

Dear parents and carers,

This week, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Ascension, when we remember Jesus returning to heaven 40 days after Easter, completing his earthly mission.

I was talking to some children about how it isn't Jesus 'leaving' us, but a moment of hope and promise, reminding us that he remains with us in a new way: through his love, the Holy Spirit, and the life of the Church.

As St Augustine reminds us in his 5th century sermon, "Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him." The Ascension encourages us to look beyond the here and now, to live with faith and purpose, and to follow Christ's example each day, trusting in his words: "I am with you always, until the end of the age." You can find St Augustine's whole sermon [by clicking here](#).

This week has been action packed, with trips to the Nower, Wisley, and of course the Year 6 SATs. We are so proud of how hard they worked and how mature they were all week - well done Year 6! It was a long week for them but they got through it with a smile and togetherness - what a brilliant class!

Please see the email from Mrs Cook about our new catering provider - this is really exciting, but parents now need to select lunches in advance via a new app - please follow the steps provided and ask if you need help.

Last but not least, a big congratulations to the children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at St Joseph's church this weekend. God bless you all!

God bless

Sam Crome



IMPORTANT DATES AND KEY INFO

Tues 19th May
Y5&6 Boys Kwik Cricket

Wed 20th May
Y5&6 Girls Kwik Cricket

Friday 22nd May
End of half term 3.15pm

Monday 1st June
New catering company for
lunches - see email from
Mrs Cook

Sports Day
12th June 2026

Summer Fair
20th June 2026

[St Joseph's Instagram](#)

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[Book a school tour:
01306 883934](#)

MAKE SOMETHING FOR MARY CLUB

Our student-lead *Make Something for Mary* club had another really successful week, with the children making rosary-style bracelets and praying together.



RECEPTION TRIP TO WISLEY!

The reception class had a wonderful day at Wisley on Wednesday, looking at a variety of plant and wildlife. The children had a brilliant time and were so excited throughout the day. Mrs Currie was really impressed by their behaviour, a feeling shared by various members of the public who praised them for their conduct!



STEWARDSHIP - SLUG APPRECIATION CLUB

Last week, Larkin in Year 6 campaigned passionately for the rights of slugs, having noticed that people often treat them with disdain and disgust! She made an impressive placard (pictured below) and took to the corridors and playgrounds to state her case for the humble slug, receiving a lot of support along the way!

Whatever your view on slugs, Larkin demonstrated a real commitment to stewardship, and solidarity, two of our Catholic Social Teaching principles. She rightly argued that as living creatures made by God, slugs are entitled to care and love.

Thank you to Larkin - a great reminder that all of God's creation is precious!



WELL DONE YEAR 6 - SATS COMPLETE!

Year 6 have finished their SATs tests, and we are so proud of them! They did tests in Grammar, Spelling, Reading, and 3 Maths papers, from Monday to Thursday.

The whole class has been calm, mature, mutually supportive, and really focused. Well done to them all, and to Miss Tanner, Miss O'Donnell, Mrs Musa-Roberts, Mrs Cook, Miss Devlin for helping with the process.

They are finishing the week with ice cream!

SATS COMPLETE!

YEAR 5 TRIP TO HAMPTON COURT PALACE!

Year 5 had a fantastic day at Hampton Court Palace learning about the hierarchy in Tudor society and life at the court of Henry VIII.

The class enjoyed a tour led by a guide in character, who commented on the children's excellent behaviour and engagement.

