

# DATES

#### **FEBRUARY**

**Tuesday 11th** – Safer Internet day

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – HALF TERM Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – school re-opens at 8.50 am

#### **MARCH**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day Monday 31<sup>st</sup> – Parents' Appointments for YEAR 6 pupils

### <u>APRIL</u>

**Tuesday 1st** – Rocksteady Concert @ 10.00am

**Thursday 3**<sup>rd</sup> – Nursery closes for Easter

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Easter Assembly for the whole school

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Easter Rabbit Run (pm)

Friday 4th – School Closes at 1.00pm for Easter Tuesday 22nd April – School reopens at 8.50am

#### May

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

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# LITURGY AND PRAYER / COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



This week in our Liturgy and Prayer and Collective Worship, we launched our Journey as Pilgrims of Hope. This is to celebrate the Churches' Jubilee Year in 2025. We held our launch day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January then spent this week thinking about what this special year means. We are <u>ALL</u> "Pilgrims of Hope" working together for God's kingdom of justice, peace and love, standing in solidarity with the world's poorest communities. We have accepted our invitation to renew our hope, a hope which comes from knowing that God loves each one of us, whoever we are.

This year, through prayer, learning and taking action for our local and global families, our children have the opportunity to explore and experience the vital role they have as agents of change, recognizing a better world needs ALL of us to participate.

We will be working closely with Cafod and participating in a variety of experiences, looking at how and what we can do to support the poor and the injustice they experience.

Today we looked at the life of Oscar Romero and how his whole life was aligned to the values of this Jubilee Year – a true **Pilgrim of Hope**.



### **SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS**

Well the last few weeks have seen some amazing participation in sporting events that have really surpassed our expectations.

A team of Year 5 children took part in a local Hockey competition competing against 15 teams. Having only played together for a very short amount of time, they came back beaming with a trophy after coming 1<sup>ST</sup>!!!! What an incredible achievement. It was a joy to see then so happy and chatting about their experience and win. Well done to them all – what great ambassadors!



This was quickly followed by another mixed Year 5 team participating in an athletics competition...and they came back with Silver Medals and certificates for their astonishing  $2^{nd}$  place! Incredible! These were awarded in our assembly on Friday where they were given a well-deserved round of applause from the school. What super stars!

## **SCHOOL LEVY**

Each year, Liverpool Archdiocese ask schools to pay their Levy which goes to support all of the building and improvement that schools need. Over the past 12 years since I've been head of St George's, the Archdiocese have spent in excess of £1.5 million; the school building and grounds are unrecognizable.

Levy is calculated on the number of families in the school, and is just £10 per FAMILY, not child. When we ask parents for this contribution, it usually comes in from 80% to 90% of families. However, we have seen just 50% this year and if not received from families, it will have to be taken from the school's budget. Could we please ask one final time that if you haven't paid, could you please do so via the app. HUGE thanks to all those families who have already paid – we appreciate and value your support.

#### LFC FOUNDATION OPPORTUNITY

Liverpool Football Club Foundation will again be supporting our pupils with a Safer Internet Day next week, on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February. This comes after some great events we participated in during the autumn term.

The day is a great way for our pupils to learn and also experience a tour of the club and meet with some of the club members. Again, thank you to Mr. Dillon for arranging this trip and the partnership with LFC. I know the children attending from Year 6 will have an amazing morning!

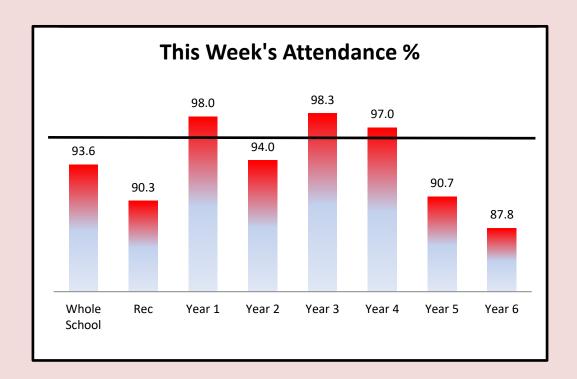
### **FUNDRAISING SUPERSTAR**

A HUGE well done and congratulations to Theo who has just been phenomenal in his fundraising for Alder Hey. He completed *Miles for Smiles* - 31 miles (a mile a day for a whole month) and raised a huge £860, which went towards a new cinema in the hospital for sick children to attend. A HUGE well done to Theo for such an amazing achievement and an equally HUGE thank you to all the parents who sponsored him and helped him reach his target. We are really proud of him.



#### **ATTENDANCE**

This week's attendance can be seen below. The school target is 96% - as represented by the black line.



**Attendance this week is very low**. Our attendance in upper juniors is the lowest it's been since September. PLEASE do try and get children in and on time. We will always be able to administer Calpol and will always ring to check before we do so.

What an achievement from Years 1, 3 and 4.

Year 3 clinches the £10 this week