

St. Martha's News

'Be the best you can be'



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This year is a Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church, which officially started on 24th December, however, it is starting in Catholic Schools on 24th January and will run through until 21st November 2025.



What is a Jubilee Year?

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

How often is a Jubilee Year?

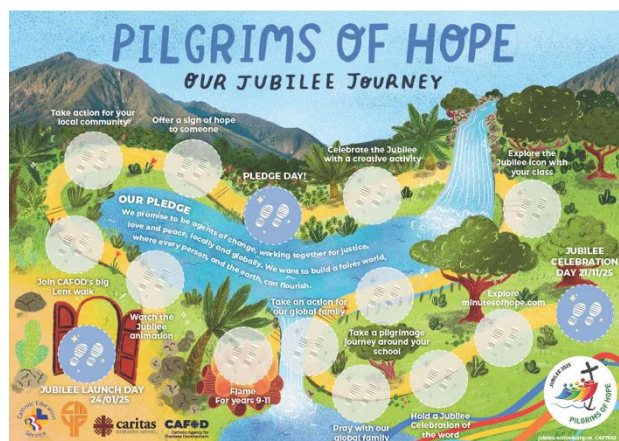
A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years. This has been the case since 1470, when Pope Paul II changed it from every 50 years.

A Pope can also proclaim an Extraordinary Jubilee, like the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy which Pope Francis inaugurated in 2015.

What is the theme of the Jubilee Year in 2025?

The theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone". We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world.

At school, we will be launching the Year of Hope next Friday when I will be sharing with the children what it will look like for us to be Pilgrims of Hope. We will be using the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Journey Map to guide us through the year and will have a focus on the Catholic Social Teaching Principle: Preferential Treatment of the Poor.



I will keep you all updated on our journey through the year in the newsletters and if you are interested to learn more and want to get involved yourself, then CAFOD are looking for people to support their work:

How can I get involved with CAFOD for the Jubilee Year?

You can be a pilgrim of hope with us in the Jubilee Year by supporting our work to fight injustice and restore hope alongside communities living in poverty worldwide:

- [Start a monthly gift](#)
- [Use our prayers and reflections](#)
- [Consider if you can join us as a volunteer](#)
- [Find resources to use in schools](#)
- [Explore all the ways you can take part](#)

Dear Families,

This week, I am writing to share with you that one of our families have had some life changing news and as a school community, we would like to support them in their venture to make as many memories together as they can. With permission of the family I have shared their story below:

‘Clair fell ill just before Christmas and recently found out the horrendous news that her pancreatic cancer is at stage 3, the tumour is around the main artery causing it to be inoperable. Dr’s have said chemo has a 5% chance of working. As it stands if the chemo doesn’t work she has been given approximately 17 months to live.

While Clair is fighting hard and starting chemo, her partner Danny is supporting her and their two amazing boys. The last thing they need is any stress so I’m trying to raise funds to help them make memories when Clair feels well enough to have family days out and most importantly of all help towards Clair’s wish to marry her partner of 21 years, Danny. Please donate and leave a message to help Clair and Danny through this heart breaking time’

If you are able to and would like to help out one of our families through this crisis, please do follow their GoFundMe page (<https://gofund.me/7ff40cda>).

If anyone would like to help fundraise for the family through an event, I am more than happy to support the organisation of this, please do let me know.

We are delighted to share the information about the **EPTA Piano Competition**, which will take place at Springwood High School in King’s Lynn for the very first time on **Saturday, 15th February 2025**. This is the third year of the Piano Competition, which is run by **EPTA UK (European Piano Teachers Association)**.

Epta-UK Piano Competition Norfolk Region
Saturday 15th February 2025
Venue: Springwood High School, Queensway, King's Lynn PE30 4AW

Norfolk region winners will advance to the national finals.

Aims
To inspire, encourage, motivate and honour high levels of piano playing and piano teaching nationwide, and to promote musical awareness through participation in performing.

Rules of Entry
The competition has an age limit of 25 and under for all graded categories. Entrants are allowed to enter one class only.

Categories
From Preparatory/Initial to Advanced level, we have categories to suit all levels of ability. You can even perform your own compositions or include repertoire from multiple grades.

For more information, please scan the QR code below or contact the EPTA-UK Regional Organisers directly via email.

Scan here for more details

EPTA UK Regional Organisers for Norfolk: Benjamin Howell and Matthew Preston
Contacts: info@benjaminhowell.com or matthewprestonmusic@gmail.com

This event will feature piano students from across our county and provides a great opportunity for those students to showcase their piano skills, featuring abilities at any level.

Competition Format

- **Round One:** Takes place at Springwood.
- **Finals:** Winners from the Norfolk round progress to the finals in London.
- **Eligibility:** Open to piano students aged 25 and under. Entrants may participate in one class only.

Repertoire and Levels

- The competition is open to students at all graded levels, from initial/debut piano grades through to diplomas.
- Participants are recommended to perform two or three pieces within their selected grade category, though repertoire can span multiple grades.
- Teachers, parents, and carers can register students in the category of their highest-level piece. For example, if a

student performs one Grade 2 piece and one Grade 3 piece, they should register under the Grade 3 category.

- Students are welcome to perform their own compositions, provided they are notated in some form. Lead sheets and keyboard arrangements are also permitted.

For more details and to register, please visit the following link:

[EPTA-UK Piano Competition 2025](#)

Sorry for the error on the Calendar last week – it is Year 4 Blue’s Class Assembly this week not Year 5 Blue.

Please don’t forget to purchase your tickets for Joseph and his Technicoloured Dreamcoat, which our Choir are performing in at Springwood.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Mrs Edwards

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child’s wellbeing, please inform the school’s Designated Safeguarding Officers: Mrs. Child, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Annelly and Mrs. Bowman.



Happy Birthday!

Reception: Gabriel

Year 2: Hugo, Adam

Year 3: Laura

May God never stop showering you with His blessing

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 5 Yellow with 98.15% attendance this week!
Fantastic!!

Every day at school counts, helping with learning, developing skills, and building friendships.



Dates for the Diary
Spring Term Dates

January '25						
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- 22 Year 4 Blue Class Assembly
1:30pm Instrumentalist workshop and mini concert Springwood
- 23 Year 3 Class Mass
- 26 2pm Yr 5/6 Choir Rehearsal for Joseph & TCDC
- 27 4:30 - 8pm Yr 5/6 Choir for Joseph & TCDC Rehearsal
- 28 12pm Yr 5/6 Choir for Joseph & TCDC Rehearsal
5:30 Joseph & TCDC Production
- 29 Year 5 Yellow Class Assembly
Active Leaders (Sports Leaders to UEA)
5:30 Joseph & TCDC Production
- 30 Year 4 Class Mass

February '25						
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- 3 4pm WN Boys Football League
- 5 Year 5 Blue Class Assembly
- 6 Year 6 and 1 Class Mass
4pm Girls Football League
- 7 NSPCC Number Day
9:30am Year 2 – Year 6 Mass with the Bishop – all welcome
- 11 Safer Internet Day
- 12 Year 2 Yellow Class Assembly
- 13 Year 5 and 2 Class Mass
Year 1 trip to Lynn Museum
- 17 - 21 Half Term
- 26 Year 2 Blue Class Assembly
- 27 9:30 - 2pm Girls Football 5 a side Yrs 4 and 6

March '25						
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- 3 9:30 - 2pm Quicksticks Hockey 6 aside Yr 6
4pm WN Boys Football League
- 4 Shrove Tuesday - Pancake Races
Burning of the Palms
- 5 2pm Ash Wednesday - pm Liturgy of Ashes
- 6 World Book Day
- 10 9:30 - 12:30pm Bee Netball Development Yr 4
- 18 **1 - 7pm Parents Evening - Yr 2, 3 and 6**
6 - 8pm Choir Performing at Schools Make Music @ Corn Exchange
- 19 **1pm - 7pm Parents Evening Year R, 1, 4 & 5**
- 20 4 - 5pm Girl's Football League
- 21 Red Nose Day
- 23 8:30 - 3:15 County Music Festival in Norwich - Year 5 and KS2 Choir
- 24 - 26 Year 6 to Kingswood
- 27 Reception Hearing and Vision
Reconciliation Service

April '25						
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- 1 Year 3/4 Easter Production (2pm & 6pm)
- 2 9:30 End of Term Mass Years 2- 6
Year 3/4 Easter Production (2pm & 6pm)
- 3 Rock Steady Concert
4pm Girl's Football League
- 4 End of Term (3:15pm)
- 7 - 21 Easter Holidays (21 Easter Monday)



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Academic year 2024-25

Wraparound Care for St Martha's Catholic Primary School

Before and after school care every day the school is open to children.



Premier Education are honoured to be able to provide the wraparound care at your school.



Our aim is to deliver a top quality, Ofsted registered provision, with a range of stimulating activities in a safe, secure and fun environment, providing an outstanding service for busy parents.

Parents can relax knowing their children are in safe hands as all staff have experience working with primary school children, have been DBS checked, and hold Emergency First Aid and Safeguarding certificates.

Wraparound care sessions are open to children from Reception to Year 6, with no deposit or registration fee required. Healthy snacks are provided, with specific dietary requirements also being catered for.

St Martha's Catholic Primary 2024-25

Before School Club:
7.30am - 8.30am: £5.25

After School options
3.15pm - 5.45pm: £11.25
3.15pm - 4.30pm: £6
4.15pm - 5.45pm: £6

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