



St Edward's Newsletter



Spring Two - 2026

Reflective Lenten Season

We have had another wonderful half term leading up to the Easter break during the season of Lent. Lent serves as a crucial time of spiritual growth and introspection for us. By dedicating this season to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we engage in a structured reflection of our lives, aligning our hearts more closely with the teachings of Jesus.

Our children and staff took part in the CAFOD walk raising money for fighting global poverty. It is amazing to see every year the great amount of money, that is raised for such noble causes and that helps so many around the world who are less fortunate than us.

This year we also saw a return to our Rome pilgrimage. A group of children in Year 5 took part in this visit with some of our Trust schools. This was an amazing opportunity to see the wonderful sites in Rome as well as see Pope Leo amongst the crowds in St Peter's Square in the Vatican City.

We had our end of term Rock Steady concerts for parents/carers and the children to watch. The singers were amazing and musicians performed exceptionally well showcasing all the skills they have learned during their weekly sessions.

Other exciting events included the Easter Egg Hunt, World Book Day, Mother's Day afternoon tea and some of our children took part in the launch event for the Children's Parliament as well as Commonwealth Choir performing at Memorial Gates.

Next term, we look forward to extending our partnership with AE Sports, who in addition to leading our Holiday Clubs will be coming into school to lead some of our extra-curricular clubs and work with children during their PE lessons. We have also established a new partnership with the Kerry Jane Academy of Dance who will be offering dance lessons for children on Saturdays.

The next two weeks will be the Easter break and we look forward to welcoming our children back to school on Monday the 13th of April 2026. Have a happy and holy Easter.

Year 5 Rome visit

Some of our Year 5 children had the amazing opportunity to visit Rome and see the Pope in Vatican City. Before leaving, our Parish Priest Father Britto came to school to give the children and staff a blessing. Mrs Dourado, Mrs Tuano and the children were part of a trust group with St Joachim's and St Helen's schools. Have a look at our school website for more fantastic photos.



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**THE BIG
LENT
WALK**

CAFOD

A better world needs all of us

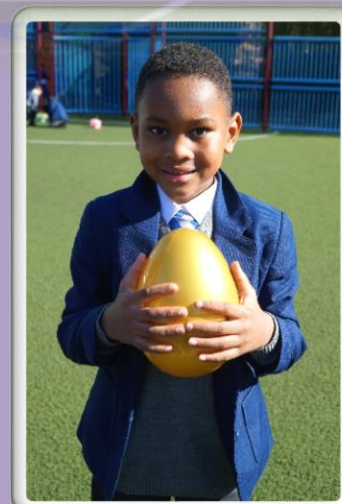
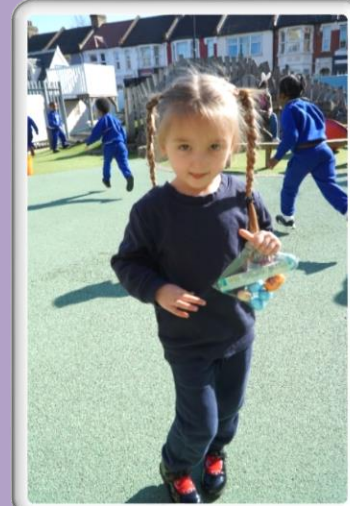
LOVE GROWS



CAFOD Assembly & the BIG Lent Walk

We had a visitor from CAFOD who delivered an assembly teaching the children about their mission which is to work alongside the world's poorest people, regardless of religion or culture, to end poverty and injustice. Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, our children took part in the CAFOD Lent Walk completing several laps each day on the school playground to raise money towards fighting global poverty.

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Easter Egg Hunt 2026

Our PTA put on a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt again this year which everyone including the staff enjoyed very much. The classes had to race to find all the eggs in their house colours. The winning team could then have the golden egg. Well done to all the children and we hoped they enjoyed their chocolate treats.

Commonwealth choir

Children, who are part of the Commonwealth choir, performed at Memorial Gates near Hyde Park. This was an event to honour friends and comrades who have fallen during conflicts around the world. The children were very well behaved and were excellent ambassadors for our School and Trust. Our children performed the Commonwealth Children's Choir, singing to diplomats and dignitaries from the 56 Commonwealth nations.



Rock Steady Musical Excellence

Children in our Rock Steady groups put on a harmonious performance for their peers and parents. All their hard work over this term paid off as they played various instruments including the drums, guitars and keyboards. Our children are super talented, and we also have some budding singers who sang beautifully. Well done to all the children who took part and a huge thank you to our Rock Steady teachers.



Children's Parliament

Earlier in the spring term we were honoured to be selected to form the Children's Parliament in memory of Sir David Amess MP, an ex-St Bon's student, who was tragically murdered in October 2021. Our children were sworn in by Baroness Uddin and will be meeting at the House of Lords at a special event later this year.

What a wonderful event!





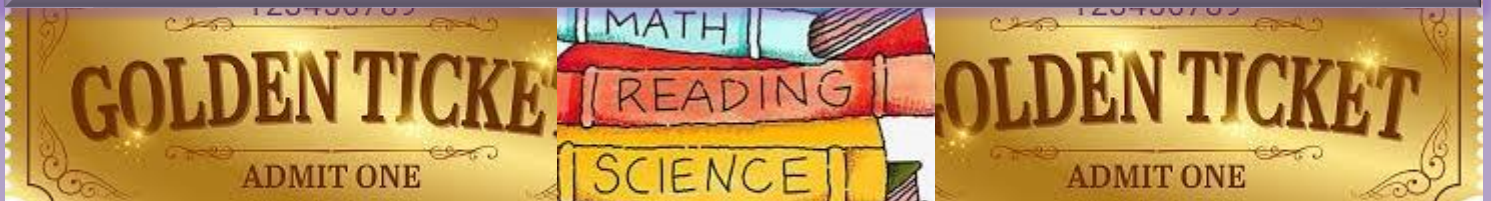
Pupil Parliament meet the Governing Body

Some members of the Pupil Parliament met with the governors as part of their spring governor's day in school. During this session, the children read out their speeches about Sir David Amess' Children's Parliament. The governors were very impressed at how confidently the children spoke.



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day at the beginning of March. The children and staff came to school dressed in some fabulous costumes – some homemade and some bought from the shops – they all looked wonderful. There were prizes for the best dressed in each class and there were four lucky Golden Ticket winners. Thank you to our wonderful PTA who organised the Golden Ticket event and as a result of this they raised an amazing amount of money which will go towards helping the school.



Mother's Day Event

The PTA hosted a lovely Mother's Day event where parents/carers had the chance to relax, socialise and get creative together. It was a fantastic afternoon filled with laughter and beautiful creations and some talented artists were discovered. God bless all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, sisters and anyone else who undertakes a motherly role in some form.



Geography Competition

Congratulations to all the winners of the geography competition that was organised by Ms Hassan. The children had to create posters linked to their current geography unit they are studying. We had some amazing entries, and the governing body had the difficult task of choosing winners from each year group as well as some special prizes.

The winners were as follows:

REC – 1st prize – Luan/Irha, 2nd prize – Aliana/Indira, 3rd prize – Peggy

YEAR 1 – 1ST prize – River, 2nd prize – Isaac, 3rd prize – Devansh

YEAR 2 – 1st prize – Ava-Mae, 2nd prize – Jhene, 3rd prize – Noah D

YEAR 3 – 1st prize – Deepika, 2nd prize – Perseus, 3rd prize – Ezra

YEAR 4 – 1st prize – Marley-Rae, 2nd prize – Kristina, 3rd prize – Samuel

YEAR 5 – 1st prize – Zara, 2nd prize – Karlos, 3rd prize – Jillianne

YEAR 6 – 1st prize – Hannah, 2nd prize – Alexandra, 3rd prize – Dylan

GOVERNOR'S SPECIAL WINNERS:

Alex in Year 1

Kiarah in Year 2

Ella in Year 3

Ozioma & Willkimay in Year 4

Nayyira & Khaliya in Year 5



Stations of the Cross Mass at church

At the end of this term, we had a whole school Mass in church led by our Parish Priest Father Britto.

The Stations of the Cross Mass is a significant devotional practice where we meditate on the events of Christ's Passion and death. It is a way to connect with the suffering of Jesus and to reflect on our own trials and struggles. The devotion is especially prominent during Lent, a season of penance and preparation for Easter. It is a time to contemplate the meaning of Christ's death and to grow closer to Him through prayer and reflection.



Easter Raffle winners

Thank you to everyone who entered our Easter raffle. The winners for the top three prizes this year were:

Sebastian in Fern Class

River in Iris Class

Mathias in Rose Class

The class winners were Ash and Thistle

Golden Egg Winners

Kayden – Reception, Peggy

Christine – Year 1, Javen – Year 1

Izabella – Year 2, Zion – Year 2

Khari – Year 3, Darius – Year 3

Jaida – Year 4, Ozioma – Year 4

Atiyah – Year 5, Lij – Year 5

Wuarola – Year 6, Dylan – Year 6

Mrs Tuano was our staff winner

Today's Gospel Reading

John 10:31-42

At that time: The Jews picked up stones again to stone Jesus. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?" The Jews answered him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God."

Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods'? If he called them gods to whom the word of God came and Scripture cannot be broken—do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world,

'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father."

Again, they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptising at first, and there he remained.

And many came to him. And they said, "John did not sign, but everything that John said about this man was true." And many believed in him there.

Today's Gospel Reflection

John 10:31-42

- 1. People who are good and pious suffer. This is a clear reality. The prophet Jeremiah and Jesus are two examples of this in today's readings. Opposition, rejection, persecution, and censure confront both. They both confront death and fall prey to assassination schemes.**
- 2. It's not a penalty, however. It was the cost of their devotion and allegiance. It is the price of their sincerity and commitment. They always have a few things that stick out. One is their complete unity with God. Jesus would say, "The Father is in me, and I am in the Father."**
- 3. Second, they had this complete sense of belonging to God even in their most dire circumstances. They don't give up. Their faith remains unwavering. Jesus firmly believed that his father would never desert him and would always be on his side. He will be strengthened and guided by the Father, who will undoubtedly exalt him. Convinced as well, Jeremiah said, "The Lord is with me as a dread warrior."**
- 4. Third, they fervently and persistently prayed for God's confirmation. According to Jesus, everyone would be judged based on their level of faith or lack thereof. "My persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly ashamed, for they will not succeed. They will be eternally dishonoured," declares the prophet. "The Lord will deliver the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers."**
- 5. They completely gave themselves up to God. They acknowledge that their hardships are trials and tests of their goodness. They don't pursue retribution on their own. Instead, they dedicate their cause to God.**

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 13th April – ALL children return to school for summer term

Wednesday 15th April – Whole School Mass at church

Wednesday 22nd April – Olive Dining Earth themed lunch

Friday 24th April – Rose class assembly

Friday 1st May – Poppy class assembly

Monday 4th May – BANK HOLIDAY – School CLOSED

Thursday 7th May – New Reception Parent's Meeting

Monday 11th May – KS2 SATs Week

Wednesday 13th May – Whole School Mass – Ascension

Friday 22nd May – INSET DAY – School closed – FUN DAY

Monday 25th to 29th May – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 1st June to 12th June – Year 4 Multiplication tests

Thursday 4th June – Whole School Mass – CORPUS CHRISTI

Friday 5th June – Iris class assembly

Monday 8th June – Phonics Screening Week

Thursday 11th June – Class photos

Thursday 11th June – Olive Dining King's celebration themed lunch

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday 12th June – Chestnut class assembly

Friday 19th June – Father's Day Event

Friday 19th June – Acorn class assembly

Monday 22nd June – International Week

Monday 22nd June – Year 6 transition day at Chigwell

EYFS/KS1 and KS2 Sports Day dates – TBC

Thursday 25th June – Summer Governor's Day

Monday 29th June – Year 6 at Fair Play House all week

Friday 3rd July – Nursery Teddy Bear Picnic

Friday 10th July – Year 6 Summer Soiree

Friday 10th July – all end of year reports go home

Tuesday 14th July – Rock Steady concerts – KS1 & KS2

Wednesday 15th July – Year 6 Leaver's Mass in church

Thursday 16th July – Olive Dining summer picnic themed lunch

Friday 17th July – last day of summer term – school closes at 11.45 am for pre-school/Nursery pupils

Friday 17th July – last day of summer term - school closes at 1.15 pm for pupils in Reception to Year 6

Thursday 3rd September – start of new academic year – 2026/2027

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