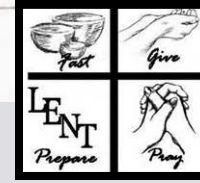


School News

MARCH EDITION



Lent!

During the church's year we get several opportunities to take a moment and reflect on our lives. Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, is one of those occasions. We often hear about what people are going to give up for Lent, but sometimes we don't really understand the reason why. Sometimes it is because we want to do something to change our lifestyle such as giving up chocolate or crisps. Sometimes it is to do something for other people, in the end our reasons are personal. As Year 6 reminded us last week in their liturgical prayer, we could try and join others in school in completing the Big Lent Walk for CAFOD. Perhaps this Lent our promise could be to think about others and try to follow Jesus' commands and example more fully.

Big Lent Walk



This week we have continued to show dedication to our Lenten mission by collectively walking towards our end of Lent target of 2000km. Each class walk laps of the yard every day and are really proud they are able to make a difference. If you have not already, remember this year instead of sponsor forms we are using a Just Giving page where you can make donations which go directly to CAFOD.

You can donate anything from as little as £2 to support your child help stamp out hunger! Please can you try and donate even just £2 in this season of Lent?

Mini Vinnie Appeal

During Lent, the Mini Vinnies are making Lenten bags filled with symbols of Lent to help people on their journey through Lent.

At this difficult time, we are collecting for the local food bank as it is important to help those in need who are on our doorstep too. The Mini Vinnies are also collecting food, Easter eggs and Easter crafts for the local food bank during Lent.

Save the Dates!

School Photographer

Wednesday 30th April. All children will have a single photo (and family photo taken if they have siblings in school). Reception and Year 6 will have a group photograph taken. If your child has PE they should come in uniform and bring their PE kit.

Parent and Teacher meetings

Wednesday 2nd April. Further information will follow explaining how you can make an appointment.

Y6 SATs Information Meeting

Tuesday 8th April 4:00pm

Coming up...

Some of our children in Year 4 are receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation later this month.

Please remember them in your prayers as they prepare to receive this sacrament and then receive their First Holy Communion on 22nd June. Thank you to those of you who have joined us in school and class Masses and celebration of the word this term.



A big ask...

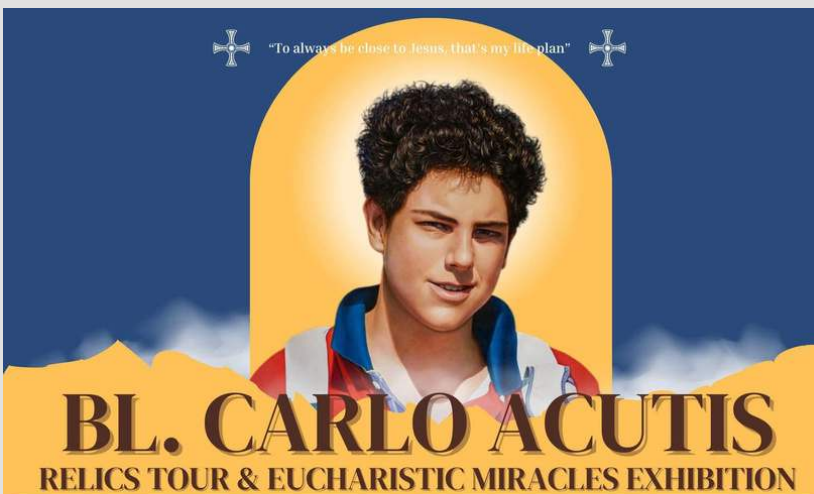
MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Thank you to those parents who try and keep medical appointments outside of school time. We know at times appointments in school time can't be helped, but **please keep appointments to as close to 9am or 3pm as possible**. Appointments in the day really impact routines and pupil's learning.

If an appointment is in the middle of the day, children are expected to be in school before/after the appointment or this may result in unauthorised absence.

Evidence of a medical appointment must be taken to the office.

What's New?



The relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who will become the first millennial saint, will visit the North East of England from 26th March - 30th March 2025. Preparations for his canonisation by Pope Francis in Rome on 27th April 2025 are currently underway. Fr Marc would like to invite all our families to share in the celebrations. These events are expected to draw a large amount of pilgrims from right across the country to venerate this inspiring young figure who has been hailed as a patron saint for the digital age. Mrs Noble & Mrs Parlett will be at both masses.

Wednesday 26th March: 7pm Mass with Bishop Stephen

Saturday 29th March: 4:30pm Mass

After School Activities

- ✓ Mon/Tues - Y6 boosters
- ✓ Wed - Y1/2/3 Cricket
- ✓ Thu - Y3/4 Dance Club
- ✓ Thu - Y5/6 Art club
- ✓ Fri - Reception multiskills

Another ask...

All families are welcome at our church and school celebrations. Please can we respectfully ask that you do not bring food or drink into church or school?