

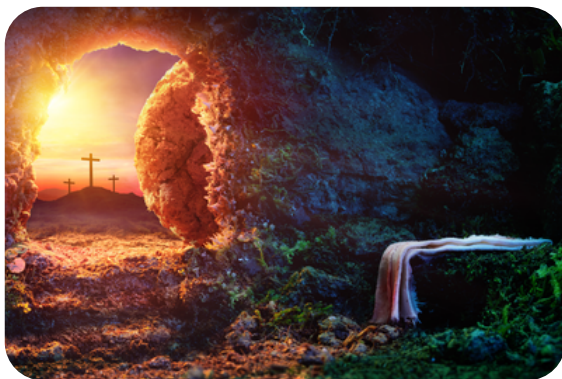
Dear parents and carers,

A slightly quieter newsletter this week as we finish the term for our Easter break.

The children have worked very hard this term, making great progress in their subjects and continuing to be wonderfully behaved around the school. As parents and carers, you have supported the children in so many ways, from daily reading at home, to remembering all the events we have on in our packed Lenten calendar! Thank you for everything you do.

We have raised a lot of money for charity this Lent, and have spent time in prayer in reflection as a school. The story of Jesus' death and resurrection gives us profound cause to reflect on our own blessings, but is also a call to action to follow Jesus with more energy than we ever have thought possible. After Jesus' resurrection, and his subsequent ascension, we are called to live out his mission - that is when the real work begins!

As a school we are committed to the flourishing of our whole community. If we can help in any way during the summer term, please let us know.



God bless

Sam Crome



IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

14th and 15th April
Parents' Evenings

Thursday 24th April
15:15-16:15 Infant Disco

Thursday 24th April
16:30-18:00 Junior Disco

W/C Mon 11th May
Year 6 SATS week

Friday 22nd May
End of half term 3.15pm

Sports Day:
12th June 2026

Summer Fair:
20th June 2026

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EASTER LITURGIES - THANK YOU FOR COMING!

Thank you to parents, grandparents, and carers for coming to the Easter Liturgies this week. The children loved seeing you there, and we were delighted to host you. It's really special sharing the story of Holy Week as a community, and I hope that you can experience Holy Week as a family, both in prayer and discussion, and attending liturgies and Mass at church.

Have a blessed Easter and thank you again for coming.



HOLY WEEK LITURGIES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Please come along to the church throughout Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April: 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, 3rd April: 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion; 7pm Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, 3rd April: Churches Together Walk of Witness. Starting 10.45am at Dorking Halls Carpark, and finishing with a service at St Martin's Church

Holy Saturday, 4th April: 8.30pm Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, 5th April: Mass at 8am and 10am

KS2 SWIMMING LESSONS SUMMER TERM

Children in Years 3-6 usually do swimming lessons in the summer term, and we are keen to carry on with this. However, due to complications with the Priory's swimming pool, we haven't got a firm plan yet for after Easter.

Please bear with us - we are trying to find a cost effective option that also works with school timetable. Updates to follow.



LENTEN FUNDRAISING FRIDAYS - UPDATE

Last week we raised £316.87 for Princess Alice Hospice - thank you for your support of this wonderful cause.

This week's crazy hair day (photos to follow next time!) is raising money for Cafod. <https://cafod.org.uk/>



YEAR 6 MODEL CHALLENGE!



Year 6 have been busy getting creative as part of their Geography homework this week! Their challenge was to design and make a model of a famous landmark from around the world—and the results have been absolutely fantastic. From Big Ben to the Egyptian pyramids, we've been so impressed by the effort, detail, and imagination on display.

Here's Imogen's statue—can you guess which landmark she has created?

BOOK FAIR - THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to Mrs Currie for running our book fair this week - a lot of time and effort went into putting it together and staffing it all week.

We were so delighted to see how many children were eager to buy books - for me as a parent and teacher, there is no better sight than a child being intrigued by a book, and then transported into its world.

Please use the Easter holidays to keep up the reading enthusiasm - listening to your child read, and reading to them. Thank you for bringing the children along to the book fair.



VISIT FROM NOWER CARE HOME



As part of our ongoing relationships within the community, our children wrote cards to residents of the Nower Care Home at Christmas time.

Keen to return the favour, the residents replied to the children this week, with cards and chocolate gifts.

Our Year 5 girls were wonderful hosts and it was fantastic to see the interactions between the children and the residents.

UNIFORM UPDATES FOR SUMMER TERM

We have reviewed aspects of our uniform list so that it is as clear and simple as possible. We want the children to have the flexibility to wear what they are comfortable in, for example making it clear on the uniform policy now that girls can wear trousers.

However, it is important that we keep on top of some aspects of the uniform policy that aren't always consistent, including no jewellery at all in school, no trainers on school uniform days, and keeping hair tied up with green or dark hair ties.

The government brought in a new rule recently that says schools can only ask parents to buy a maximum of 3 mandatory branded items. For us, that is: white school uniform polo top with logo; school uniform jumper or cardigan with logo; green PE polo shirt with logo. We do have other branded items, such as the school branded PE jumper or KS1 book bag, but these are not compulsory items, for example you can buy a dark green plain jumper for PE.

Have a blessed Easter!