



St Joseph's and St Edmund's Roman Catholic Primary Schools



St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School-

Newsletter 12- 25th April 2025

Dear Parent, welcome back to the summer term. As you know we have been forced to make some changes to the organisation of some of the classes this term. The reception class, Noah and year 6; Samson class have not been altered.

Year 1 has minimal changes, but the other three classes have been reorganised to accommodate the collapsing of the year 2 class where there were only 13 children. We had contemplated these changes at the beginning of the new academic year last September but chose not to rearrange at that point, however with Miss Hamilton leaving next Wednesday and the difficulty in recruiting a new member of staff it created the opportunity to make the changes this term. I know that some parents were frustrated by the short notice but please be reassured that we did inform you at the earliest opportunity once everything had been arranged.

I strongly believe that these changes will be advantageous to all the children and staff. We will ensure the children continue to make the best progress they can. I and the staff are very proud of our good outcomes in Statutory tests and we will endeavour to uphold these academic standards as well as ensuring all children are emotionally supported.

There will be more changes to come. As you have been made aware Bishop Peter has asked for all school in the diocese of East Anglia to join a Multi-Academy Trust. We are holding two meetings on the **6th May at 9.00am or 2.30pm** for parents to come along and ask questions regarding the implications to joining a MAT. **Please come along and use this opportunity to ask questions and learn more about the MAT.**

Regular Mass Times

Saturday evening- 17:00
Sunday Morning Mass- 9:15am
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St. George, favoured by God with the gift of faith, and inflamed with an ardent love of Christ, you fought valiantly against the dragon of pride, falsehood, and deceit. Neither pain nor torture, sword nor death could part you from the love of Christ. Help us to have your faith. Amen

This week in school we celebrated St. George's Day 23rd & this year 28th April. He is celebrated for his courage, faith, and martyrdom. His most famous story involves slaying a dragon, a legend that has made him a popular **symbol of bravery and protection against evil.**

Although St George **never visited England**, his reputation for virtue and holiness spread across Europe and his feast day was **celebrated in England from the 9th century onwards.**

He became popular with English kings. Edward I (1272-1307) had banners bearing the emblem of St George (a red cross on a white background) and Edward III (1327-77) had a strong interest in the saint and owned a relic of his blood. The St George cross was not used to represent England until the reign of Henry VIII.

In school we had a special assembly to celebrate our Patron Saint and spoke about our British values: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. and how we can promote and preserve them.



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Father in Heaven we pray for Pope Francis who died on Easter Monday.

Pope Francis cared deeply for the poor, ill and disenfranchised of the world. He cared deeply for the environment and promoted its ongoing preservation. He recognised that we are only custodians for future generations.

We pray that we follow in his footsteps and promote his legacy of love and care for all people and the environment.

We pray that 'eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in eternal peace.

Amen



Miss Robinson had a WOW moment this week when Lucy wrote her name perfectly. We are so proud of her for putting in lots of effort.

We welcomed back the wonderful Animal Experience to school. <https://www.animalexperience.org/>

The lady did a whole school assembly so all the children could have the opportunity to see and some children [and Mrs L-S] to hold some of the animals. There was the Burmese snake, pictured.

The children saw a bearded dragon and "Mowgli" the black and white Tegu from the rainforest in Argentina, a crested Gecko that can climb glass, a haired Tarantula and African giant millipedes. The children were really quiet and respectful so not to frighten the animals. The younger children then had their workshops and were able to handle all the animals and learn more about them. It was a really exciting learning experience.

We also welcomed back our friendly neighbourhood policeman PC John Moore. He showed the children around his police vehicle, took the children's fingerprints and made key rings. The children could then dress up. They asked him questions about his job. The children loved the police cars lights and siren.



Easter Celebrations

In the last week before Easter, we had lots of Easter celebrations to prepare us for the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. The Key Stage 1 children had a liturgy in church on Wednesday morning. We listened to the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the story of the Last Supper, being sentenced to death by Pontius Pilot on Good Friday and dying on the cross and then His resurrection on Easter Sunday. Thank you to all the parent helpers who come annually to help prepare the Easter breakfast, decorate the hall and tidy away afterwards. They are so reliable and efficient and I could not organise this event without the help they provide.

On Thursday we had the annual Stations of the Cross in the hall with a hot cross bun treat afterwards. Again, this event would not be as enjoyable or even possible without parent volunteers. The children journeyed around the hall with me, remembering how Jesus suffered on the way to his crucifixion and at each station we paused to remember His love for humanity and how we can be witnesses to this love through our care and compassions to others. At each station the children prayed for those in need, the sick, the poor, the homeless and for people affected by war. The children moved around thoughtfully and in silence listening and reflecting. Afterwards they enjoyed the hot cross buns and a drink.





On the last Thursday of term, we had a fun EASTER EGG bingo session. Mr L-S had his calls ready. Mr Bloomfield was on ice cream duty. This time the rules were more clearly explained by me, so everyone understood the 4 corners and a line rules. Thank you to everyone who came along and socialised with one another. There was a lovely friendly atmosphere with lots of winners and we raised £171 for school funds.



We all enjoyed walking and dancing to raise money for CAFOD. They support projects across the world to help people build productive and sustainable lives for themselves and their families. Our two events raised £ 221.63 Thank you!

Storehouse would like to thank you all for all the food we collected for their foodbank. The items would have really helped many families over the holidays.



Diary Dates

- 29th April Year 3 swimming starts
- 30th April Year 6 Parents evening at St Benedict's at 7pm
- 5th May- Bank holiday
- 6th May- Annie and Genie school nurses in school parents' appointments available
- 8th May Year 6 in Mass in church
- WB 12th May Year 6 SATs tests
- 23rd May Class Photos
- 16th June KS2 & 17th EYFS & KS1 Sports Day