



DATES

FEBRUARY

Monday 26th – WWII Workshops for Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6

MARCH

Thursday 7th – World Book Day

Tuesday 26th – Rocksteady Concert at 10.00 am

Thursday 28th – Mrs. Daly's last day before starting Maternity leave

Thursday 28th – School closes at 1.00 pm for EASTER

Friday 29th – GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL

Monday 15th – School re-opens at 8.50 am

May

Saturday 11th – Year 4 Holy Communion

Friday 24th – HALF TERM

Saturday 25th – Year 4 Holy Communion

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

In our Collective Worship this week, we have been reflecting on LENT. Lent is the period of 40 days during which we remember the events leading up to the death of Jesus. The 40-day period is called Lent after the old English word meaning 'lengthen'. This is because of the time of year when it happens, as this is when the days start to get longer, as we approach Summer. It's a time of reflection and of asking for forgiveness, and when we prepare to celebrate Jesus's resurrection at the feast of Easter. The children have been talking about all the things they can do through Lent; giving something up, giving to the less fortunate or helping others.



MATERNITY COVER FOR YEAR 1

You'll all be aware that Mrs. Daly will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this half term. We are naturally delighted for her, but she will be very much missed over her time off. She has promised to keep in touch and we are expecting regular visits from both mum and baby!

We are absolutely delighted to let you know we have appointed Mrs. Hill to replace her for the full year. Mrs. Hill will be joining us on Monday 15th April and will remain with us until Easter 2025! Wow, that seems a long way off but we know the time will fly.

Mrs. Hill is a very experienced teacher who has spent much time in a Year 1 class, highly experienced with the age group and the delivery of high-quality phonics. She was highly recommended, so despite the change, we feel very happy and relaxed about the upcoming swap. I'm sure our Year 1 parents will be delighted to meet her very soon.

VISIT FROM BISHOP TOM

On Monday, we were absolutely delighted to welcome Bishop Tom Naylor to our school on our first day back after half term, and the first day of Lent in school. Bishop Tom is getting out and about in the local communities and visiting schools and parishes. It was such a pleasure to have him come to us and meet our children and staff. We had an assembly where Bishop Tom spoke to the children about Lent and they were able to share their knowledge and Lenten promises.

Three of our amazing Year 6 from our Pupil Leadership Team (Alex, Tyler and Shae) showed Bishop Tom around the school and discussed all the things they like, love and enjoy at St George's. They were spectacular, sharing their hopes for the future and sharing their understanding of the work we do in school.



Bishop Tom also made time to pop into classes to speak with the children, while facing a wonderful array of question! Finally, he had a chance to meet our 'Spirit Squad' and share with him how they help prepare and lead the whole school in Collective Worship assemblies and come up with ways of supporting the local and global community.

Huge thanks to Bishop Tom for making time to visit, and to Deacon Keith for arranging his visit. Stephen Crowther, one of our school Governors, was also treated to the tour as he accompanied Bishop Tom to school.



WORLD WAR II DAY



Next week, we are thrilled to be having a day dedicated to WWII for our children in Years 4, 5 and 6. It's a wonderful opportunity for each class to experience some high-quality history with hands on artifacts and resources. Primary History Workshops will be with us all day, supporting the children in their classrooms and the school hall with an exciting carousel of activities lasting all day. Many thanks to Mr. Dillon for organizing this to support our historical investigations and providing an opportunity for our children to be immersed in such an important part of our country's past.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED

Just before we all broke up for half term, one of our parents, Lenny Scott, tragically lost his life. It has been absolutely devastating news and unbearable for his family. Nothing could ever prepare them for the loss of their loved one, taken all too soon from them. His boys are back in school and his family are struggling to come to term with their loss. Can we ask that you please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers at this time, and in the months to come.



VISITS TO CHURCH DURING LENT

This week, our Year 4 class went to Church to celebrate mass with the parish. Through Lent, each of our KS2 classes will be going to mass; a special time for the children and parish to come together in our Lenten preparations for Easter. Thank you to Miss. Mawtus for arranging this for us.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Remember that world book day is less than two weeks away. Children can come to school dressed in a character from a book and look forward to a full day of lovely activities and opportunities all based on books and reading. Many thanks indeed to Mrs. Daly and Mr. Dillon for arranging the day for our children – we are really looking forward to it!



LATE TO SCHOOL

Can we all PLEASE ensure that our children are on time for school. The number of children arriving late is becoming unreasonable. We really shouldn't be seeing any children arrive late, unless there have been exceptional circumstances. All parents are expected to get their children onto the school grounds **BEFORE 9.00 am** so they can go into school, be present for the register and access the first session of learning for the day. Please help us keep our school calm and organized at the start of each

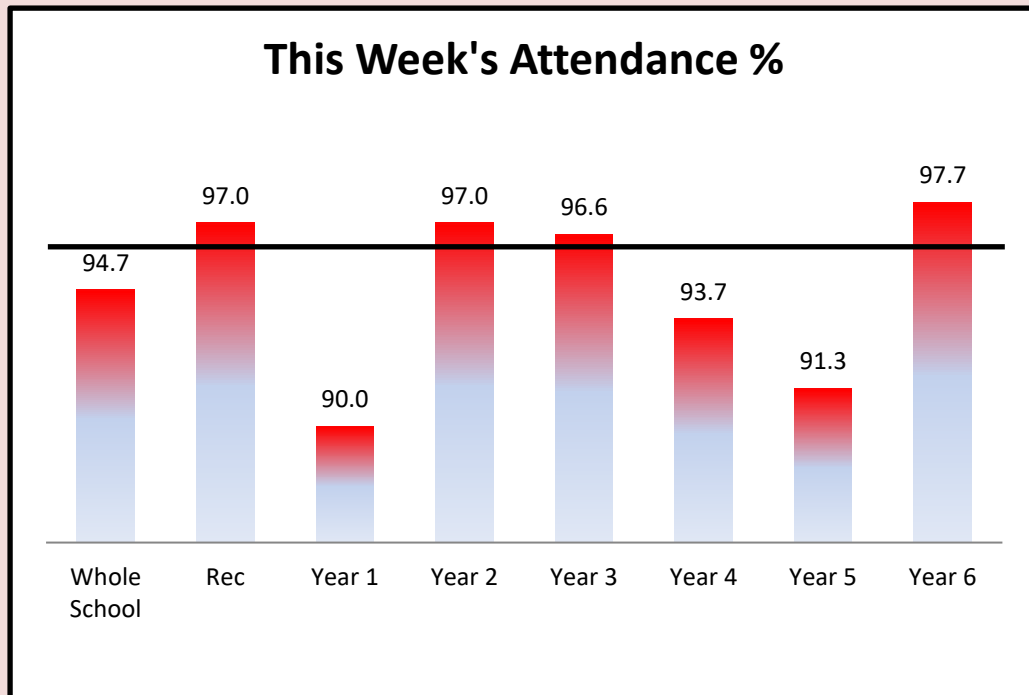
SCHOOL LEVY

Can we please ask that 'families' payed their £10.00 contribution to the school levy. So far only 1/3 of our families have paid online. This money will have to be taken out of our school funds if not paid so we would all really appreciate your support. All families in catholic schools are asked for this contribution just once a year. Since I have been Headteacher at St George's, **we've benefited from well over ½ million pounds of investment** from the Archdiocese which is only possible if we pay our annual levy. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance can be seen below. **The school target is 96% - as represented by the black line.** It's great to see an improvement this week following the last half term.

Well done to Reception class, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6!



WELL DONE YEAR 6 – you've won the 'attendance tenner' this week! Save it up and see how much you've won by the end of the year!