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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."
(Pope Francis)



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God of love

We pray for peace in our world, and an end to war.
Instead of hatred, let there be love.
Shelter your children and protect us.
Guide us and keep us from harm,
so we can build a world of love and live our lives in peace.

THE TRANSFIGURATION



The second Sunday of Lent always tells the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus. This glorious event stands in contrast to the temptations that we read last Sunday. The temptations highlighted the humanity of Jesus, the Son of Man, who became like us even to the point of being tempted by the devil. The Transfiguration reflects his divinity. His appearance changed. He was clothed in the brightest of whites and His divinity shone. Placing the story of the Transfiguration after his first Passion prediction reveals that, while Jesus is the Messiah, his triumph will come through his suffering and death. The revelation of the God's glory is then highlighted with a voice from the clouds as in Jesus' baptism. He is God's Son and we need to listen to him. So we can ask ourselves especially during Lent, do I expect only moments of glory from God? Do I remain faithful when things are not going my way? Am I willing to walk with others in their moments of suffering? We pray for right judgement and an ever growing closeness to God.

HEADS UP

St Andrew



This week, St Andrew learnt all about the Great Fire of London in History and in English. They enjoyed writing a song about the Great Fire of London. In Phonics, they learnt the -oi sound. In Science, they learnt about the temperature of plants. During Computing, they learnt about computer safety and in Art, they painted pictures inspired by Van Gogh's sunflowers.



CHARITY RAFFLE TICKETS

Year 6 pupils will begin selling raffle tickets the week commencing Monday 4th March. No tickets will be sold during Holy Week and the draw will take place when we return after the Easter Holidays. Tickets will cost 20p each and staff will generously be providing prizes.



CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

During Lent, our Mini Vinnies lead our Monday Celebration of the Word. You can find a copy of the readings and prayers on our website each week.

<https://www.stpauls.w-berks.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Prayer+Life%3A+Lent&pid=757>

99% Attendance Owl awarded to St Andrew's Class for week ending 23rd February 2024

95% Whole School attendance for week ending 23rd February 2024

LENTEN REFLECTION

Pupils from the Middle School, Year 3 & 4, will be performing the Lenten Reflection in school during the final week of term.

Tuesday 26th March performance for the school

Wednesday 27th March 2pm performance to parents

Wednesday 27th March 6.30pm performance to Parents.

Tickets are not required for these performances. ***For the evening performance could children please return to school at 6pm.***

NO PHOTOGRAPH'S OR VIDEOING OF PERFORMANCES

Due to safeguarding protocol we have to enforce a blanket ban on parent's videoing or photographing any part of any performance in school.

SEMINARIAN OF THE MONTH



Farvin Gonsalves is originally from Goa India. He moved to Reading after finishing a Masters degree in Computer Applications and worked as a software tester before starting to study for the priesthood. He is in his second year and has enjoyed visiting museums while he is studying in London. He also helps young people prepare for their Confirmation.

Farvin asks that we continue to pray for peace, especially in the Holy Land and Ukraine.

ST JOSEPH'S DROP IN CENTRE

Four of our older children visited the Parish Centre today. They took the items kindly donated by parents and staff and spent time with some of the parishioners. As always the organisers were very grateful for the support provided and the parishioners were delighted to chat with our children who are fine ambassadors for St Paul's. The Food Bank at the centre is in desperate need of toothpaste, sugar, honey, marmite and tins of rice pudding. If you are able to donate any of these items we will be organising another visit with the children in two week's time.

Thank you for your continued support.

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

OFFICE HOURS—Mon—Thurs 8.00—3.30pm, Fri 8.00—8.15 and 8.45—3.30pm

ROSARY

Weekly Rosary Group will be held at 9am each Wednesday. It is a very informal group, our prayers last only around 15 minutes, all parents and carers are most welcome, just turn up after dropping off children.

WEEKLY MASS

From Wednesday 6th March, we will return to classes taking it in turns to walk to Mass at St Joseph's.

St Bartholomew will be attending Mass on the 6th. Family are welcome to join them.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

Thurs 7th	YrR Height, Weight and Hearing Tests
Thurs 7th	World Book Day
Sat 9th	10.30am First Holy Communion Session
Tues 12th	YrR Vision Screening
Sat 16th	10.30am First Holy Communion Session
Thurs 21st	Last Street Dance
Fri 22nd	LKS2 Topic Day TBC
Sat 23rd	10.30am First Holy Communion Session
Mon 25th	1.30pm Reconciliation
Wed 27th	Lenten Reflection 2pm and 6.30pm
Thurs 28th	1pm END OF TERM

APRIL

Mon 15th	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils
Tues 16th	Pupils return
Sat 20th	10.30am First Holy Communion Session
Sat 27th	10.30am First Holy Communion Session

MAY

Sat 11th	First Confessions at Church
Mon 13th	SATs Week
Sat 18th	First Holy Communion
Fri 24th	Sports Day followed by Family Picnic
Mon 27th	HALF TERM Week

JUNE

Mon 3rd	INSET DAY—School closed to pupils
Mon 10th	Class Photos
Fri 21st	Fun Jar for Crazy Hair
Wed 26th	St Matthew School Trip TBC
Thurs 27th	St Philip School Trip TBC
Fri 28th	St Barnabas School Trip TBC
Fri 28th	Dress Down for Bottle Tombola
Fri 28th	Mass for St Peter and St Paul at school
Fri 28th	Family Fun Night (3.30—7pm)

JULY

Mon 22nd	Leavers Mass 10am at Church
Wed 24th	1pm END OF TERM

WORLD BOOK DAY

THURSDAY MARCH 7th

Our emphasis for World Book Day this year is **READING FOR PLEASURE.**

Please talk to your child about a character in a book/ comic that they really enjoy reading about and they can come to school dressed as that character on Thursday 7th! They should be prepared to talk about why they enjoy this character so much and if possible, bring the book in to school to review and share. We look forward to celebrating all the fantastic books children enjoy **reading for pleasure!**

