

20th May 2026

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to send a congratulatory message to all of our Year 6 children who have taken their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) a fortnight ago alongside all other Year 6 pupils in the country. Their attitudes and application were exemplary. They demonstrated resilience and confidence. I am sure that our traditional SATs Breakfasts helped to ease any nerves. Thank you to Mrs Lam and Mrs Kaur for organising the breakfasts, the parents for helping and supporting their children, the staff for their encouragement and care and, most of all, to the children for their hard work and dedication.

As we approach half-term, we hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable long week, filled with time for family, friends, and perhaps some well-deserved rest!

God bless,
Mr Gallagher



DATES FOR THE DIARY

May

- 20th Lesson 10 of Branch 5 - 9a.m. - Led by Year 3 - Parents Welcome
- 21st School Census - Menu Change to follow.
- 22nd Interhouse Sports - KS2
- 23rd to 31st - Half Term**

June

- 1st Back to School
Year 3 - The Jewry Wall Museum
- 3rd Lesson 10 of Branch 5 -9a.m - Led by Year 5
Year 1 & 2 Lunch Time Football/Sports Club start - 6 sessions
- 4th Lesson 10 of Branch 5 - 9a.m - Led by Year 2
- 5th Year 3 Swimming Starts
- 9th Year 5 Sports Festival at St Pauls
- 11th Year 1 Trip - Beaumanor Hall
- 15th Year 6 CRICH Trip - 15th to 17th
- 22nd Year 5 Bikeability Starts
- 23rd Year 6 Sports Festival at St Pauls
Year 2- The Conkers Trip
- 25th Year 4- Holy Communion Mass - 9a.m - All welcome.

July

- 2nd Year 5 Trip - Space Centre
- 3rd Sports Day - KS1 - a.m & KS2 - p.m. Specific times to follow.
- 10th End of Academic Year - School finishes at 2p.m. After school club is available until 4.15p.m**



CATHOLIC LIFE



The month of May is especially dedicated to Mary, Our Blessed Mother, and it is the occasion when Catholics from every part of the world pay a moving tribute of love for Mary.

Year 1 beautifully led our May Assembly yesterday. We honoured Mary with great devotion, and our youngest and oldest girl took part in the crowning of Mary, as a sign of love and remembrance. It was a beautiful and reflective celebration that helped the children think about Mary's kindness, faith, and importance within our school community. We were delighted that so many family members could join us for this wonderful celebration. We were so pleased to receive so many generous donations of flowers to adorn the statue of Mary. These were donated to members of our community who are ill, struggling or in need of a little comfort as well as The Lawns care home.

Thank you to everyone that kindly donated.

Rosary - Chaplaincy Update - Mrs Johnson

We continue to have regular rosary sessions in school. Thank you to those parents who have attended our rosary sessions at 8.30am on Wednesday and Friday. You are warmly invited to join us in the chapel to pray a decade of the Rosary with your child at 8.30am on Friday morning this week. This will be a special time for reflection and prayer, and we would love for you to share this experience together. Next half term the Year 6 chaplains will be mentoring any Year 2 children who may like to join the chaplaincy team in the new school year.

Year 3 - Celebration of the Word

Year 3 led a beautiful Celebration of the Word to parents this morning in their classroom to conclude their RE topic this term. They shared how they have been learning about the sacrifice that Jesus made in dying for us and the faith of the disciples when they realised he had risen. The disciples' great faith was the beginning of the Catholic Church, as they travelled to the ends of the earth to teach all the people about the miracles and love of Jesus. We were inspired to follow the disciples' example and spread the love of Jesus. It was a lovely reflective time and the perfect way to start our day. Well done Year 3.

We are looking forward to Year 2 and Year 5 leading their Celebration of the Word after half term. You are all very welcome.

Year 5 - 9am Wednesday 3rd June

Year 2 - 9am Thursday 4th June

First Holy Communion

As the special time of First Holy Communion approaches for many of our pupils, let us keep them in our prayers. We pray that these children grow closer to Jesus each day, are filled with peace, love, and happiness as they receive Him in the Eucharist for the first time. There will be a special mass on June 25th at 9 a.m. led by Year 4.

Parish Links:

Our school serves: St Mary's and St John Bosco parish. Please see the website below for more information.

<https://cathparishmje.co.uk/>

SPORT NEWS

YEAR 3 SPORTS FESTIVAL



Our Year 3 children recently had the pleasure of attending the Sports Festival hosted by St Paul's Catholic School. It was a fantastic day filled with energy, enthusiasm, and friendly competition. Throughout the event, our children demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship, supporting and encouraging one another in every activity. They represented the school brilliantly and showed wonderful team spirit throughout the day.



SPORT NEWS CONTINUED....

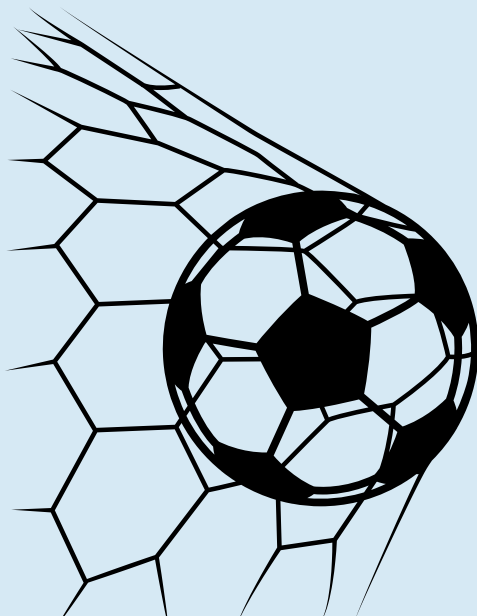
POKEMON CUP - GIRLS FINALS



A brilliant display by our Year 5 and 4 girls in today's Pokémon Cup. The girls won their group, won the quarter finals v Granby, the semi final v Holy Cross however unfortunately lost on penalties at the end of the final after the two teams Caldecote and us could not be separated. So unfortunate!

The girls should be so proud of their efforts! Onwards and upwards!

Team: Ayomi, Niamh, Hephzebah, Annie, Molly, Aisling, Quinn, Vanessa, Tofunmi, Sofia, Clara





What an amazing day we have all had at the zoo. We have seen all of the animals and we remembered where in the world the animals came from. Lots of the animals were from Africa and South America. One of our main highlights was at snack time when a mummy duck and her 6 ducklings joined us and walked through the children. We also saw rhinos, giraffes, gibbons, orangutang, zebras, reptiles, butterflies, birds, meerkats and many more. What a wonderful trip and I would like to say how amazing the children have all been as well.

Mrs Fletcher



YEAR 4 TRIP

King Richard III



Last Thursday, Year 4 had a great day at the King Richard III Centre.

We learnt lots of information about Richard and the War of the Roses. We took part in an archaeology workshop where we learnt how to be great archaeologists and osteologists.

The children were complimented on their good manners, curiosity and enthusiasm. Well done Year 4!



PE Days

- Reception - Monday, Wednesday
- Year 1 - Monday, Thursday
- Year 2 - Tuesday, Thursday
- Year 3 - Monday, Friday (swimming)
- Year 4 - Tuesday, Wednesday
- Year 5 - Monday & Thursday
- Year 6 - Thursday, Friday

Term dates- Consultation

Have your say on school term dates | Leicestershire County Council

Sun protection

As we enter the season of summer, please remember to apply sun cream to your child before they come to school, as well as providing them with a sun hat and a water bottle each day. The sunscreen in school should only be used when there are prolonged outside activities and the sunscreen from home may need 'topping up.'

Start of the school day

It is important that children arrive at school on time. The gates open at 8.30am, all children should be in school by 8.40am. Reception parents may walk their children to class from 8.30 to 8.40am. School gates will be locked by 8.45am.

Babies & Tots

Babies & Tots takes place every Wednesday in the school hall. 8.50am to 10.30am. Check out the Babies & Tots Facebook page for more information.

Clubs

Extracurricular after school clubs will resume on the week beginning June 1st for 2 weeks as well as some invitational and subscribed clubs. Thank you to all our teachers, staff, volunteers and coaches for giving our children these extra opportunities. Please let us know of any absences in advance so we may update our club registers.

Spring Fayre

A massive thank you to everyone who joined us for Saturday's Spring Fayre! The buzzing atmosphere and positivity showed exactly what makes the St John Fisher community so special. Whether you volunteered, donated prizes, or came along to enjoy the fun, every single person who took part helped make the day a triumph.

A Huge Thank You to Our PTFA

An extra-special round of applause goes to our fantastic PTFA team. Pulling off such a vibrant, seamless event for their very first Fayre together is an amazing achievement. All their hard work behind the scenes truly paid off, and we hope the team is enjoying a well-deserved rest.

The Power of Community: Events like this remind us of the magic that happens when we participate and support one another.



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May Half Term

at Leicester Cathedral



Make a matchbox house!

Tuesday 26 May

10.30am-12.00pm and
2.00-4.00pm

Use your
imagination and
design your very
own mini home!



Suitable for ages 3+

Drop-in

No charge but donations
welcome.

All children must be
accompanied by an adult.

Design your own peg doll!

Thursday 28 May

10.30am-12.00pm
and 2.00-4.00pm

Using paint pens,
decorate your
own peg doll to
take home.



Suitable for ages 3+

Where is home for you?

Visit our *Living Together*
Exhibition to
make your
mark!



Come and join us for our space themed day!



Fun activities and crafts!

Wednesday 27 May

from 10.30am - 4.00pm

See reverse for details



**PLANET
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Wednesday 27 May

**Watch a science
show by Sublime
Science!**

11.00am-12.00pm

No charge but donations
welcome.



Suitable for all ages!

Wednesday 27 May

**Space themed play
sessions for 0-7 year olds**

Slots available to book via Eventbrite. Pay
what you can.



Wednesday 27 May

Kinetic Sand Tray

Come and play with space toys!



Suitable for all ages!

Wednesday 27 May

**Make a moveable
rocket craft activity**

10.30am-12.00pm
and 2.00-4.00pm

No charge but donations welcome





EVERYONE

WANTS TO BE SAFE THIS SUMMER...





...RESPECT THE WATERS

If you got into trouble in the water, would you know what to do?

What about if it was someone you care about in danger?

Find out how to keep you and your loved ones safe with advice from the RLSS and Everyone Active.

STAYING SAFE AT THE BEACH

-  **RED AND YELLOW FLAGS** will show the safe places to swim, body board and use inflatables on the beach. You will often see a lifeguard positioned between the red and yellow flags.
-  **RED FLAG** is the sign for danger and means **NO SWIMMING**. Never go in the water when the red flag is flying, under any circumstances. Possible reasons may be fog, large waves or pollution.
-  **BLACK/WHITE FLAG** for hard surf craft including surfboards, kayaks, canoes and other craft without engines. Never swim or body board in this area.
-  **ORANGE WINDSOCKS** indicate offshore winds blowing out to sea or strong wind conditions – never use an inflatable when the sock is flying.



LISTEN TO YOUR HELPFUL LIFEGUARD

Lifeguards are there to help you to stay safe by seeing the dangers, preventing accidents before they happen and responding instantly. They wear a red and yellow uniform, sometimes in black wetsuits, with Lifeguard clearly marked on the back.

Where to find your helpful lifeguard

- At the Beach Lifeguard Unit – a white hut at the beach with an RNLI flag
- They patrol along the shoreline and between the red and yellow flags
- On larger beaches they may be on the sand in a white or red truck
- Wardens operate, patrol and rescue services at large inland lakes



ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are in, on and around water:



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FLOAT TO LIVE

If You Get into Trouble in the Water — Float to Live.
No matter how you entered the water, if you feel yourself struggling, Float to Live.

1



Tilt your head back

Let your ears submerge and allow your face to stay clear of the water.



2

Relax

Slow, steady breathing will help your body float more naturally.

3



Gently move your arms and legs

Use small movements only if needed to help you stay afloat.



4

Don't worry if your legs sink
Everyone floats differently
— this is normal.

5



Find your float
Practise floating in a safe, supervised environment so it feels familiar when you need it.



HELP US PROMOTE WATER SAFETY

Help us spread the word about the importance of staying safe in the water by creating an engaging poster.

Share your finished post with us on Facebook by using the hashtag **#EASafeSwimming**.

Make your poster really stand out by using bold colours, punchy words and different materials.

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ONE OF THE MOST
COMMON CAUSES
OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH
IN CHILDREN, SO
BEING ABLE TO SWIM
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