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### Prayer for the Easter Season

God our Father, amidst the vastness of space you treasure mankind and you call each of us by name.

You so love our world that, in the fullness of time, you sent Jesus your Son, to live among us.

Inspire us each day to live in wonder and appreciation of all that is around us, and may your love, seen fully in Jesus, your Son, surround us this day and forever.

Amen.

### LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

#### SUMMER TERM

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – St George's Day Mass

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Marian Service

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Sacred Heart Mass

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Mass 2pm

All Masses will be at 9.30am in the Church

#### School Sunday Mass

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 12pm**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 12pm**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 12pm**

**Please join the Parish after Mass for coffee**



**HAPPY EASTER:** I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Blessed Easter Break. I hope you have time to rest, spend time together and be able to reflect on the gifts that Jesus has bestowed upon us. Family and friends are very precious. Let us show them how much they are valued.

Have fun and eat lots of Easter Eggs. **Don't forget to go to Mass.** There is a full list of services in this newsletter.

Thank you to all the parents and families for their support this term. Our children are going from strength to strength.



**HOLY WEEK LITURGIES:** Well done to the children and staff who prepared the liturgies this week. This was a very solemn occasion when we reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus made because he loves us so much.



### FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Please join us on **Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.50am** in Our Lady of the Visitation Church as we pray the 'Stations of the Cross' together and bear 'witness' to God's unending love for us. A love so great that he sent his only son, Jesus, to save us.

This is a service in collaboration with Parishes in Greenford, Our Lady of the Visitation School and Edward Betham School.

Everyone in our Community is welcome and encouraged to join us as we walk the Stations of the Cross from Our Lady of the Visitation Church to Holy Cross Church.

**As we will be representing our school children who attend are asked to wear their school uniform.**

Thank you to the children who have volunteered to read. They have been given their readings to practice. I look forward to seeing you all next Friday.

**SCHOOL SICKNESS AND ABSENCE:** There are many coughs and colds circulating at the moment. One way of reducing the spread is to use tissues to cough into and washing our hands. During Covid the children became experts at washing their hands properly with soap and water and coughing into a tissue or the sleeve of a jumper. However, we have noticed that these good habits have been lost.

Can you please work with the children over the holidays to wash their hands properly and cough into a tissue. We will also work on this when the children return.

**GIVING OUT CHOCOLATE AND SWEETS:** The school has a well-advertised policy regarding the distribution of sweets and chocolate. Parents are asked not to give out sweets, chocolates or cakes as gifts. There are two very important reasons for this policy.

1. Parents/carers requested that we stopped giving out sweets, chocolates or cakes as their children were coming home twice a week with treats which were affecting health, teeth and in some cases behaviour.

2 We have a growing number of children with severe allergies. Giving out chocolate and cakes is a significant risk to the life of those children with anaphylaxis.

I have seen many fabulous fruit arrangements brought in for children's birthdays. This is a great way for your child to celebrate their birthday and keep everyone safe and healthy.

**SUMMER UNIFORM:** The children should return to school wearing their summer uniform. This is a polo shirt instead of a shirt and tie. Children in EYFS have the option to wear blue school shorts or grey tailored shorts. However, they may continue to wear the track suit bottoms if it is still cold.

**SIBLINGS DROPPING OFF IN THE MORNING:** If you task your older children to drop younger children at school please remind them that they must not leave them until they have gone through the school gate. There is an increasing number of unattended children at the school gate and this is leading to unacceptable behaviour. If children are left unsupervised this will be deemed a safeguarding concern and could result in a referral to social care.

**EASTER BLESSING OF FOOD:** Food will be blessed on **Holy Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April** between 11am and 1pm in Our Lady of the Visitation Church. Bring your baskets of food to be blessed for Easter!



## **Online Safety: Talk about it:**



Tips for a meaningful conversation

- Start conversations when your children won't be embarrassed, for example in the car going home from school
- Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter
- Make sure they know they can come to you if they're upset by something they've seen online
- Be sensitive and praise them when they share their online experiences with you
- If your child comes to you with an issue, stay calm and listen without judging them
- Talk about online grooming as you would stranger danger and explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are



 **RECYCLE YOUR BATTERIES HERE** 

The Eco Team have arranged for a battery recycling drive at school. The box is in the front office. Please **ONLY** bring batteries labelled on the box.

 Thank you 



# Household batteries only

we accept the following batteries in this container:



We also accept batteries from electrical and electronic equipment including mobile phone, laptop and power tool batteries.

We **cannot** accept car or other industrial batteries through this scheme or any battery with a wire connected to it. Lithium batteries should have both terminals taped over.

# THE BIG PLASTIC COUNT FOR SCHOOLS

## OUR LADY OF THE VISITATION... PLASTIC PROFILE

Your school isn't to blame for these results, so please don't feel bad. Most of us don't have a choice but to buy things wrapped in plastic. But your results are helping change things for the better. We now have the evidence we need to push the government to cut plastic packaging. Thank you for taking part!

IN ONE WEEK, YOUR SCHOOL USED:

4494

PIECES OF PLASTIC



OVER ONE YEAR, THAT'S:

233688

PIECES OF PLASTIC



HERE'S HOW MUCH PLASTIC PACKAGING YOUR SCHOOL USED IN EACH CATEGORY:



80%

FOOD & DRINK



13%

TOILETRIES & CLEANING



7%

EVERYTHING ELSE

HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR SCHOOL'S PLASTIC WASTE:



18%

WAS RECYCLED IN THE UK

Plastic breaks down when it's recycled and ends up being dumped, burned or exported anyway.



56%

WAS BURNED IN THE UK

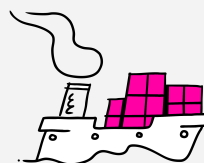
Burning plastic causes air pollution, worsens climate change and impacts those living near burning sites.



8%

WAS DUMPED IN THE UK

When plastic is dumped in landfill, it releases harmful gases and pollutes surrounding areas.



18%

WAS SHIPPED OVERSEAS

Exporting plastic simply passes the problem to other countries, affecting the health of local people.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

**ATTENDANCE:** Please see the table below for class attendance this week.

Congratulations to 5W and 6P for 100% attendance this week.

<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>92.9%</b>
<b>BUMBLEBEES</b>	<b>97.6%</b>
<b>BUTTERFLIES</b>	<b>88.9%</b>
<b>1K</b>	<b>86.7%</b>
<b>1S</b>	<b>96.6%</b>
<b>2B</b>	<b>95.9%</b>
<b>2J</b>	<b>96.7%</b>
<b>3G</b>	<b>92.3%</b>
<b>3Y</b>	<b>88.9%</b>
<b>4C</b>	<b>93.1%</b>
<b>4F</b>	<b>95.2%</b>
<b>5B</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
<b>5W</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>6P</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>6W</b>	<b>98.2%</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>94.8%</b>

**PRAISE CERTIFICATES:** Each week children are awarded a Praise Certificate for a range of reasons; excellent work, making a greater effort, consistent and sustained improvement, displaying the Gospel Values of friendship, supporting and helping others, to name but a few. Congratulations to the following children who received the Praise Certificate this week.

**Lucas and Mia – Bumblebees**

**Zoja and Vanessa – Butterflies**

**Antoni and Lily – 1K**

**Thanvia and Igor – 1S**

**Bailee and Gabi G – 2B**

**Rebecca and Amelia – 2J**

**The Whole Class! – 3G**

**The Whole Class! – 3Y**

**Keeon and Jo – 4C**

**Giulia, Micah and Dylan – 4F**

**5B and 5W – 5B**

**The Whole Class! – 5W**

**Gabriel and The Whole Class! – 6P**

**Gabriel and Thomas – 6W**

**OPAL Play Champion**

**Olivia E – 6W**

**Gaby – 6W**

**CITIZENSHIP AWARD:** Our citizenship award is awarded weekly to pupils who display good citizenship and Gospel Values; for example, Kindness, Inclusion, Tolerance, Respect and following school rules.

This half term, we will be focusing on the theme **COMMUNITY** and **PARTICIPATION**.

As humans, we are made to live in **community** with one another. This means being **active members** of the world we live in. We are meant to look out for each other and build each other up. This is how God wants us to live.

Pope Francis said ‘Do we open ourselves to the Holy Spirit, so as to be an active part of our communities, or do we close in on ourselves, saying ‘I have so many things to do, that’s not my job?’

**Diego – 1K**

**Megan – 1S**

**Marie – 2B**

**Chinenye – 2J**

**Mrs Chodzko-Zajko – 3G**

**The Whole Class! – 3Y**

**Matilde – 4C**

**Sarai – 4F**

**Mr Brailey – 5B**

**Elizabeth and Mr Brailey – 5W**

**Gabriel – 6P**

**Gabriel – 6W**

# Easter 2026



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## **Reconciliation Day** | Sat 28th March

Confessions at Church 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday Vigil for Palm Sunday 7:00 pm

## **Palm Sunday** | Sun 29th March

Mass 8:00 am

Procession Gathering 9:45 am | Mass 10:00 am

Procession Gathering 11:45 am | Mass 12:00 pm

Mass 2:00 pm

## **HOLY WEEK**

## **Holy Thursday** | Thur 2nd April

Mass 7:30 pm

Watching at Old Church Hall 8:30 pm – Midnight

## **Good Friday** | Fri 3rd April

Walk of Witnesses at 10:00 am

Passion Service 12:00 pm (Passion Play)

Passion Service 3:00 pm (Passion Play)

Passion Service 5:00 pm (Passion Reading)

Prayer around the Cross at Church 7:30 pm

## **Holy Saturday** | Sat 4th April

Blessing of Food 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Easter Vigil 8:00 pm**

## **Easter Sunday** | Sun 5th April

Mass 8:00 am | 10:00 am | 12:00 pm | 2:00 pm

Coffee and chocolate eggs after 8,10,12 Masses