

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

DATE: FRIDAY 27TH MARCH 2026



A very happy Friday to you all and best wishes for the Easter holidays!

This week, we've had an exceptionally busy week as the children in KS2 told the story of Holy Week through daily celebrations of the word. Their prayer sessions were powerful and moving and helped the children to truly understand the importance of this special week. Their RE lessons have focused on the different events in the last days of Jesus' life, and we have seen some beautiful work produced by all the children. As it was the final week, we also had the Easter bonnet and Easter displays yesterday, culminating in a beautiful array of pastel and spring colours. Well done to all the children who completed the displays for the competition and a huge congratulations to the winners. The pupil leadership team were also busy as they led House Team competitions in the MUGA and arranged the first 'St Rose has got Talent' show and the children were simply fabulous. From singers, to dancers, pianists to stand up comedy... we had it all. They truly shone and demonstrated the gifts and talents that God has given them. Well done to everyone for taking part! And finally, Holy Week starts next week so the bulletin contains details of the different masses that are taking place. Please take the time to read this carefully, so that your children understand the true meaning of this special week. Wishing you a very blessed and holy Easter!

A message from your teachers

Class	Teachers	Message from your teachers
Nursery	Mrs Khan, Mrs Muhsen & Mrs Baxter	Well done Nursery, this week has gone by so quickly! We hope you have an amazing Easter break and we will see you hopefully in warmer weather!
Reception	Mrs Shaw, Miss Humphries & Mrs Kalsi	It has been a very busy week in Reception. Our focus this week has been on learning all about Holy week, which is the last week in Jesus' life. We learnt all about the events of Palm Sunday, the Last Supper and Good Friday. The children had great fun role-playing Palm Sunday, they created some beautiful drawings of the Last Supper and we prayed the stations of the cross together. In Literacy this week we have continued to read our class book 'Something Else' and we have been finding and writing words that rhyme. We hope that you have a wonderful Easter holiday. The children certainly have earned the rest after a busy half term. We look forward to seeing all of the children back in school on Tuesday 14th April for their final term in Reception.
Year 1	Miss Mapother & Mrs Jones	Well done Year 1 on a great spring term! You have worked so hard, blown our socks off many times and have really embraced Lent and Holy Week! Have a great Easter break and we will see you after half term!
Year 2	Miss Elliot & Mrs Barnett	Year 2 have had a fantastic half term and worked really hard in preparing for their SATs which will take place in May. Please look out for a pack of revision resources for the Easter Holidays that the children will bring home tomorrow. Have a great break!
Year 3	Mr Galligan & Mrs Decades	I must say, Year 3 made me so proud on Monday delivering their celebration of the word school assembly. They all had a role to play, and they all executed it wonderfully. Year 3 have been enjoying Holy week too in class, learning all about what Holy week entails and why it is such a special and important time of the year for us all. I hope you have a lovely Easter with your family and loved ones.
Year 4	Mrs Mohan, Mrs Hickman & Miss Plant	Well done for a great Spring term Year 4! You have all worked really hard this week during your Holy Week lessons and you should all be very proud of yourselves. Keep practising your times tables - remember the Multiplication Tables Check is at the beginning of June. Have a fantastic Easter break with your families and we'll see you soon!
Year 5	Mrs Hensman, Mrs Edgington & Mrs Finnegan	Year 5, you have been brilliant this half term and this week, you have shown so much reflection and devotion on our RE lessons - we are immensely proud of you. Now is the time to go and enjoy your Easter holidays with your family. Get some fresh air, enjoy a good back and don't eat too much chocolate! Have a great break Year 5 and we'll see you for the final term of Year 5!
Year 6	Mr McNamara, Mr Clewer & Mr Lahert	Well done to Year 6 on another great week! From the Year 6 team, we hope you all have an amazing break and come back refreshed and ready to learn. Please remember that SATs are just around the corner, and we want to ensure you give yourselves the best opportunity to succeed (Make sure to practice). Keep it up!

Important information for the week ahead

Monday 13 th April	Tuesday 14 th April	Wednesday 15 th April	Thursday 16 th April	Friday 17 th April
Teacher Training Day School closed to all children	Years 1 and 2 Swimming Lessons all week			
	Children return back to school at 8.30am		Year 6 Stay and Pray 8.45am	Celebration Assembly 8.45am in the hall
	Year 6 Tales Together 3.15pm – 3.30pm		Year 5 Tales Together 3.15pm – 3.30pm	

Spring Luminaries

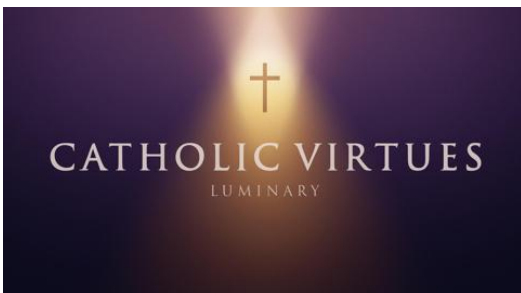
As we come to the end of the Spring term, it's time to celebrate those children that have lit the way for everyone else in the class. Each teacher has thought about who has demonstrated the class wish and the catholic virtues for this half term. The luminaries for the second Spring term are below:



Class Wish Luminaries

At the beginning of the year, the children decide what they want their class wish to be. The following children have been shining examples of this class wish. Well done to all the children!

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Finley	Archie	Bellamy	Rayyan	Callum	Evelina	Constance	Gia



Catholic Virtues Luminaries

Our Catholic Virtues for this half term have been **Intentional and Prophetic**. These virtues represent the ability to do good things with intention, knowing that God would want us to behave in a certain way. Our children demonstrate these daily and it was easy to understand why the teachers found it so hard to choose their luminaries.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Aku	Calyx	Stephen	Yumna	Reid	Somma	Shalom	Jasmin

Catholic Life at St Rose

A prayer for the Easter holidays

Dear God,

As we begin this Easter holiday, help us remember the true meaning of Easter – your love shown through Jesus. Guide our families to share kindness, peace, and gratitude, and keep us safe in this special time.

Amen.

Palm Sunday

This Sunday marks Palm Sunday, the day that Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, to the shouts of 'Hosanna' from the delighted crowds, who paved the ground with their coats and waved palms in jubilation. It is the start of Holy Week and signifies the beginning of Jesus' final days.

THE BIG LENT WALK **Lent calendar 2026** **CAFOD**
A better world needs all of us

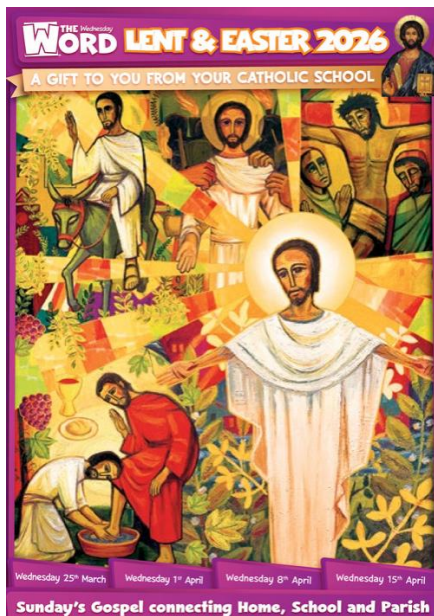
Week:	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six
M	23 February	2 March	9 March	16 March	23 March	30 March
T	24 February	3 March	10 March	17 March	24 March	31 March
W	Ash Wednesday 25 February	4 March	11 March	18 March	25 March	1 April
T	19 February	26 February	5 March	12 March	19 March	Maundy Thursday
F	20 February	CAFOD Fast Day 6 March	13 March	20 March	27 March	Good Friday
					Easter Saturday	Easter Sunday

If you want to complete a '[Lent Calendar](#)' with your children during Lent. Simply click on the image to access each day.

In addition, there is a [Lent Family Pack](#) and [Lent Game](#) that you can also do with your children. Click on the links to access them.

Wednesday Word

The Wednesday Word is available for you to access below. Click on the image to access this week's copy.



Our Lady & St Rose of Lima Parish Church News

Saturday Meetings for parents and children preparing for the sacraments

Our next meeting is on

**17th April
10 am at St Peters**

HOW PRECIOUS IS THE FAMILY, AS THE PRIVILEGED PLACE FOR TRANSMITTING THE FAITH!
Pope Francis

Confirmation

Parish Newsletter

[Click here for the full parish newsletter](#)



Sunday Mass Times

8.45am: Mass at St Peters
11.30am: Mass at St Rose

Holy Week at St Rose and St Peter's

Holy Week, the most important week in the Church's year. A time of recognising and appreciating the ultimate sacrifice that Jesus made for us through being part of his final days. The masses below are significant masses in Holy Week and we would encourage you to attend, if it is possible.

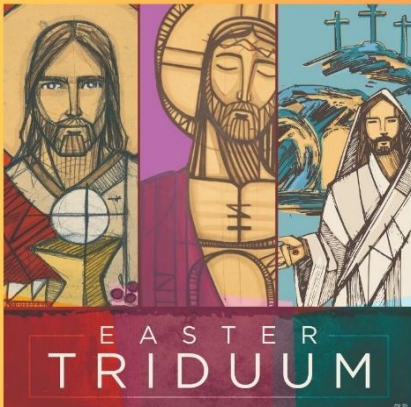
HOLY WEEK 2026

This year all triduum services will take place at St Peter's. If you can provide or need transport from Weoley Castle then please fill in the form at the back of church

Holy Thursday - 7.30 pm

Good Friday - 3pm

Holy Saturday - 8 pm



Holy week - The triduum - FAQ

ALL TRIDUUM SERVICES ARE AT ST PETERS. IF YOU NEED OR CAN OFFER A LIFT THERE IS A SHEET ON THE NOTICEBOARD AT ST ROSE

HOLY THURSDAY

THE WATCH WILL TAKE PLACE IN SCHOOL AND CONCLUDE AT 10 PM FOLLOWING NIGHT PRAYER. NOT ONLY IS IT NICE TO TRAVEL FROM THE "UPPER ROOM" TO A DIFFERENT VENUE BUT AMPLE SPACE MEANS ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAY AND WATCH WITH JESUS.

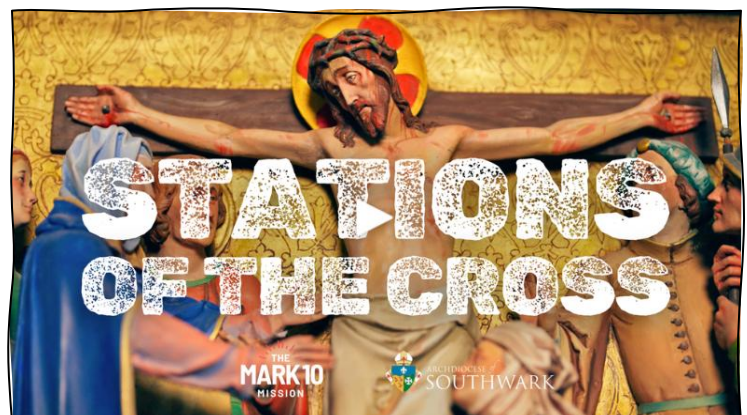
GOOD FRIDAY

THERE WILL BE A COMPULSORY RETIRING COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES IN ISRAEL

HOLY SATURDAY

PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM AND RECEPTION INTO THE CHURCH. HELEN, EMMANUEL, JAMES, CHRIS, TERFA, JOHN JADE, DILON

The children have been looking at the Stations of the Cross this week however, if you would like to share them with your child in a family friendly way at home, please click on the link below for the Mark 10 Mission video of the Stations of the Cross.



Attendance at St Rose

Well done to Reception for having the highest attendance last week!

Here is the attendance for Spring Term 2

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.3%	96%	93.7%	94.7%	95.6%	93.0%	90.7%	89.2%

Each class should be aiming for 95% or above to be achieving excellent attendance.

Every day matters

For your child to make the progress they deserve, they need to be in school.

As a school, this is something we monitor closely and is a high priority for us each academic year. Whilst odd days off may not seem significant, they do impact your child's learning. Unless your child is really poorly, please ensure they are in school and ready to learn. This will give your child the best chance of achieving their full potential.

ATTENDANCE

Why is it so important?



Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The government states that every child's attendance should be at least 95%.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Attendance	Days	Weeks	Lessons
	Absent	Absent	Absent
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	340 lessons

Punctuality

Being on time for school is crucial for your child!

If your child is late, this will affect their overall attendance and results in them missing some key tasks that will help them practise skills they have been taught in their lessons.

- Our school day starts at 8.30am.
- The registers are taken at 8.40am.
- Anyone arriving after 8.40am is classed as late.

If your child arrives after this time, they will already have missed some crucial work in the morning.

Please allow sufficient time to get to school so that your child can get the best start to their school day!



Don't be late like the White Rabbit - be on time

Our school day *each day!*

Gates open at 8.25am
School starts at 8.30am
Registers close at 8.40am

EYFS school day finishes at 3.20pm
All other children finish at 3.30pm
Friday - school finishes at 1.00pm



Tales Together

Join us for Story Time in the School Hall!

Come and enjoy a story session with your child!

Twice per half-term, each class will share their end-of-day story in the hall, and parents and carers are invited to join us! ★•

EYFS
3:00pm



KS1 & KS2
3:15pm



Sessions will last 15 minutes

Come along, relax and enjoy a story with your child!

Check the timetable below for your class dates:

★ ★ Tales Together Timetable ★ ★

Class	Date	Time
Year 6	Tuesday 14 th April & Tuesday 5 th May	3:15 - 3:30pm
Year 5	Thursday 16 th April & Monday 11 th May	3:15 - 3:30pm
Year 4	Monday 20 th April & Tuesday 12 th May	3:15 - 3:30pm
Year 3	Tuesday 21 st April & Monday 18 th May	3:15 - 3:30pm
Year 2	Thursday 23 rd April & Thursday 14 th May	3:15 - 3:30pm
Year 1	Monday 27 th April & Tuesday 19 th May	3:15 - 3:30pm
Reception	Tuesday 28 th April & Thursday 21 st May	3:00 - 3:15pm
Nursery	Thursday 30 th April	3:00 - 3:15pm

We look forward to seeing you there!

★ Let's share the magic of reading! ★

Reminders will be sent out via text and bulletin!

Important Information



Year 2 School Trip

The next school trip to take place at the beginning of the summer term is for year 2. Please check your Parentpay accounts to ensure you have completed the consent form and payment.

Mount Pleasant Farm Trip
Wednesday 22nd April



HELP

The Lost Property has not gone down, despite many attempts to reunite jumpers, cardigans and jackets with their owners.

After half term, these will be washed and put out for people to take. Please feel free to give them a good home as they are not serving anyone sat in our corridor.

Have a blessed Easter!

Mr Carroll and Mrs Hensman



Years 1 and 2 will go swimming after half term. This means, all children will need a swimming costume or swimming shorts and a towel for the week.

The children will be back in school in plenty of time for their lunch, so no alternative arrangements need to take place.

Their first swimming lesson takes place on Tuesday 14th April. Year 2 will miss their session on Wednesday 22nd April, due to their school trip.



Year 6 Stay and Pray

The Year 6 stay and pray takes place on Thursday 16th April at 8.45am.

Please try to spare some time to pray with the children. The hall will be open at 8.40am for you to join them.

Keeping your child safe online

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO ROUTINE

Most of us look forward to the school holidays as an opportunity to slow down and relax, stay up later, sleep in and generally approach life in a more leisurely fashion. However, this does mean that returning to normal school-day routines can feel like an uphill battle. Here are some practical tips to ease that transition, reduce stress and set children up for success.

1 START SMALL AND EARLY

Begin reintroducing elements of the school routine at least a few days before term starts. Gradually adjust bedtime, wake-up times and mealtimes to be more in line with school-day rhythms. Small changes can make a big difference in avoiding last-minute panic and helping children to readjust smoothly.

2 REVISIT THE SCHEDULE

Involve your child in mapping out their daily routine so they understand what's going to change. Visual tools like charts or calendars can help keeping to that schedule feel more engaging. When children understand and anticipate their personal timetable, they feel more secure and in control.

3 CREATE A SLEEP PLAN

Sleep can present one of the biggest challenges, as children can sometimes become night owls, prone to staying up late during the holidays. Limit screen time before bed and encourage winding-down activities like reading or listening to calming music. A restful night's sleep improves focus, mood and overall wellbeing, making mornings much smoother.

4 ENCOURAGE FRIENDSHIPS

Help your child to reconnect with school friends by organising playdates, catch-ups or arranging to go to after-school clubs. Re-establishing social bonds can make the return to school more exciting and less intimidating, allowing youngsters to focus on the positive aspects of the new term.

5 GRANT RESPONSIBILITY

Give children control over some aspects of the morning routine. Maybe they could be in charge of waking everyone up, serving breakfast or choosing the radio station that everyone listens to while getting ready. Something that gives them a sense of ownership over their morning schedule can help them view the task as one they've chosen to do, rather than being told to do it.

6 FOCUS ON NUTRITION

Make sure children are receiving balanced meals (with regular healthy snacks to boost energy and concentration), putting them in the best possible state to return to education. A nutritious breakfast is particularly crucial for a positive start to the day. Involve children in meal planning to make it enjoyable and collaborative.

7 COMMUNICATE OPENLY

Talk with your child about how they're feeling about returning to school: whether they're excited, anxious or a mix of both. Validating their emotions helps them feel supported and understood. Try asking them about the things they're looking forward to at school, such as seeing their friends again. Focusing on the positives can be useful for children struggling with change.

8 RECONNECT WITH LEARNING

Ease children back into a learning mindset by incorporating fun, educational activities into their home life. Reading a favourite book, playing games that involve maths or discussing an interesting topic can gently reawaken their focus and prime their minds to learn, which can have helpful impacts on their academic performance.

9 PREP TOGETHER

Turn preparation into a shared activity, to shoulder the responsibility together and provide support where needed. Pack school bags, lay out uniforms and plan lunch the night before. This not only reduces early morning stress but also gives children a sense of ownership over being ready for school.

10 BE PATIENT AND FLEXIBLE

Transitions take time, and every child adjusts differently: so, it's important to stay calm and supportive, especially if they're reacting adversely to the change in their daily life. Be ready to tweak routines as needed, and work with the child to make the return to education as easy as possible for them. Patience can go a long way to setting a positive tone for the new school year.

Meet Our Expert

Becky Dawson is an education expert with a focus on mental health and wellbeing. Passionate about empowering adults who spend time with and care for young people, Becky specialises in creating practical strategies that promote wellbeing and resilience in children during life's transitions.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/supporting-children-to-return-to-routine>

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Summer Term Key Dates

April

Tuesday 14th April

- Children return to school at 8.30am

Thursday 16th April

- Year 2 Trip to Mount Pleasant Farm
- Year 6 Stay and Pray

Thursday 23rd April

- Reception Trip to Tamworth Castle
- Year 5 Stay and Pray

Thursday 30th April

- Year 4 Stay and Pray

Test Dates

- KS2 SATs: 11th - 14th May
- KS1 SATs: Throughout May
- Year 1 Phonics: w/c 8th June
- Year 4 Multiplication: w/c 1st June

Years 1 & 2 Swimming



Monday 13th - Friday 17th April AND
Monday 20th - Friday 24th April

May

Monday 4th May

- Bank Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 7th May

- Election Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 14th May

- Year 4 Trip to Botanical Gardens
- Year 3 Stay and Pray

Tuesday 19th May

- Year 3 Trip to Warwick Castle

Thursday 21st May

- Year 2 Stay and Pray

Friday 22nd May

- Children break up at 1pm

Summer Fair



Thursday 9th July

ADVANCE NOTICE

School will close at 3pm to
allow all the staff to run stalls
at the Summer Fair

June

Monday 1st June

- Children return to school at 8.30am

Tuesday 2nd June

- KS2 Sports Day (TBC)

Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th June

- Year 5 & 6 Residential to Alton Castle

Thursday 11th June

- Year 1 Stay and Pray

Thursday 18th June

- Nursery Trip to Ash End Farm
- Reception Stay and Pray

July

Wednesday 1st July

- Transition Day

Thursday 2nd July

- Nursery Stay and Pray

Monday 6th - Friday 10th July

- Healthy Living Week

Wednesday 8th July

- Charity Day

Thursday 9th July

- EYFS Sports Day 9.00 - 10.00am
- KS1 Sports Day 10.30 - 11.30am
- Summer Fair 3.00 - 4.30pm

Wednesday 15th July

- Year 6 Leaver's Mass (TBC)

Thursday 16th July

- Year 6 Leaver's Performance 2.00pm

Friday 17th July

- Children break up at 1pm