



Friday Bulletin

Friday 8th March 2024

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Message from Mr Dachtler



Dear Parents

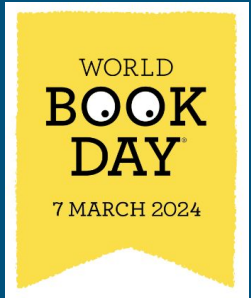
As I write the this page, the whole school have '*made themselves comfy*' and are loving World Book Day. A well established celebration of the power of reading observed in schools across the country.

The school corridors have been transformed with freshly decorated, themed doors leading to a range of new reading opportunities in classrooms. We firmly believe that reading opens doors in all sorts of ways and is arguably one of life's most important skills. I would like to say a huge thank you to the Mrs McCoy, our literacy leader, and all school staff for helping to make World Book Day such a special occasion.

This weekend's Gospel is around the well known encounter between Nikodemus and Jesus, in which Jesus reminds him that 'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son'. This is a clear reminder for all of us of the self giving that we are called to undertake, especially during the period of Lent. Far from something to fear - giving back is something that makes us stronger, wiser and more like Christ himself.

We hope to see many of you at Mass on Mother's Day on Sunday. The Archbishop will be in attendance and the choir are excited to have been asked to sing. The hymn they will be singing 'His name is Jesus' , contains the line '*...light of the world, there's freedom in His name*'. A great line to capture the mood this weekend. See you there!

Mr Dachtler





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.

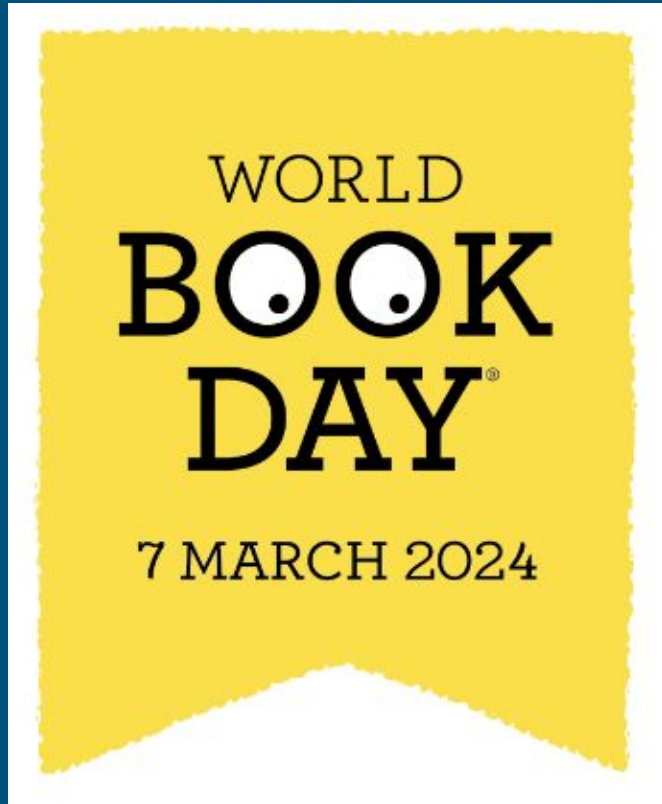


Come to pray,
Come to learn,
Come to sit quietly and think,
Come to worship,
Come to light a candle for yourself
Or someone you care about,
Simply come...

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](#)

WORLD BOOK DAY

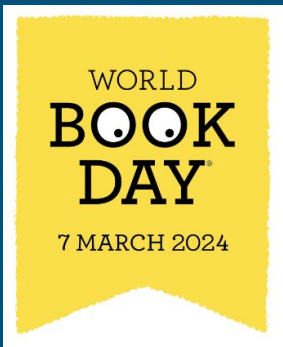


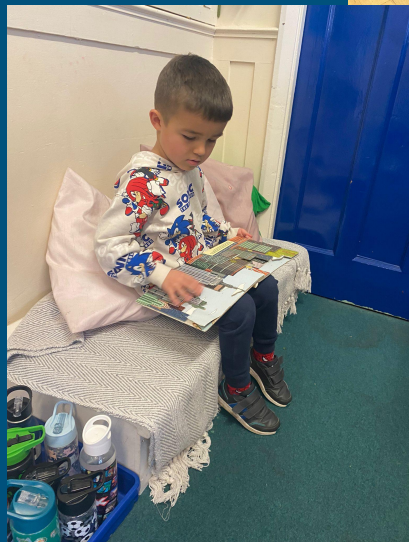
Thursday was a special day in school as we celebrated World Book Day. Everyone enjoyed our theme “Get Cosy and Read” as you will see from the photo gallery on the following pages.



Children in Years 5 and 6 enjoyed an author’s workshop with our very own Mr Gallagher whose first book is to be published on 6th June this year. You will find the trailer for the book, which is suitable for Upper Key Stage 2, and the pre-order link in this bulletin.

Children from Nursery to Year 4 enjoyed workshops delivered by Miriam from Wimbledon’s very own Polka Theatre, who got us up and moving and hearing wonderful stories. Thank you parents for making the workshops possible by contributing £2 on ParentPay.





WORLD BOOK DAY CLASSROOM DOOR COMPETITION



As part of our celebration each class decorated their class door. The doors all reflected elements of our curriculum, the children's work and used recycled materials. It was very hard to decide a winner and deliberation went on long into the evening but eventually the judges decided **the winning class was 1KH.**





NURSERY

RecW



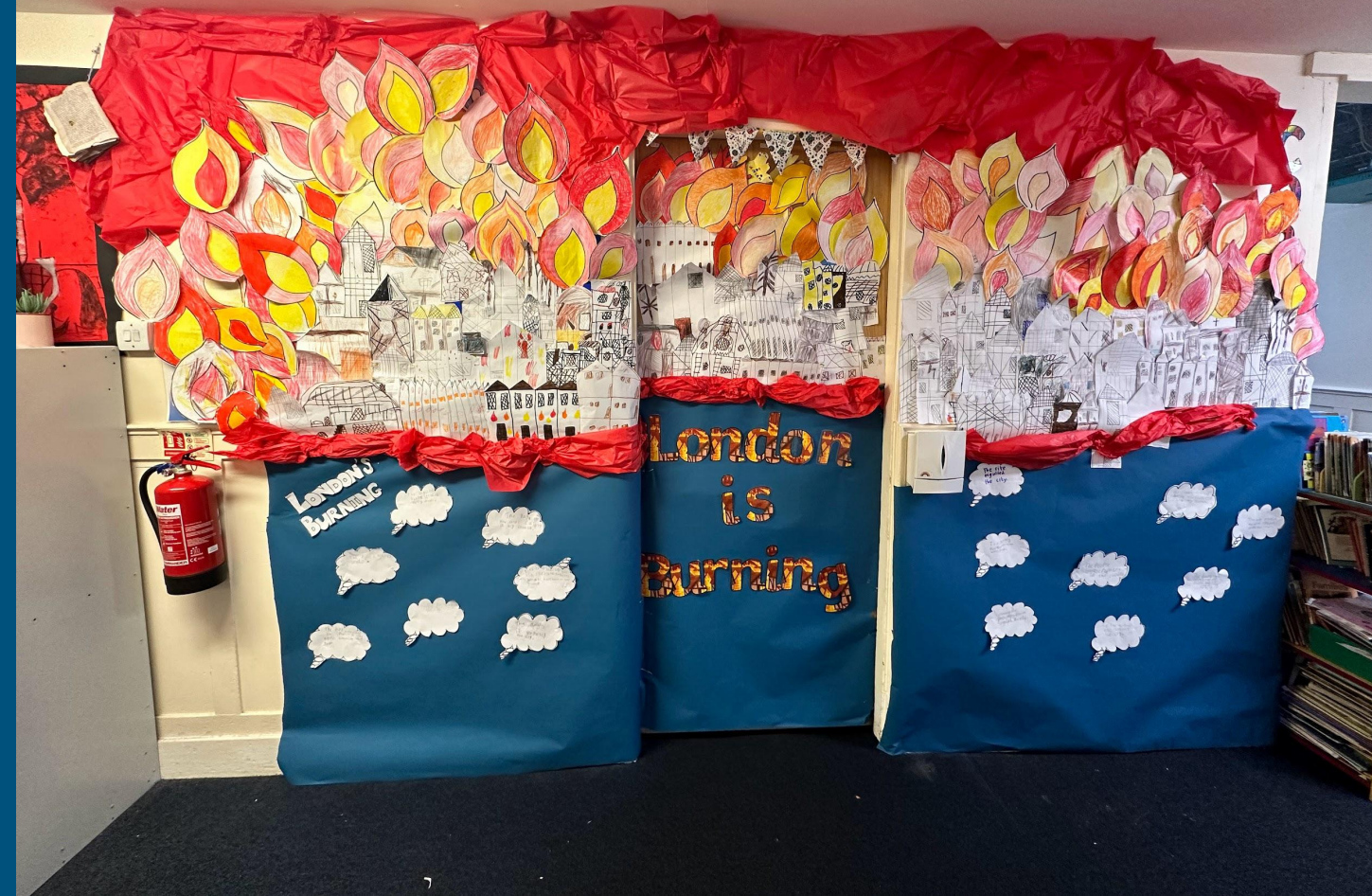


Rec GM



1LH

2CM



2LM



3EW





4D

4P





5G

5C





6W



6F



As the children found out this week our very own Mr Gallagher will have his first book published in June this year. Watch the trailer to find out more. You can also preorder the book by clicking on this [link](#).

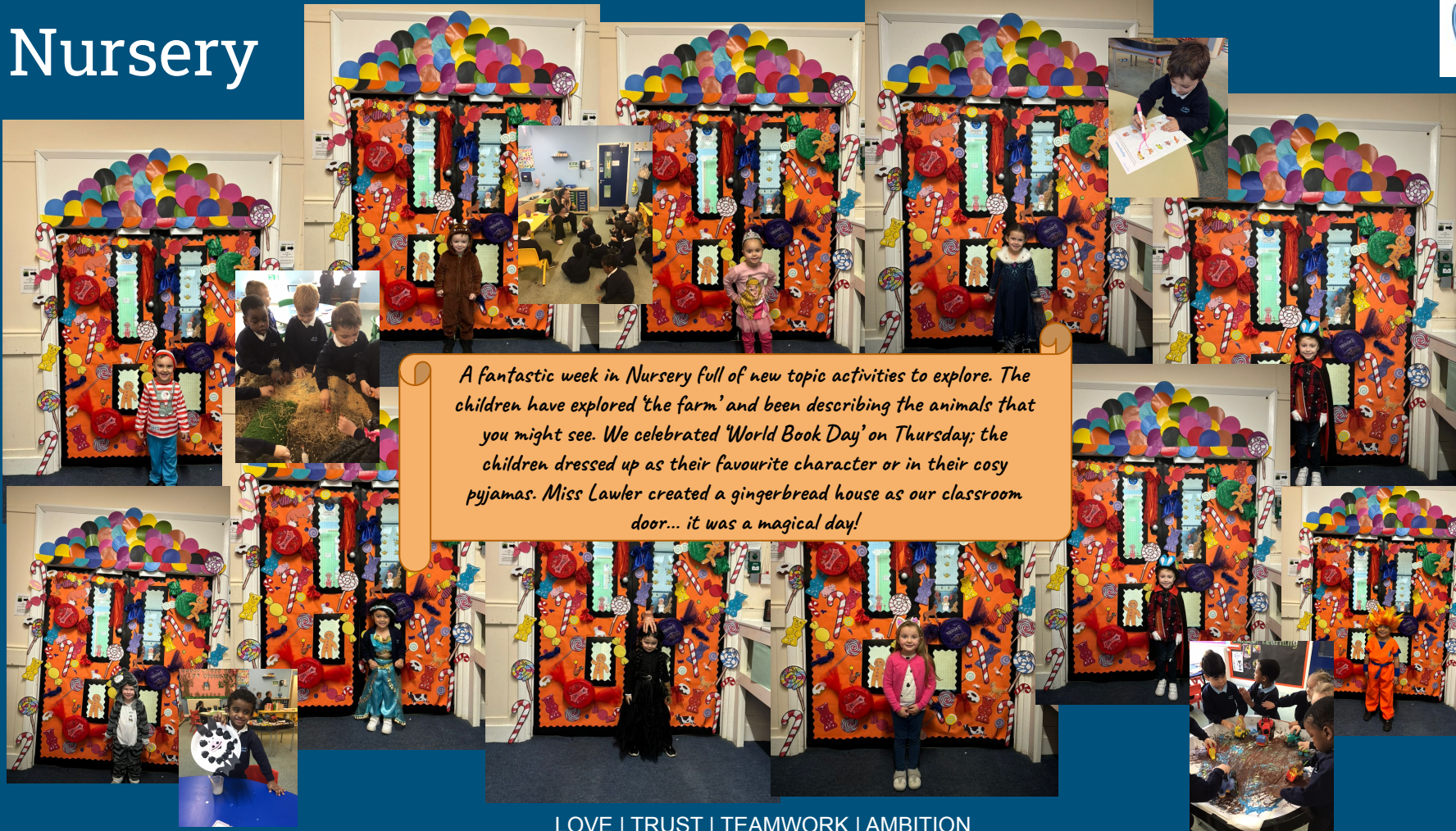
Mr Gallagher will be back telling the children more about the book when it is published.



Headlines of the week

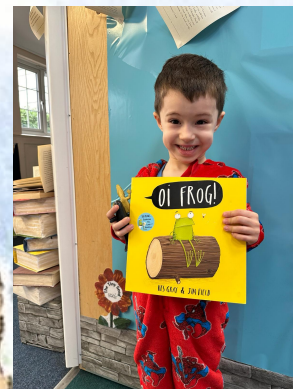


Nursery



A fantastic week in Nursery full of new topic activities to explore. The children have explored 'the farm' and been describing the animals that you might see. We celebrated 'World Book Day' on Thursday; the children dressed up as their favourite character or in their cosy pyjamas. Miss Lawler created a gingerbread house as our classroom door... it was a magical day!

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Another exciting week of learning in Reception this week!

The children continued writing their stories based on 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt' and learnt how to double amounts in Maths.

They loved coming into school on World Book Day dressed in their pyjamas, comfy clothes and costumes. At different points in the day, the children had to 'drop it and read' a book of their choice and they also enjoyed a fantastic workshop lead by The Polka Theatre.



Year 1

What a great week! Our highlight for this week was definitely World Book Day. We took part in a fantastic workshop led by the Polka Theatre and completed a reading scavenger hunt in our classrooms. We also designed and made our own bookmarks that we can use at home. In maths this week, we have been learning about measurement. We have used balancing scales and rulers to measure different objects that we could find in the classroom.

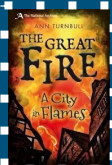


Our NED champions this week:

1KH: This week, our NED champion is **Matias**. He has been trying really hard to stay focused in his learning and complete work to the best of his ability. He has been kind to his friends and demonstrated the value of teamwork when working in groups. Keep it up :)

1LH: Jewel is our NED Champion this week. She always makes wonderful contributions in our lessons, particularly in English where she wrote an excellent setting description for her under the sea scene using a range of fantastic adjectives and similes! Well done Jewel! :)

Year 2



2CM



2LM



In **RE lessons** this week, Year 2 have been consolidating their **understanding of Lent** and **writing their own prayers** to offer up to God as they move through this journey and **prepare for Easter**.

During **English lessons**, children have been concentration on writing their own **setting description** of *The Great Fire of London* and making use of **preposition** and **adverbial phrases**.

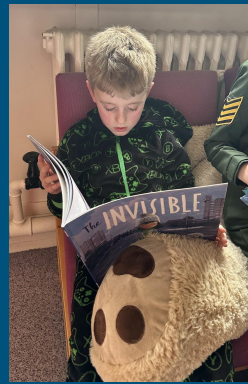
Children have been building on their knowledge of **multiplication** in **Maths lessons** by looking **sharing, grouping, doubling and halving**.

And towards the end of the week, Year 2 had a great time celebrating **World Book Day** by **dressing up** (or down) in their comfy pyjamas, attending a **Polka Theatre workshop** and **decorating their classroom doors** to reflect the current book they are studying. *Take a look at their wonderful efforts!*

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



Year 3



★ NED CHAMPIONS ★ 3EW-

Giulia's hard work and dedication was shown this week during her group work for the WBD door competition. She had shown great listening skills and gave some wonderful ideas. Well done!

3M -

★ **Krupa** is our 3M NED Champion this week. She works hard at everything she does, is a fantastic team member and always asks for help when she is unsure. **Keep up the good work Krupa!** 🏆

After a few days of assessments at the start of the week, we got to enjoy and celebrate World Book Day on Thursday. We decorated our class doors and had someone from the Polka Theatre run a workshop. We had a great day!

Also in the week, we spent some time in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and wrote emails to our friends about how to keep safe when sending messages.

Year 4



4D

Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the World book Day events on Thursday. From creating their own books with a cover design and blurb, to creating collective ideas to decorate our classroom door based on a theme they selected, the children completely threw themselves into the day and had a great time!

4D selected a combination of books read this year from Beowulf, Odd and the Frost Giants and The Iron Man.

4P selected a The Iron Man as their focus theme.

We were also lucky enough to have a storyteller from The Polka Theatre in Wimbledon, come and share a story with us.

After 3 days of assessments where the children focused admirably and applied all of their learning so far, World Book Day provided a great opportunity to immerse themselves into fun, creativity and the wonderful world of stories!

Well done to our NED champions in Year 4

In 4D, Luca is our NED champion for his focused and diligent approach to assessment week. He was thorough and much more careful in his answers and showed great resilience, even when he found a question challenging. Well done Luca!

In 4P, Isabella has embodied our school value of teamwork this week, bringing in lots of resources to help make our door display for World Book Day and working collaboratively with her subteam during the construction phase.

Year 5



Year 5 have had a brilliant week and an excellent World Book Day. We decorated our doors to celebrate our favourite topics, heard about Mr Gallagher's book out June this year and designed the covers of our own stories! The children have also been working incredibly hard during our assessments and our ongoing rehearsals for our Easter Liturgical Production, which have been going amazingly. Well done, everyone!

Our NED champions this week:

5G - Lyla has had an exceptional week and has been working very hard in all areas, but it has been especially brilliant to see her interest and excitement in History. Lyla was able to explain to the class all about King Henry VIII's six wives and lots of other fantastic information. Lyla has also been performing amazingly well in our Easter Liturgical Production. Well done!

5C - Sam is our NED champion! He has had a fantastic week where he has demonstrated his resilience and determination throughout assessment week. Sam is also working hard to learn his lines for our Easter Liturgical production. Keep up the great work!

Year 6

This week, we commemorated World Book Day by diligently designing and decorating our classroom doors based on a topic from the Year 6 curriculum. Additionally, we're gearing up for our mock examinations next week as part of our preparation for the SATs.

Congratulations to our NED champions...

6W - Zac

6F - Juan

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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.

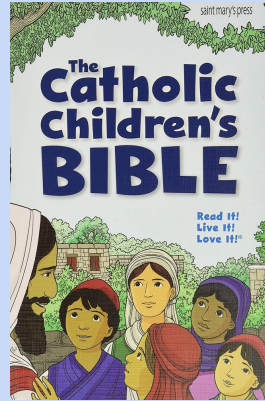
Upcoming key dates

- 19-21 March - Travelling book fair in school
- 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?
 Valentine's Disco  	  School Hall		Thank you for your support with this event parents and families. Over £1100 was raised which will greatly help to support future school projects and improvements. 
Leap for Leap Day   			Leap for Leap Day was a huge success yesterday - thank you to all parents and families for sponsoring your children so generously. Over £2000 has been counted so far and money is still coming in, wow! Thank you and well done to all involved. 
 Easter Film Night 	School Hall 	Friday 22nd March 	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. <u>Click the link to purchase tickets</u>

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.

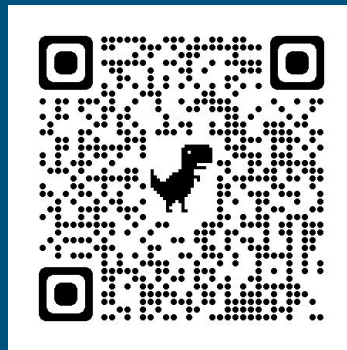
No need to book, just turn up!



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.





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.

