



# School News

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## The Prayer

A prayer for attentiveness, as we begin a new term  
and focus on our next set of value:  
**attentive and discerning.**

*Lord God,*

*Give us a spirit of attentiveness to turn our attention  
to those who we can help with the gifts and talents  
you have given us.*

*Show us how, with your assistance, we can learn to  
draw them closer to you, day by day, through kind  
acts of service.*

*Amen*

## ‘Well Done’

*to the following pupils who received  
Learner of the Week awards:*

Reception - **Erin** Year 1 – **Olivia**

Year 2 – **Vienna** Year 3 – **Remi**

Year 4 – **Luca** Year 5 – **Oliver**

Year 6 – **Esma**

### *Headteacher’s Award*

Year 1

### *Attendance Award*

Year 2 - 96%

### *HT Active Award*

**Kyle**

## Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Spring term 2. I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. It has been so lovely to come back to lighter evenings budding snowdrops, daffodils and slightly warmer weather! The children have certainly returned with a spring in their step. I have enjoyed seeing such great attitudes to learning as I have been around the classes this week. As well as excellent Maths and English work, I have enjoyed seeing the children embrace their artistic, sporting and musical talents as we continue a holistic approach to the curriculum.

I wanted to say a big thank you for coming into classes to view multi-faith work before the holidays. There was a such a great ‘buzz’ around the school and the children really enjoyed being able to show you their work. We have many exciting things happening over this term, such as World Book Day, The Big Lent Walk and Easter Crafts. As always, events will be shared in our newsletter and on Dojo/Tapestry.



## Attendance Matters

Our school aim is for 96%. Our attendance for the week is: 94.% Our attendance for the year to date is: 94%. We are doing well and almost at our target. Thank you for your support with this and please continue to ensure children, when well, are in school every day and on time. A reminder: Your child must be in school by 8.45am each morning - the gates open at 8.35am. Children who arrive after 9.00am will be marked as unauthorised absence.

## Catholic Life

### Chaplains

This week the chaplains managed to finish their beautiful Jubilee Year of Hope display. Please come and have a look in our front entrance hall.

Some of the chaplains also took their previously finished piece of art about Hope to The Branch today. The staff liked our young artists' drawings so much that they are going to frame and display them.

### Attentive & Discerning

**Attentive:** We are attentive when we listen to our calling from God to love and serve one another in all that we do. We are attentive to our experiences and can see where they will take us in our future vocations.

**Discerning:** We are discerning when we decide to do the right thing in the interest of the needs of others because we know the positive impact that will have on their lives.

Are you listening to God?

What is he saying?

Why is being attentive so important?

How could you use your gifts to be attentive to others?

Could you be a good listener?

Could you help your friends?

### Mass

Next Wednesday, 5th March, we will have a whole school mass for Ash Wednesday. All are warmly invited to join our celebration. As well as our journey in developing our children's education, next week will also be the start of our Lenten journey. The season of Lent is an opportunity for us all to be closer to God through the acts of prayer, fasting and alms giving. Let this be a time for us all to reflect on what we can do in these three areas during this preparatory season.

After the success of last year, we are challenging ourselves as a school to walk 200KM in 40 days to help fight global poverty. We will be doing this in the school day, as well as counting any distances walked outside of school. The money you raise by taking part in the Big Lent Walk will enable CAFOD to continue fighting global poverty and working through expert local partners to bring real life change to communities overseas.

### Big Lent Walk

We will be having a Big Lent Walk event in school, on Friday 7th March 2025. The link to our JustGiving page is here for those who would like to support this cause and our efforts: <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/holy-trinity-big-lent-walk-2025>

You can join the Big Lent Walk too! We would love if you could get involved outside of school. You can log your steps on the sheets that have been sent home to help contribute to our 200km target and please send in any photos of your walks so that we can add them to our donation page.



## This Week in Pictures

### Chaplains Visit The Branch



### Amazon Wish List

A huge thank you for the response we have received already and the wonderful items that have been purchased to help support the children's learning and development in school. We are extremely grateful for your generosity and support.

<https://amzn.eu/3nPmEcA>

## SEN

On Monday 3rd March we have our second parent workshop delivered by our Educational Psychologist. This will take place at 2pm in the school hall.

On Friday 14th March we will be hosting our half termly SEN coffee afternoon at 2:15pm in the school hall. This one will be with Mrs Wickens and Mrs McGeehan and an opportunity to share concerns, celebrate successes and seek advice from us on areas you may find useful.

Your child does not need to be on the SEN register for you to attend either of these sessions. Please contact the office if you would like to attend to give us an idea of numbers and know how many coffee cups and biscuits we need.

## PTA News

We would like to get a sense of how much support we have in order to be able to run future events such as the school disco and fête. Please let us know if you are planning on volunteering this year and would be happy to add your name to a contact list please email:

[cnholytrinitypta@gmail.com](mailto:cnholytrinitypta@gmail.com)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Spring Term	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent Workshop with our Educational Psychologist - 2pm
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Pottery Workshop - CNS
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday - Whole School Mass
	Year 6 SATS Parents Meetings
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
	CAFOD Lenten Assembly (NEW)
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Choir Performing at the CNMF (NEW)
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Dance Festival (NEW)
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	SEN Coffee Afternoon (NEW)
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 St Patrick's Day Assembly - 9am
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Meeting - 7pm in the School Hall
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Golf Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day (NEW)
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Mother's Day Assembly - 9am
	Easter Bingo - 5.30pm
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year 5 Bikeability
	Yr 3 & 4 Easter Production
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Whole School End of Term Mass
	Easter Egg Raffle (NEW)
	Easter Craft Afternoon for Parents - 2.30pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	School Closes at 12.05pm for Easter
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	INSET
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Back to School
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception Vision Testing (NEW)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 1 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park (NEW)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	May Procession (NEW)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	INSET (NEW)
Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May

