



# Friday Bulletin

Friday 22nd March 2024

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# Message from Mr Dachtler



Dear Parents

It has been fantastic to see so many parents attending the book fair at various times this week, including at our coffee morning earlier today. The school is able to claim commission on the books sold and I am delighted to report that this has raised around £1000 for us to spend on books for the school. For children themselves, the memory of when and where they were when they chose a special book will stay with them forever. Do remember that the library is available to parents after school every evening to borrow books and provide a space for homework etc.

Following on the literary theme, Year 5 took a break from their rehearsals of the Easter Passion Play to visit the Globe Theatre in central London. They were able to see some actual rehearsals for upcoming Shakespearean productions, as well as taking part in an acting workshop themselves. Do take a look at the Year 5 weekly summary in the pages below.

Lent enters into its final stages in the coming Holy week. Christ's entry into Jerusalem was met with great praise and celebration. We know what events unfolded next but we too should see this Palm Sunday weekend as a chance to celebrate our own rescue and thank God for all that we have. I was reminded earlier in the week that four years ago we were plunged into the uncertainty and fear of lockdown. We came through it! Christ is our hope today as it was for us all then.

Have a great weekend and a wonderful Easter break when it comes.

Mr Dachtler



# The Playground project



Last month, the Playground Working Group discussed the feedback we've received from staff and pupils about what they would like the playground to have. Our Headteacher, Business Manager, two Governors, the Chair of FOST, and two additional parents attended the workshop which gave them a better understanding of what our school needs and think through how best to use the funds we've all helped raise over the years.

In summary, the playground will be safe, sustainable, and reflect our school values. It will also provide an environment that is fun, colourful and exciting, offer all weather play, and have different zones to support our children's mental and physical health and wellbeing. [You can view the full feedback report here.](#)

Using this feedback, we are speaking to a range of playground equipment suppliers and aim to share a proposal with you early next term.

In the meantime, as a way to save costs, we are looking for anyone who works in construction and may be able to help remove some of the old equipment. If you can help, please get in touch by emailing the school office.

Thanks again for your patience and support!



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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## Cafod Big Lent Walk



This Wednesday the children will be taking part in  
the BIG Lent Walk!

It is a great way to inspire and engage children around the season of Lent, put Social Catholic Teaching into action and remind ourselves that we are all members of a global family. Through the simple act of walking together, we can demonstrate that we are all connected and by joining forces and raising money we can make an enormous difference. It is also a great excuse to get active in the fresh air and have fun as a school!

All sponsorship money and forms will need to be returned by  
Thursday 28th March.

## Lent at St Teresa's 2024

- **Y5 Easter Liturgy** for parents - **Tuesday 26th March** - 6pm
- In school, 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.”
- On **Wednesday 27th March**, 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](#)

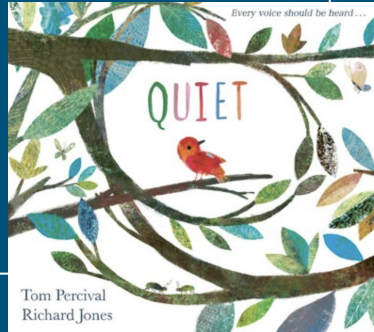
# BOOK TALK

This week's book recommendations are all recent publications that have caught our attention.



## EYFS - Quiet

A little bird with a bright turquoise flash on her wing finds it difficult to speak up among the other birds in the forest. However, one day, when she sees a giant metal monster cutting the trees down in the forest, the little bird knows that she has to use her voice to warn the other creatures of the forest about the danger. This beautiful book is a subtle and beautiful reminder to all of us that using our voices to stand up for what we believe in is important.



## Key Stage One - It's Time to Hush and say Good Night

Follow a father and child as the father shushes winds, protects his little one from monsters, and brings the quiet of birds asleep. Step by step, the loving parent is there to guide, soothe and cuddle the child.

Based on traditional Indian lullabies, this is beautifully lyrical and full of emotion. The rhyme ensures that it sounds wonderfully soothing when read aloud.



# BOOK TALK

## LOWER KEY STAGE TWO -

### How do Meerkats Order Pizza?

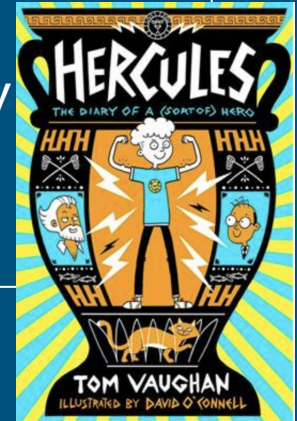
This fascinating book explores the work of 17 scientists from around the world, each of whom has focused their research on a specific animal or region. There are a wealth of fun facts about a range of animals, from dogs and roosters to humpback whales and Antarctic midges. Readers will also find out about some of the ingenious methods scientists have devised to study their subjects.



## UPPER KEY STAGE TWO -

### Hercules: The Diary of a (Sort Of) Hero

Hercules Braver is certain that he'll make a good first impression when he starts secondary school, but although he succeeds in attracting everyone's attention, it's for all the wrong reasons. With a generous smattering of Greek mythology, this laugh-out-loud tale explores the nature of friendship, love and loyalty with a perfect mix of humour and tenderness.



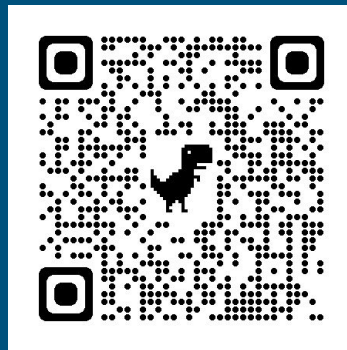


# School Library Wishlist



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 Calvo Family for their recent donation of two beautiful books by Britta Teckentrup.



# Travelling Book Fair



Our Travelling Book Fair this week has been a huge success. Not only have the children been inspired with new books to read but your generosity means that the rewards that St Teresa's will receive will allow us to choose over £1000 worth of books for the children at school.

Thank you again to everyone who supported the book fair.

# Headlines of the week





# Nursery



A fantastic week  
in Nursery, full of  
Easter fun!

Reading our  
favourite stories!!

Getting  
creative!!

Enjoying the  
spring  
sunshine!!

Counting our  
easter chicks!

Roleplay in the  
Animal hospital!!

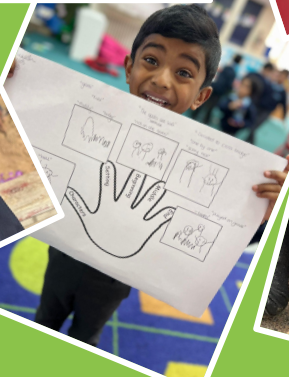
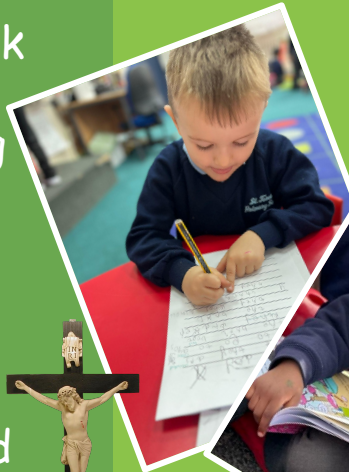
Making friends!!

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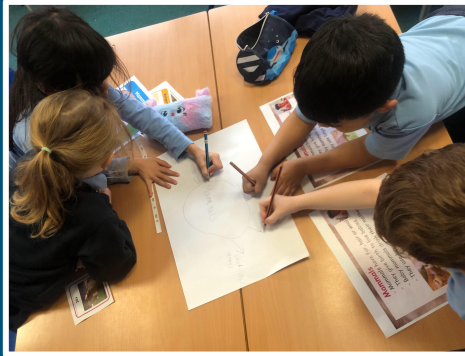


This week in Reception we have continued to explore creative writing based on our topic book 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. In maths we have been looking at number bonds and the children have shown fabulous teamwork finding out the different ways to make 10. We continue with the Easter story in RE and have discussed ways in which we grow inside to be more like God. In arts and Crafts we have been designing and making our own trolls. Finally we have been enjoying the beautiful spring weather and feeling the sand between our toes!

# Reception



## Year 1



### Another fantastic week for year 1!

In our Science lesson, we learnt about the five different senses and how they are important for our survival. We completed an investigation in which we had the chance to explore sight, smell, touch, taste and hearing. We made sure that our investigation was a 'fair test' and spent time reflecting on and sharing our findings.

In our Geography lesson, we used our navigation skills to locate continents and oceans around the world. We then constructed our own globe using our knowledge.

In our RE Lessons we spent some time learning about Palm Sunday and made our own Palm leaves.

### Our NED champions this week:

**1KH:** Martina is always a superstar! She is hardworking, determined, enthusiastic, polite, kind and smiley. Recently, she has been taking extra care with her handwriting and we have seen amazing progress.

Well done Martina :)

**1LH:** Nicolo could be our NED champion every week! He always comes to school with an extremely positive attitude towards his learning and is a wonderful friend to everyone in the class, offering to help others who are struggling with their work! Keep it up Nicolo :)



# Year 2

Year 2 pupils have been **exploring** what happened during **Maundy Thursday** and **Good Friday** during Holy week in **Jesus' time**, and in **our world today**.

They also completed a **reflective Key Stage 1 Liturgy** with Year 1 pupils that made use of their knowledge of **Maundy Thursday** where Jesus demonstrated to us, **the need to serve others**. A **huge well done** to all pupils involved in the liturgy whether you **read, performed or sat wonderfully** whilst watching.  
**We were really impressed Year 2, well done!**

Children have also had an exciting and **investigative Science lesson** this week setting up their own **experiment** to find out **which element is the most important** when growing plants: **water, sunlight, the correct temperature or soil**.

We will continue our investigation over the coming weeks beyond the Easter holidays.

This week our **wonderful NED champions** are:  
**Zofia in 2LM** and **Georgina in 2CM**.

**Well done to you both!** 😊

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# Year 3



This week we had our Year 3/4 phase liturgy where we learnt all about St Patrick and how he followed the plan that God had for him.

In Science, the question we investigated was 'Are all soils the same?' To answer this question, we walked around the school grounds, observing the different types of soil. When we returned to class, we looked at the different layers of soil.

We continued work on mass in our Maths lessons. We read scales, compared the mass of different objects and solved addition and subtraction word problems.



## ★ NED CHAMPIONS ★

### 3EW-

**Joshua's** determination and perseverance in completing all work to a good level has been shown in all subjects. He always asks questions to deepen his understanding and contributes during discussions. Well done Joshua!

### 3M -

★ **Leo is our 3M NED champion this week.** His participation in every lesson was filled with enthusiasm. He is always ready to share his thoughts and contribute to class discussions. Keep up the great work Leo. ★





# Year 4



Year 4 had a 'Design and Technology' day on Monday where they designed, created and evaluated their designs. They had to design The Iron Man's head, based on their current class book and were given a related dilemma to solve, using given resources. The children demonstrated their immense creativity and skill, with creations using resources with great imagination. This week the children have also been learning about Holy Week using their art skills to convey important moments from the Stations of the Cross.



## Well done to our NED champions in Year 4

In 4D, Vivaan is our NED champion this week for responding to questions in RE with great consideration and increased self confidence. He listened carefully to different thoughts and ideas based on a painting, depicting Jesus washing the disciples' feet and suggested his own ideas. Well done Vivaan!

In 4P, Zara is a hardworking and conscientious pupil who strives to do her best in every lesson. She is completely trustworthy and has also taken on her responsibility as our prayer leader with great enthusiasm and solemnity.

# Year 5



We had a fantastic trip to the Globe Theatre this week and learned lots about the history and design of the building as well as taking part in an amazing workshop on Macbeth. We were really impressed with the children's acting skills! Rehearsals for our Easter Liturgical Production are also going brilliantly and we are looking forward to performing next week. Well done, everyone!



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## Our NED champions this week:

**5G** - I have been really impressed with Oliver's level of engagement this week, especially in regards to everything Shakespeare and our exciting trip to the Globe Theatre on Tuesday! Oliver should also be commended for his Oscar-worthy performances in the Easter Production and as one of the Weird Sisters in Macbeth!

**5C** - Krishika is our NED champion! She was new to our class last week and has full embraced all that we do in year 5. She has seamlessly become part of our Holy Week Liturgical Production and consistently demonstrates fantastic listening skills. Well done Krishika and it is lovely to have you in 5C.



# Year 6

Throughout our English lessons this week, we incorporated role play centered around the book "Rose Blanche."

This allowed Year 6 to engage in hands-on activities and gain a deeper understanding of how individual actions can influence the course of a narrative. Impressively, the children showcased excellent acting skills during these exercises.

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

**6W -Ollie  
6F - Nhi**



# Family Coffee Mornings

The theme of this morning's Family Coffee Morning was 'Understanding Autism'.

It was lovely speaking to a range of families, sharing experiences, ideas and stories.

We have such a wonderful community here at St Teresa's and our core values of 'Love' and 'Trust' really shone through as we gathered this morning.

Click [here](#) to see the slides from the presentation and please get in touch if you have any questions.

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## Summer Term Family Coffee Morning dates:

- Friday 26th April 2024
- Friday 17th May 2024
- Friday 14th June 2024
- Friday 19th July 2024

## 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 April 2024**

### **'Being a parent of children with Special Educational Needs'**

- *The challenges of caring for a child with additional needs*
- *Coming to terms with a diagnosis*
- *Building connections - sharing experiences and ideas from other parents*

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!





# 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.

**School finishes for Nursery children on Wednesday 27th March at the normal time.**

**School finishes for Rec - Year 6 on Thursday 28th March at 1.30pm.**

Please note - Clubs have now finished for the Spring term.

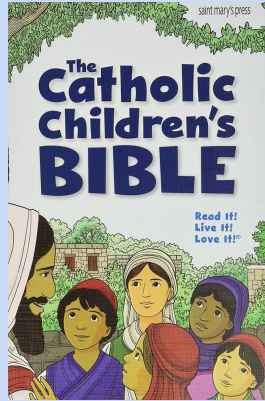
## Upcoming key dates

- 27th March - Nursery finishes for the Easter Holidays.
- 28th March - Rec-Y6 finish for the Easter Holidays at 1.30pm.
- 15 April - Summer term starts for all children.

## Useful links

- [Contacting the school](#)
- [Term times](#)
- [Reporting absence](#)
- [School Menu](#) (Summer 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.**



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.**

