

St. Martha's News

'Be the best you can be'



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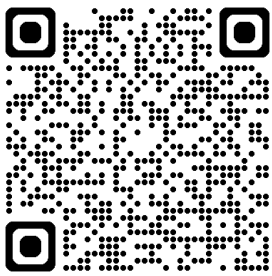
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Friday 7th March 2025

Catholic Life of the School

Big Lent Walk

We have had a great start to Lent this week. Starting with our Ash Wednesday Service where our children received the ashes reverently and were very good at leaving them on. Yesterday, we had a visit from CAFOD who led an assembly about the Big Lent Walk and how our actions and fundraising can help those in need. We heard a story about how the drought affected Kenya, leaving them without anything. CAFOD supported them to become Chicken Farmers which helped to feed and support them financially. After the assembly, we went for a walk as a whole school, which looked great with everyone dressed in their World Book Day costumes. We learnt that each chicken costs £4.20 so we are encouraging all children to try and raise at least £4.20 to buy a chicken. Please do support such a worthy cause by donating whatever you can and sharing the QR code and sponsorship form with family and friends.



<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/st-marthas-fundraising-page2025>

Thank you to everyone who donated soup or biscuits for Mary's Kitchen this week. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated. Next week, we are asking, if you are able and willing, to donate to the Food Bank. Suggested items include adult toiletries, washing up liquid, tinned meat, tinned tuna, tinned vegetables, cooking sauces, custard, rice pudding and washing powder.

Thank you for your support in advance.



Dates for your diary

20th March 9:30 - Year 6 and 1 Class Mass

Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who has filled in the parent survey and left some helpful comments. We have already started looking into these to act on any concerns you may have. Lunchtime is one that has come up and we are on a journey to improve this so please bear with us as we continue to make this the best experience for our pupils. If you haven't completed our survey yet and would like to make any suggestions or leave us some positive feedback (thank you to those that have – it is always nice to hear the positives) then it is not too late. The survey is still running and you can access the link here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/BdjUxc9duK>

Pancake Races

On Tuesday, we celebrated Shrove Tuesday by having pancake races throughout the day. The children had a great time, racing against each other but it is not always easy racing and trying to flip a pancake. They all gave it a good go though. I hope they were able to enjoy some yummy pancakes in the evening too (if they hadn't already had them for breakfast that is!)

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.

Music for Youth



On Wednesday, both Year 5 classes and our KS2 Choir performed at the Regional Music for Youth Festival at Springwood Academy. Music for Youth is a national youth arts charity working to provide young people aged 21 and under across the UK with free, life-changing performance and progression opportunities regardless of background or musical style. Established in 1970,

their mission is simple: they believe that music, and the chance to participate in high-quality musical activities, should be open to every young person. The children perform and receive feedback from the adjudicators. Should they be selected, the children will go on to perform at Birmingham Symphony Hall with the possibility of progressing to perform at the Royal Albert Hall in London. St Martha's have previously performed annually as part of this event and whilst we haven't yet gone to the Royal Albert Hall, we have been to Birmingham Symphony Hall on several occasions.

Year 5 receive weekly music lessons from the wonderful Miss Music - Miss Berners. Since September, they have all been learning to play the ukulele, a variety of percussion instruments as well as musical notation. Both classes performed sung choreographed ukulele pieces as well as bucket drumming and spoon percussion



in Year 5 Yellow and a Boomwhacker medley in Year 5 Blue. Both classes received wonderful feedback from the 2 adjudicators including comments about: 'outstanding stage discipline, wonderful attention to their glorious conductor, great teamwork, solid rhythmic and tight playing and confident introductions to each piece'.

Our KS2 Choir is a completely non auditioned choir who meet once a week led by Miss Brennock leading and supported by Mrs Gray and Mrs McGovern. Their standard is extremely high and they perform regularly for school, Parish and Community events. They sang 'Home' from the Musical Beetlejuice and 'School Song' from the Musical



Matilda. Their super feedback included comments on: 'their wonderfully glorious focus on their leader, super opening solo singing, outstandingly solid rhythm including beautifully long notes that shows how technical the children's singing is but that their singing didn't look technical, it looked joyful, full of the emotions of the song and energy'.

We are incredibly fortunate to have a team who delight in sharing their skills with the children in order to give these opportunities to the children. On Monday the same children

Happy Birthday!

Year 1: Luke

Year 3: Timas

Year 4: Jessica, Andrea,

Year 5: Aleksa

Year 6: Livia

May God never stop showering you with His blessing

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 2 Blue with 100% attendance this week!

Fantastic!!

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



will be travelling to Norwich to perform the same set as part of the Norfolk County Music Festival's 125th Anniversary Festival!

Quicksticks Hockey

Two teams from year 6 took part in a very competitive tournament this week with a total of 23 teams. Both teams performed brilliantly all day, one team managed to go all day undefeated making it all the way to the final. The final ended in a draw and we became West Norfolk Champions (joint). We received lots of compliments from other staff about how our children showed great kindness and sportsmanship. A great day and such a pleasure to hear how well our children are conducting themselves, representing our school perfectly. Well done Year 6!



Finally, we end the week with our World Book Day celebrations and I have got to say I was so impressed with the number of children who dressed up and the effort you all went to with the costumes! The children were buzzing all day and loved seeing who everyone was dressed up, including the staff, when we joined together for assembly in the morning.



There were lots of fun activities happening around school with different year groups spending some time reading together.



Celebrating our learning this Week

Year 4 Blue this week have continued our topic of sound by seeing if sound travels through solids, liquids and gases. We experimented with buckets of water and tin can telephones. The children really enjoyed seeing how sound travels.

In year 4 we also did our pancake races before the start of lent. The children did really well trying to flip the pancake and Matthew house won!!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Please do sign up for a parents evening slot. You can either Dojo your teacher or sign up yourself on the classroom door.

Mrs Edwards



Well done to our Be the best you can be winners this week . . .

Reception: Markas & Miguel

Year 1: Arthur & Jonny

Year 2: Ollie W, Chase & Rodrigo

Year 3: Sharon & Ikemsinachi

Year 4: Natalia & Ayeyi

Year 5: Dominykas & Rojin

Year 6: John & Kamilas

Dates for the Diary
Spring Term Dates

March '25						
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- 10 9-3 KS2 Choir & Year 5 in Norwich for the Norfolk County Music Festival
- 12:30pm Bee Netball Development Yr 4
- 11 Year 6 Trip to the Aviation Museum
- 18 1 - 7pm Parents Evening - Yr 2, 3 and 6
- 6 - 8pm Choir Performing at Schools Make Music @ Corn Exchange
- 19 Year 3 trip to the Library
- 1pm - 7pm Parents Evening Year R, 1, 4 & 5
- 20 4 - 5pm Girl's Football League
- 21 Red Nose Day
- 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 10am Rock Steady Concert
- 4pm Girl's Football League
- 4 End of Term (3:15pm)
- 7 - 21 Easter Holidays (21 Easter Monday)

Flowchart for families

- Is your child(ren) and family in need of additional support?
- Do you know someone in need of additional support?
- Are there any safeguarding concerns?
- Is the situation complex?
- Are you unsure of how to respond?

No

Does the child have emerging SEN? Is the child at risk of exclusion?

Yes

**Call Norfolk
County Council
Customer Services
0344 800 8020**

Yes

**Call the SEND &
Inclusion Support Line
0333 313 7165**

No

Call your local Family Hub

- Great Yarmouth – 01493 448318
- West Norfolk – 01553 66951
- Norwich – 01603 303359
- Breckland – 01362 654584
- Broadland – 01603 303360
- South Norfolk – 01603 307703
- North Norfolk – 01263 739060

Complete online request for support

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Academic year 2024-25

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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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