! They have had a great time learning through play outside in the sunshine. We hope this weather is here to stay.  
Happy Friday!!*



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# Reception

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The children in Reception have enjoyed listening and retelling the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have discussed language used in traditional stories, enjoyed role play and even made bridges for the goats to cross!

In Maths we followed on from last week's doubling to look at halving numbers.

The children went for a walk on our school grounds to spot signs of spring and new life as we begin our new topic in RE.



# Year 1



Another fabulous week in Year 1!

This week, we have started our new English topic all about Safaris. We thought about what lions look like, where they live and what they eat. All of this will help us to write our own fact files.

This also linked to our learning in Science. We learnt about the different animal groups and made comparisons between their features. We completed our own research into each animal group and presented our findings to the class through circle time.



Our NED champions this week:

**1KH:** Harry lights up the classroom with his infectious smile and cheeky sense of humour. He **always** works hard, even when he finds work challenging. Most importantly, he is the kindest friend to his classmates and teachers.

**1LH:** Lacey Rose is our NED this week. She has been working extremely hard in English coming up with some great facts about Lions to add to her fact file. She has also been a superstar in Maths comparing the Mass of different objects.

Well done Lacey-Rose! :)



# Year 2

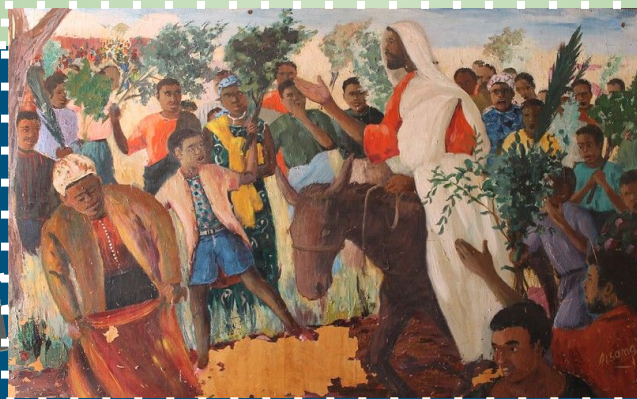


Children in Year 2 have been **working hard** and been very busy completing another round of **assessments** this week and there has been **lots of progress to see**. Well done Year 2!

During **RE lessons**, they have been learning about the importance of **Palm Sunday** and the significance of **Holy Week** and considering the **good choices** they can make between now and Easter.

They have also been learning about what a **balanced diet looks like** and considering the importance of the food we eat during **PSHE lessons**.

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



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# Year 3

As part of our Lenten preparations, Year 3 had a wonderful opportunity on Thursday to pray The Stations of the Cross at St Teresa's Parish Church.

Our English work this week combined our skills in writing a non-chronological report with everything we have learnt in geography about volcanoes. **A truly explosive combination!**

In music we are challenging ourselves by creating music inspired by the W.H. Auden poem 'Night Mail'.



## ★ NED CHAMPIONS ★ 3EW-

Eliza has worked incredibly hard this week with her writing. She maintained good concentration and focus during her Big Write about volcanoes. Her sentences have been throughout and carefully written.

**3M -** Aris is our 3M NED champion this week. He has shown that he can learn from his mistakes and make great progress as a result. Well done Aris.



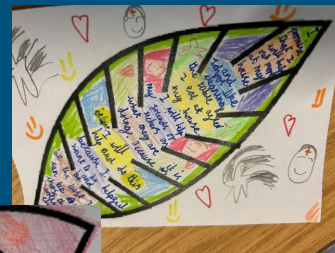
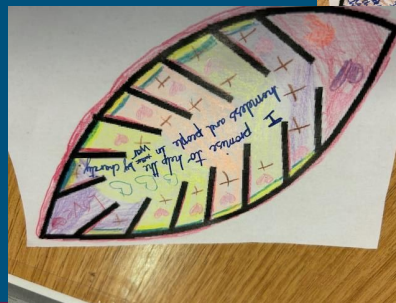
# Year 4



This week, Year 4 have been learning about how we can live in God's way during Lent. We have learnt why Christian's fast at this time, about almsgiving and thought of ways in which we can do things to make someone else's life a little better, writing our ideas on Lenten leaves. We also held a debate based on *Luke 6:27-28* and the difficulties of showing love to those who are unkind to us and treating others as we would want to be treated ourselves.

In English we have continued our work on *The Iron Man* book by Ted Hughes. We have explored different writing techniques such as expanded noun phrases, repetition and various forms of figurative language.

In the final week of this term we will have a design and technology day. In preparation for that, if you are able to, please send in a cereal box and some newspaper.



## Well done to our NED champions in Year 4

In 4D, Sophie is our NED champion this week for her exemplary learning behaviour and attitude to learning. She has approached assessments, lessons and tasks with diligence and focus, proving her skills with pieces of work that have been a pleasure to mark. Well done Sophie!

In 4P, Eric P has been inspirational in RE lessons this week, contributing pious and insightful views on how we come closer to God during Lent. He referred to the Gospel according to Luke to explain why we should show kindness to those who do us wrong and why that can be difficult.



# Year 5



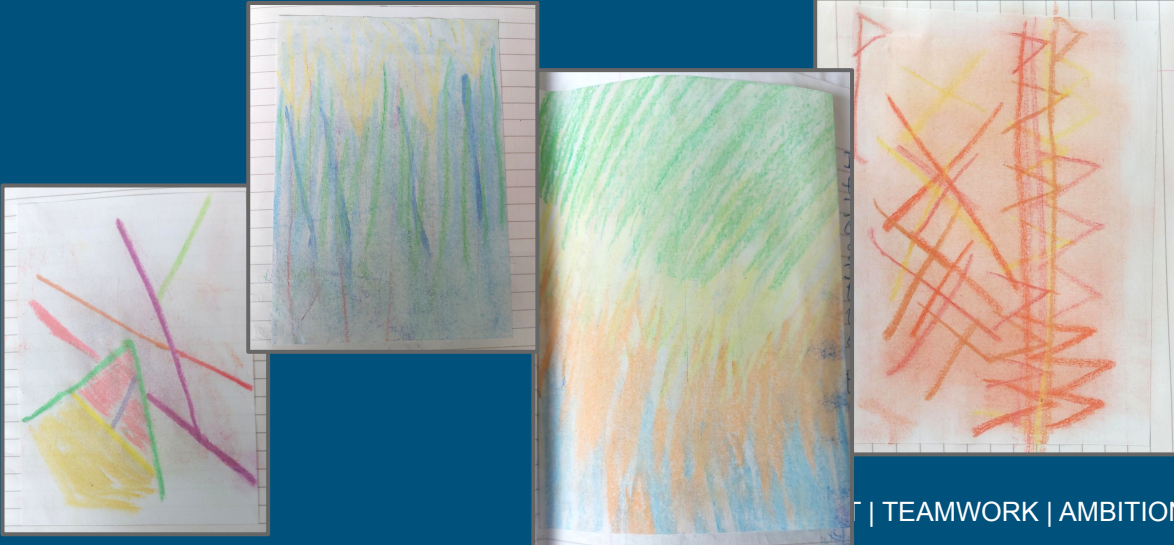
It has been another fantastic week in Year 5! The children completed their first full dress rehearsal in costume on Tuesday and they can't wait to show you their hard work in the final week of term.

We have started the new topic of perimeter and area in maths and have continued to find out more about Macbeth in our English lessons. The children have participated in a debate and written a persuasive argument to Macbeth. During RE, we explored how we might respond to betrayal and demonstrated our ideas through art and colour.

## Our NED champions this week:

**5G** - Evana has been working incredibly hard this week and I have been especially impressed with her enthusiasm and energy in English. Evana has been really excited by William Shakespeare's Macbeth and has been making fantastic inferences and predictions. Evana's Maths reasoning and arithmetic has also been very impressive. Well done!

**5C** - Charles is our NED champion! He continues to be well organised and put his all into every piece of work. Charles has produced some lovely writing as part of his early morning work and has recorded his reading in his reading record every single day of the year so far, including the holidays! Keep up the great work.



# Year 6



We've recently completed our mock SATs examinations, providing us with valuable practice ahead of the real SATs in May. These mock tests have allowed the children to gauge their readiness and identify any area that we can focus on to ensure they are fully prepared for the upcoming assessments.

In year 6, children have been diligently delving into the world of algebra, grappling with expressions and formulas to deepen our understanding of mathematical concepts.

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

**6W - Mithan**  
**6F - Madeleine**

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# 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.

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

If your child has an upcoming trip please remember to give permission for them to attend via parent pay.

Boosters for children in years 2-6 will end Week beginning 18th March.

Clubs for the Summer term will be available to book on parent pay Monday 18th at 5pm.

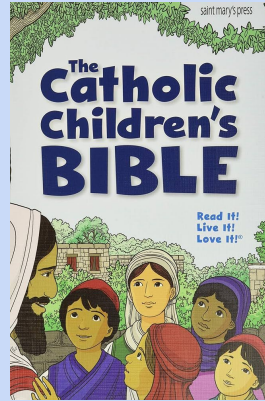
## Upcoming key dates

- 19-21 March - Travelling book fair in the school Library
- 19th March - Yr5 Trip to Globe Theatre
- 22nd March - Family Coffee Morning
- 22nd March - FOST Easter Film night

## Useful links

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

# 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.**

# FOST

Spring 2024  
event schedule...



Friday 2nd  
February  
Valentine's Day

in the school hall

[Click below to purchase tickets](#)

1 3:30-5:15

2 5:30-7:15



Thursday  
29th February  
'Leap for Leap Day'

during school time

[Click here for information](#)



Friday 22nd March  
Easter Film  
Night

in the school hall

EYFS 3:30 - 4pm

Y1&Y2 4:15pm - 5:45pm

Y3 - Y6 6pm-7:30pm

**£4 per child**

[Click the link to purchase tickets](#)



# FOST

## Spring 2024 event schedule...



What?	Where?	When?	How?
 <b>Valentine's Disco</b>  	  <b>School Hall</b>		<b>Thank you</b> for your support with this event parents and families. <b>Over £1100 was raised</b> which will greatly help to support future school projects and improvements. 
<b>Leap for Leap Day</b>   			Leap for Leap Day was a huge success yesterday - <b>thank you to all parents and families for sponsoring your children</b> so generously. <b>Over £2000</b> has been counted so far and money is still coming in, wow! <b>Thank you and well done to all involved.</b> 
 <b>Easter Film Night</b> 	<b>School Hall</b> 	<b>Friday 22nd March</b> 	As promised, we have rescheduled our film night. Any previously purchased tickets simply bring along proof of this on the night or we can tick your child's name off the list we have compiled including pupils in EYFS. <a href="#"><u>Click the link to purchase tickets</u></a>

# Family Coffee Morning

Our next family coffee morning will be on Friday 22nd March with the theme being 'Understanding Autism'.

Everyone is welcome!

## 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 22nd March 2024**

### **'Understanding Autism'**

- What is Autistic Spectrum Disorder/Condition?
- How are pupils with ASD supported?
- Possible Signs and Symptoms
- What to do if I think my child is Autistic?

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!







For parents | Letters and Sounds

**The resources on this page will help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home.**

