

Newsletter

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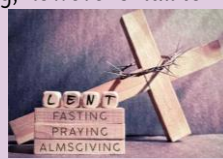
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Dear Families,

The school has been a hive of activity this week. Year 1 and 2 have been having lots of fun in the copse to launch their new English learning journey, as well as tasting and drawing a variety of seeds in science. Year 4 have been creating some beautiful landscape paintings in art and have been working hard at their decimals in maths, and in Year 3 they have been immersed in writing factfiles about mythical plants. Our Year 5s have been delving deeper into their rivers topic in geography and creating some lovely posters and Year 6 have been completing market research on favourite pizza toppings, in preparation for their DT project about packaging. Reception have managed to get out and about on a 'signs of Spring' walk and have been planting sunflowers. What a busy week!

We are now about to enter into Passiontide, the last two weeks of Lent, but there is still time to reflect on the key themes – fasting, praying and almsgiving. "Give something, however small to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God if we have given what we could." – St Gregory Nazianzen. Have a lovely weekend.

Warm regards, Mrs Lucie Banks



Dates for your Diary

18th – 22nd March –
 Scholastic Book Fair
 19th March – U11 Girls @
 HC
 25th March – World Maths
 Day
 27th March – Maundy
 Thursday Mass @ St
 David's (pupils only)



Certificate Winners!

Reception
 Lillie, Amelia and Ava

Year 1
 Lewis and Faustina

Year 2
 Harry, Cameron and
 Minnie

Year 3
 Milo and Sophia

Year 4
 Jake, Ellis and Billy

Year 5
 Rose and Jacob

Year 6
 Kourtney and Ariya

Church News

Masses this week

Sun 17th 9am St Thomas's, 11am St
 David's, 5.30pm St Thomas's

Mon 18th 10am St Thomas's

Tues 19th 12pm St Thomas's

Wed 20th No Mass today

Thurs 21st No Mass today

Fri 22nd 12pm Mass St Thomas's preceded by
 Stations of the Cross from 11.30am

Sat 23rd No Mass today



Readings for Sun 17th: Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm
 50 and Hebrews 5:7-9. The Gospel is taken from
 John 12:20-30.

Year of Prayer

*Lord, work through us, so that those who
 are broken-hearted may know they are
 never forgotten, even in the most difficult
 of times. May they feel the comfort of
 your presence and your saving love.
 Amen.*

Attendance

Our target for whole school
 attendance is **97%**

Holy Cross whole school attendance
 this week is: **94%**

Reception: 89%

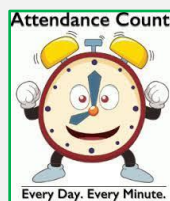
Year 1 & 2: 94%

Year 3: 99%

Year 4: 88%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 95%



Menu

Just a reminder that school dinners are **£2.75**.

★ Don't forget school lunches are free for all of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and for those pupils who are eligible ★

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza with wedges & vegetables	Classic Beef Burger or Veggie Burger with vegetables & wedges	Roast Turkey with roast potatoes, vegetables & gravy	Beef Bolognaise with wholewheat pasta & garlic bread	Breaded Fish Fingers or Veggie Dippers with vegetables & chips
Chocolate Brownie	Crispy Crackle Bar with Fruit	Original Flapjack	Carrot, Orange & Sultana Slice	Vanilla Ice Cream

Available daily and comes with the above puddings

Tomato Pasta Penne pasta with homemade tomato and basil sauce	Baguettes A Choice of Ham, Cheese or Tuna	Jacket Potatoes A Choice of Cheese, Beans, Tuna or Cheese and Beans
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Scholastic Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is Coming 18th – 22nd March.

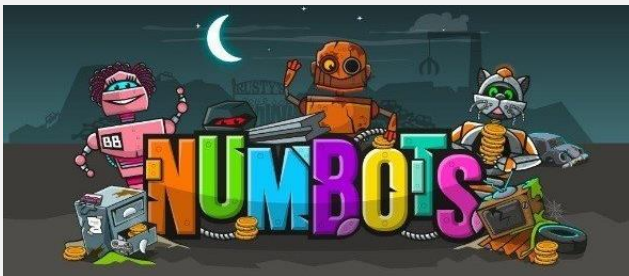
The book fair will run after school each day, either in the hall or the Year 4 classroom if the hall is in use.

We will be taking cash, or you will be able to use a QR code to pay online while visiting the fair.

World Book Day vouchers can be used for £1 off the price of a book. One voucher per book.



World Maths Day



We will be participating in World Maths Day on **Monday 25th March**.

To celebrate all things maths, we will be taking part in a whole range of exciting maths-based activities throughout the day.

As part of our promotion of maths, we are re-launching TT Rockstars (a maths programme that supports the learning of times tables and helps to boost children's fluency in these), and we will be introducing Reception and Year 1 to Numbots, (a programme designed to support children in achieving the 'triple win' of understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction).

To get into the spirit of things, children are invited to come into school dressed either as rock stars or robots.

Don't forget there is also a competition to send in a photo of maths you have spotted out and about, the more unusual the better! Send your photo in by **Friday 22nd March** to be in with a chance of winning a prize.