



St Mary Magdalen's

Newsletter



24th March 2023

REFLECTION

Guide dogs can revolutionise the lives of those who are blind or partially sighted. They get freedom to do things they may otherwise have been unable to do. Volunteers make this possible.



Most Gracious Heavenly Father,

We thank you Lord for creating all animals, but especially Guide Dogs. We are blessed to have such wonderful creatures that can be taught to care for and protect their companions. Thank you for making people generous with their time and money to allow the training of Guide Dogs. We ask for your comforting arms to wrap around partially sighted and blind people in our community. Help us to be understanding, compassionate and generous in their company. May charities that provide and support Guide Dogs continue to be successful.

In Jesus' name, AMEN.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Niamh C & Lucas W



A huge thank you to all who attended Parents' Evening - I hope that you valued the Interim Report that we have introduced which details what was discussed at the meeting, celebrates your child and gives areas for improvement. We are just over half way through the year so we have plenty of time! Feedback has been really good about the physical meeting; being back in school; being able to see the books and the reports to take away as a reminder, but if you would like to raise anything (positive is always welcome, as well as negative), please email the school office.

On Wednesday this week, accompanying Year 4 to mass were our School Councillors from across the school, who shared daffodils with all of our parishioners. There is no better feeling than sharing a smile and some positivity with those in our school community.

Our Year 5s also ran an excellent Fairtrade stall on Wednesday after school in our School Hall - raising awareness of the Fairtrade Foundation and also the importance of a fair wage for all - wherever they may be in the world. Y5 raised £71.66 through their stall and Lenten games.



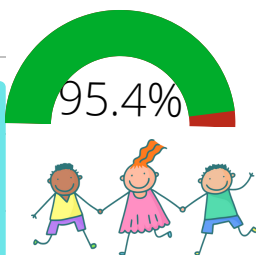
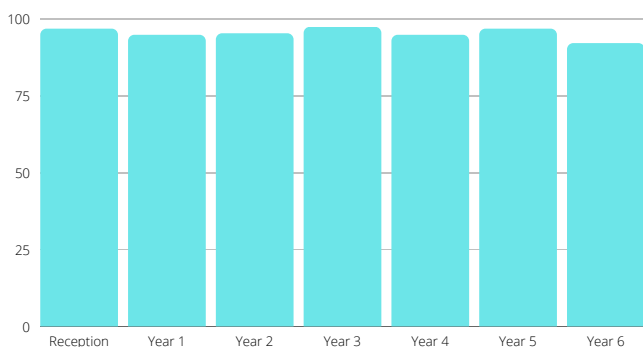
This week it has been fantastic to see the number of pupils and parents coming to school on foot, on a bike or on a scooter. We really appreciate the additional effort that this takes in the morning - and we know that it isn't easy or possible for everyone, but we would ask you to consider parking away from school - even just a couple of streets away - and coming on foot. After school, everyone who is parked at the gate before it opens (often spilling onto Leyland Rd and causing traffic issues) could be parked away as the gates open 15 minutes before the children are dismissed - so please take responsibility to play your part in helping our school to become more environmentally friendly and safer for our children.

As a thank you, we have organised a Walking Breakfast for next Wednesday for those not arriving in a car, accompanied by an adult - please pre-book - details are on ParentMail. Wishing everyone a very happy weekend!

Don't forget the BIG LENT Walk for CAFOD from St Oswalds at 1pm Saturday with St Teresa's and All Hallows!



ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK



SCHOOL MEALS

Week 3 of the menu next week.

FOODBANK

Friday 9:30 – 12:00
Penwortham Community Centre



DON'T FORGET



CLASS CHALLENGE



HOW IT WORKS...

Each class has their own bottle for collecting 5p (or any silver) coins.

The class with the most coins at the end of Spring term or the first class to completely fill their bottle will WIN a voucher to spend on PLAY TIME GAMES!

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

Staff News

Congratulations to Miss J Robinson who became Mrs J Close on Saturday - and doesn't she look stunning?



Congratulations to Mrs Taylor (Welfare Assistant) who has identical twin boys - Devansh and Devesh - Mother and babies are doing really well and send their love to everyone!



Our Wellbeing Ambassador, Olive, has introduced 'Reflection of the Week' in each KS2 class. These are our winners this week:

- Giving money to someone so they can pay for dogs food
- because they are poorly. I picked Stitch and my mum picked Barney - Lyla M Y4

This week I did really well in swimming and I have learnt a lot this week in Y4, even in maths. I think Mrs Wallace is the best teacher ever and I think I do really good in times tables - Edith y4

Thank you to everyone who completed the Interim Parent Survey! As a result.....

UNIFORM CHANGES FROM SEPTEMBER:

All classes will continue to come into school in PE kit on PE days.

KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) will wear a white shirt and tie with school jumper on non-PE days. To avoid extra expense, we have some ties in school to distribute in the Summer Term so please bear with us, before purchasing. **ALL OTHER UNIFORM REMINDS THE SAME.**

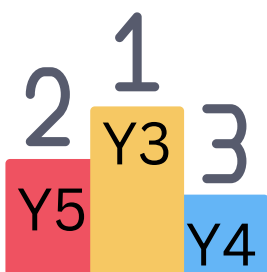
KS2 Snack from April 24th (after Easter):

All KS2 (Y3,4,5,6) pupils can bring in 20p (cash) each day and chose toast, crumpet or fruit.



WOW
the year-round walk to school challenge

This week's numbers are in ..



- 31/3 Year 4 Show Case Assembly
- 4/4 PTFA Bingo in school
- 1/5 Bank Holiday Monday
- 8/5 Bank Holiday - King's Coronation
- 13/5 Year 4 Holy Communion
- 17/5 Year 4 Mass celebrate 1st Holy Communions
- 19/5 Rise and Shine Jog
- 8/6 PTFA Disco
- 29/6 Sports Day
- 7/7 Summer Fair
- 13/7 Year 6 Leavers Production

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Meet the Easter Bunny!

11am-2pm Saturday 8th April

In support of

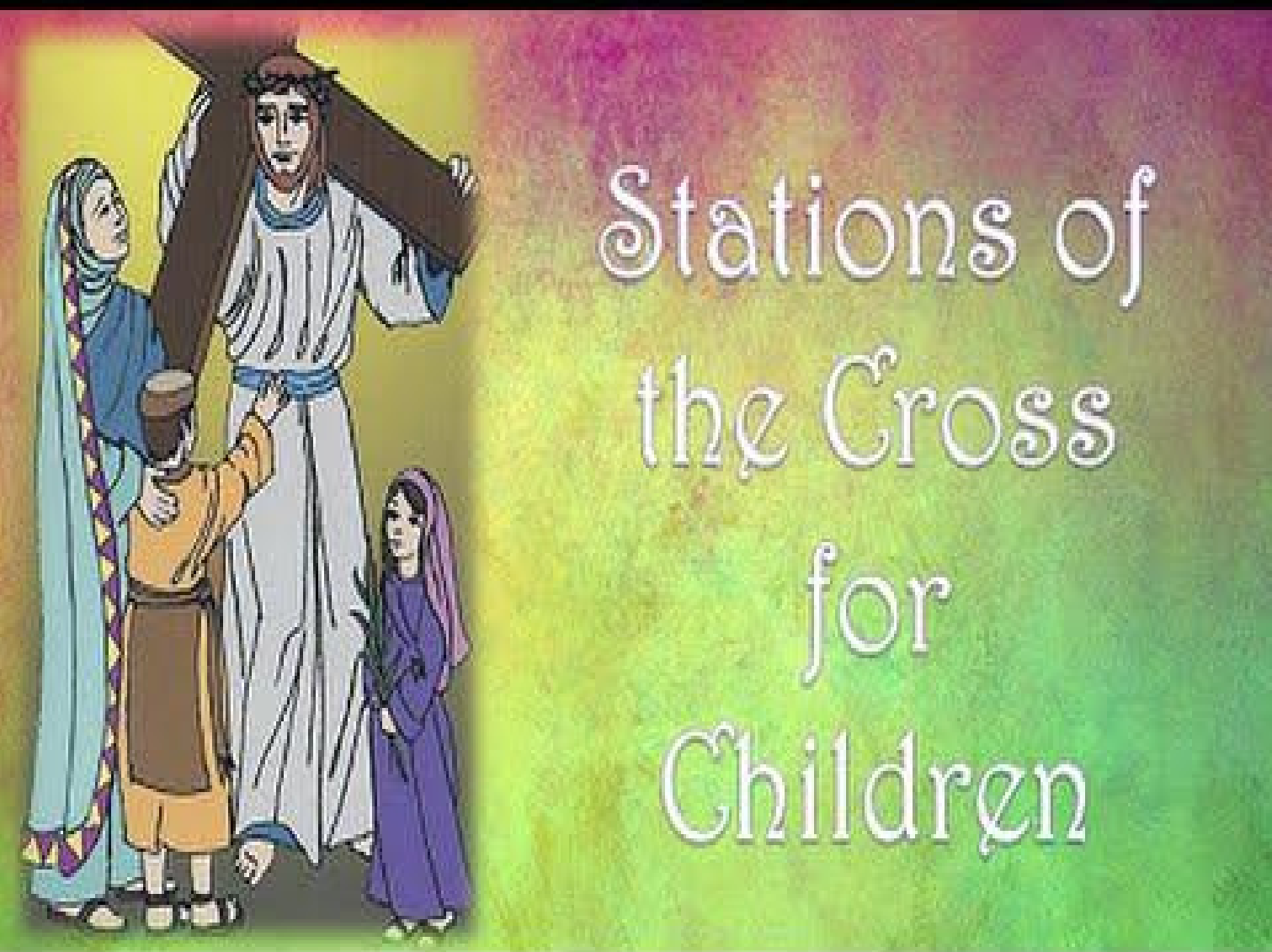
St Catherine's
hospice care



Come along
to say hello
and take a
selfie with
the Easter
Bunny

Toy, book and sweet stalls –
Teddy and Easter egg tombola

Liverpool Road, Penwortham –
near the Spar and Lime Bar



Good Friday at 3pm

Children and their parents are invited to walk with Jesus on his final journey to the cross. There will be a short reflection at each station suitable for children. Please meet in St Teresa's Scout Hut (behind the Church) and on completion of the stations, we will walk to church and join the community for the kissing of the cross.



Join us at 1pm on
SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2023
 @
 St Oswald's Catholic Church, Longton
 For an afternoon of walking, community spirit and celebration Youth Mass.

CAFOD BIG LENT COMMUNITY SPONSORED WALK SATURDAY 25TH MARCH 2023

As part of our Lent Appeal 2023, we have organised with the local parishes and feeder primary schools of St Teresa's, St Mary Magdalen's, St Oswald's and Our Lady and St Gerard's, a sponsored community walk. This walk will be to support the work of CAFOD and their Lent appeal, as well as the emergency work they are doing in Turkey and Syria following the devastating earthquake.

Big Lent Walks are taking place right across England and Wales this Lent with the challenge of walking 200km throughout the 40 days of Lent. However, we think we can manage this in one big community walk.

To find out more about the work of CAFOD visit their website: <https://cafod.org.uk/>

Pupils, their families and friends, and parishioners are all invited to join us for our community walk. The 11km walk will begin at St Oswald's Church, Longton, we will then walk to St Teresa's Church where they will provide some light refreshments, and we will then walk back to St Oswald's. Our community event will end with a celebration Youth Mass at St Oswald's at 5pm. This Youth Mass will involve our pupils taking leading roles in the liturgy and the music. Following the Mass there will be pizza served in St Oswald's Primary school to celebrate all that we have achieved that afternoon as a community.

We are suggesting a £5 donation per person as an entry fee, which will go to CAFOD but please use the sponsor form attached to collect more sponsorship for the walk. The £5 entry fee and any other donations to our CAFOD Lent Appeal can be paid via our online donation page:

<https://cafod.enthouse.com/pf/all-hallows-chaplain>

This is the second time organising this community event and last year was a great success. It will be great to be able to gather as a community for a fantastic cause once again. We look forward to seeing you there.

Below is the outline of the afternoon's walk, you are more than welcome to join us for all or part of the walk or the Mass.

1pm: Gather at St Oswald's Church (parking is available)

1:15pm: Set off to St Teresa's Church

Approx. 2:45pm: Arrive at St Teresa's (20 minute stop for light refreshments).

Approx. 4:30pm: Arrive at St Oswald's.

5pm: Youth Mass.

6pm: Pizza in St Oswald's School.

Please complete the google form (the link is below) if you plan to attend, and please indicate if you will be walking as a family or if your child will be joining a school group of pupils and staff. This will help us to have an idea of how many to expect and cater for. Please register via this google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeozqAUVFoV9MSvMW9S9rScPQ000UndAz_RKkVrHyAdRP--cg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Yours sincerely,

Kate Wilkinson
 All Hallows' School Chaplain