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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrated the Feast Day of St Bernadette (one of our house Saints).

I talked, in Key Stage assemblies, about St Bernadette's life and her virtues—in particular her humility. She never sought fame even though many called her a living Saint when she was alive.

I often talk to the children about the importance of humility which is not about thinking less of your self but thinking of yourself less.



Before she died St Bernadette said: 'I am the broom placed behind the door after it has been used'. What a lovely analogy for being humble.

Have a lovely weekend everybody and good luck to all of the children taking part in the Mini London Marathon on Saturday.

Mr Doherty

Mass Tuesday

Please join us for our start of term Mass at 9.30am this Tuesday.



Attendance Cup

Well done to Nursery (AM), who won the attendance trophy with 100% attendance! What a great start to the Summer term. Whole school attendance to date is 94.8% . No change from the week before Easter.





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Running club

Running club resumes next Wednesday after school for all of the children who attended last term. As with last term Mr Doherty will bring the children back to school to be collected at 4.15pm



Year 4 class Mass

A reminder that Year 4 will be having their own class Mass in the classroom at 2pm on Tuesday 30th April. Parents/ carers and family are welcome to attend.



Year 1 mosaics

Well done to Year 1 for their FANTASTIC mosaics. Year 1 have been learning about Jesus' Resurrection in RE this week. It is lovely to see our children having the opportunity to be creative in their lessons.





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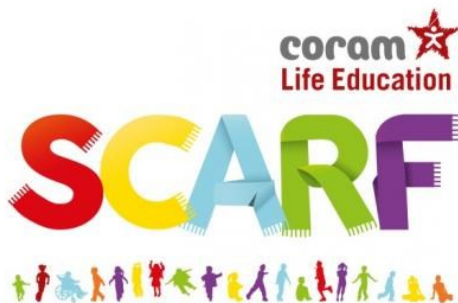
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Next week (Wednesday to Friday) each class will be visited by Coram Life Education. This week all parents were sent a link explaining what the children will be learning about in the workshops. Please make sure you talk to your children about what they have been learning as this really helps them remember and the messages being shared are so very important if they are to grow healthy minds and bodys.



Date change

The Year 2 trip to Windsor Castle will now be on Thursday 13th June not Friday 14th June.



Dates clash!

Apologies to the Year 6 children who were invited to the Inclusive Football event at Harlyn on 12th June. This is the day you are at PGL! The Inclusive Football event will now not take place. Sorry!

Packham Football Tournament

The Packham Football Tournament which was cancelled last term is due to be played on **Monday 29th May** after school. I will send out more details on Monday to the school football team.





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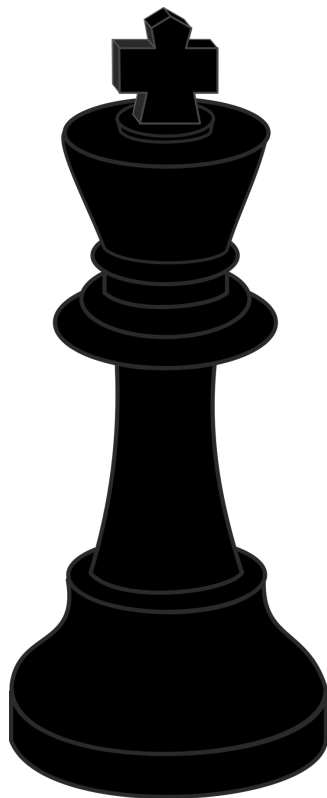
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Chess club

There are spaces in both of our chess clubs on Mondays and Tuesdays. Please let the office know if you wish your child to join. The charge is £5 per session. If your child is attending chess club and you haven't paid please do so via ParentPay. We will be unable to provide this club if children are not paid for.



Out of this world knowledge!

I had a lovely visit from Lukas in Year 1 who shared with me his encyclopaedic knowledge of Earth and Space. It warms my heart to see our children pursuing their interests outside school and being willing to share with others. Well done Lukas.





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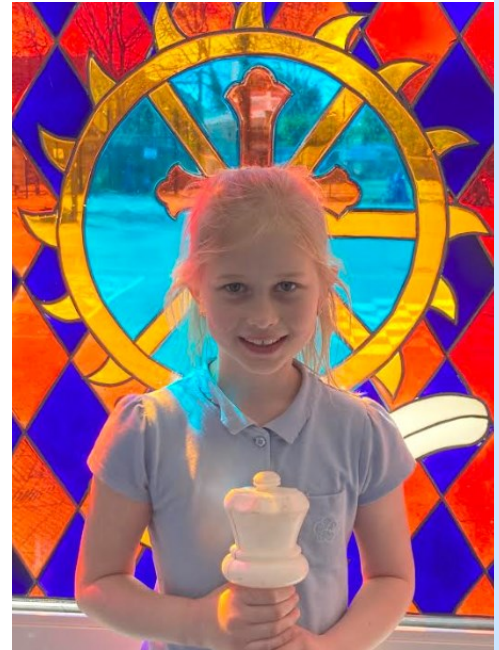
Global Lullabies project

I am delighted to announce that the school has been invited to take part (in conjunction with two other schools) in a global lullabies project. For the next few weeks Year 5 and Year 2 will be working on the project each Friday afternoon with Mrs Cingo. This will culminate in performances at Uxbridge library and the Compass Theatre in June. Exciting!



Chess champs!

Well done to Zion and Martyna who were voted players of the week in chess club this week. We still have spaces in both clubs if children would like to join.





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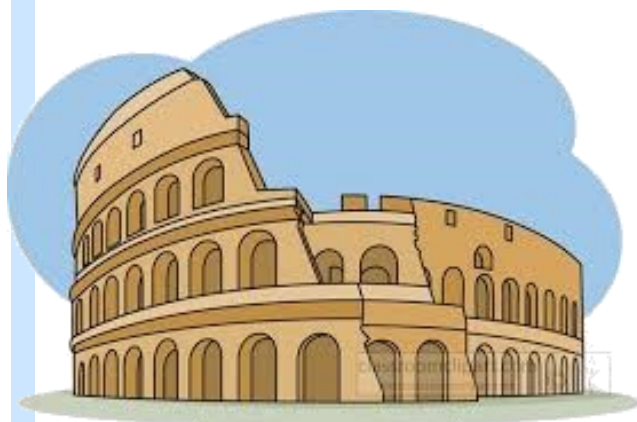
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Globe trotter!



Hallie (Year 3) made a wonderful presentation for her class following a trip to Rome with her parents. What a lovely thing to do having had such a fantastic experience. Hallie has studied 'The Romans' as part of the year 3 History topic and said she enjoyed seeing the Colosseum in real life and couldn't believe how big it was! Thanks for sharing Hallie! Well done!





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TCS Mini London Marathon 2024

We are all looking forward to taking part in the TCS Mini London Marathon this weekend. We start our run from Horseguards Parade at 1.10pm. Please come and support us if you can.

As you will be aware, the children taking part are raising money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation after our Mini Vinnies were spoken to by Finn in Reception class and his mummy who told them about his condition.

If anyone would like to make a donation to this amazing charity you can donate directly to Finn's gofundme page using the following link:

<https://gofund.me/4bf8ab53>

Please share!





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Pedestrian training

A big thank you to Hillingdon Pedestrian training team and special thanks to Mrs Murphy who helped both years 2 and 3 with their training. Feedback from staff was so positive about how well the children listened, behaved and how polite they were. A lot of children mentioned about not using seatbelts! Please make sure that your children are strapped in whenever they travel by car, however short the journey. Please talk to your children about what they learnt.





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Mrs K's art club

We are so fortunate to have staff who are willing to run after school clubs so our children can live life in all of its fullness. I was so impressed by the craft work of our Art club this week who were making dream catchers with Mrs K. They looked incredible! Sweet dreams art club!





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Please find below letter from Kooth who support parents with children's mental health.



Online Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for young people

Dear Parents/Carers

At Kooth, we provide a safe, secure means of accessing online emotional health support from a professional team of qualified counsellors and emotional wellbeing practitioners.

Kooth offers wellbeing support 365 days a year via a range of self-help materials and peer to peer support which young people are able to contribute to. Everything is pre-moderated and age appropriate, in order to safeguard our users, so you know that what your child is accessing is safe.

Kooth work alongside schools and colleges across the UK and are running student facing webinars through April and May on topics like 'Staying safe online' and 'Tips for managing exam stress'.

Kooth is also offering free virtual sessions for parents on the 22nd & 25th April that provide tips on how you can support your child manage anxiety about their upcoming exams - please use [this link](#) to sign up.

There's also resources designed especially for parents available on our website including advice on how to talk to your teen about their feelings: [Parents/Carers resources](#).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss what Kooth.com can offer you can email us on parents@kooth.com.

Kind Regards

Kooth Engagement Team



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What do you want to get out of Karate?

JOIN GKR KARATE!!

At GKR Karate, we're more than just a dojo, we're a family-friendly martial arts community dedicated to **inclusivity, health, fitness, confidence and self-defence.**

Learn the art of self-defense with practical applications that will empower you both on and off the mat.

Due to the continued growth of our super popular GKR Karate class in West Drayton, we are thrilled to announce the launch of an additional Friday session.

The earlier class will commence at 17:00-18:00 at the Yiewsley & West Drayton Community Centre, located at 228 Harmondsworth Rd, West Drayton UB7 9JL.

Our 18:30-19:30 class will continue as usual.

Join us for a transformative experience!

Register your interest here: <https://www.gkrkarate.com/membership-enquiry>

Website: <https://www.gkrkarate.com/ukinfo/>

Warm regards,

Ryan Miu

Senior Talent Lead | Project Specialist | Karate Instructor

07789 727 090





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22nd March 2024

Please see the attached poster for a fantastic new support project. This are parent/carer drop in's run by Stronger Families Key Working and Brilliant Parents.


These sessions are an informal general advice drop in.



Parent Carer Support

Raising children doesn't come with a handbook, and sometimes knowing who to reach out to for support or advice is tricky.

Brilliant Parents and the Stronger Families Key Working team are offering a friendly and informal drop-in for parents/carers of 0-18 year olds and 0-25 year olds for those with SEND.



We'll be there for a chat, to share advice, support and a range of information in relation to parenting, and mental and emotional wellbeing for all the family.

2024	Harefield Children's Centre High Street, Harefield UB9 6BT	Uxbridge Family Hub Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW	Hayes Family Hub College Way, Hayes UB3 3BB
	Wednesdays 1-3pm	Fridays 5-7pm	Fridays 10am - 12pm
March	6th	8th	15th
April	3rd	12th	19th
May	1st	10th	17th
June	5th	14th	21st
July	3rd	12th	19th
August	7th	16th	23rd
September	4th	13th	20th

For more information contact Sarah on:

07495 024 449 or

sarah.rust@brilliantparents.org

Our goal is to empower parents to feel safe, strong and healthy, whilst building resilience and confidence in your parenting decisions, with the support of a community network.

Please find below term dates for academic year 2024/25. These are now on the school website.



**ST CATHERINE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY
SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2024/2025**

Bank and Public Holidays 2024/2025

Good Friday	18 th April 2025
Easter Monday	21 st April 2025
May Day	5 th May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 th May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 th August 2025

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September (INSET DAY 1)
Tuesday 3rd September FIRST DAY OF TERM

28th October – 1st November HALF TERM

Thursday 19th December LAST DAY OF TERM
Friday 20th December (INSET DAY 2)

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January (INSET DAY 3)
Tuesday 7th January FIRST DAY OF TERM

17th February - 21st February HALF TERM

Friday 4th April LAST DAY OF TERM

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April FIRST DAY OF TERM

26th May to 30th May HALF TERM

Monday 2nd June (INSET DAY 4)
FRIDAY 5TH JULY (INSET DAY 5)

Tuesday 22nd July LAST DAY OF TERM



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BAG2SCHOOL*



Tuesday 23rd April drop off before 8:30am. If you needed an excuse for a spring clean & clear out, do it over the weekend! Fill some bags with your unwanted clothes and items to help raise money for our School. We are looking for clothes, hats & scarves, paired shoes, handbags and soft toys. A full list is available at <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Our next FSCS meeting is next Thursday 25th April at 7pm please join us to discuss our future events, the main topic for discussion will of course be the summer fayre!! The summer fayre is our biggest event of the year and is fast approaching all ideas are welcome.

DATES FOR THE DIARY*

Bag2School - Tues 23rd April



FSCS Meeting - Thursday 25th April

Coffee Morning - Wed 1st May



Bingo Night- Saturday 18th May



Summer fayre - Sunday 7th July





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Mid-year review



Family Games Night
£626.94

Gift Day
£2,156.38

Bags 2 School
£200

Christmas Fayre
£2,254.74

RAISED
£7,202.69



Valentine Disco
£1,025.38

Pancake Flip
£910

Easter egg hunt
£29.95

Music instruments



Minnie Vinnies Starter Pack

Christmas Tree

FUNDED

new books for Reception and Year1



Christmas Crackers

school trips funding

Theatre tickets and coach for Panto



Ofsted banners

Easter egg hunt

Sign & play Nursery resources

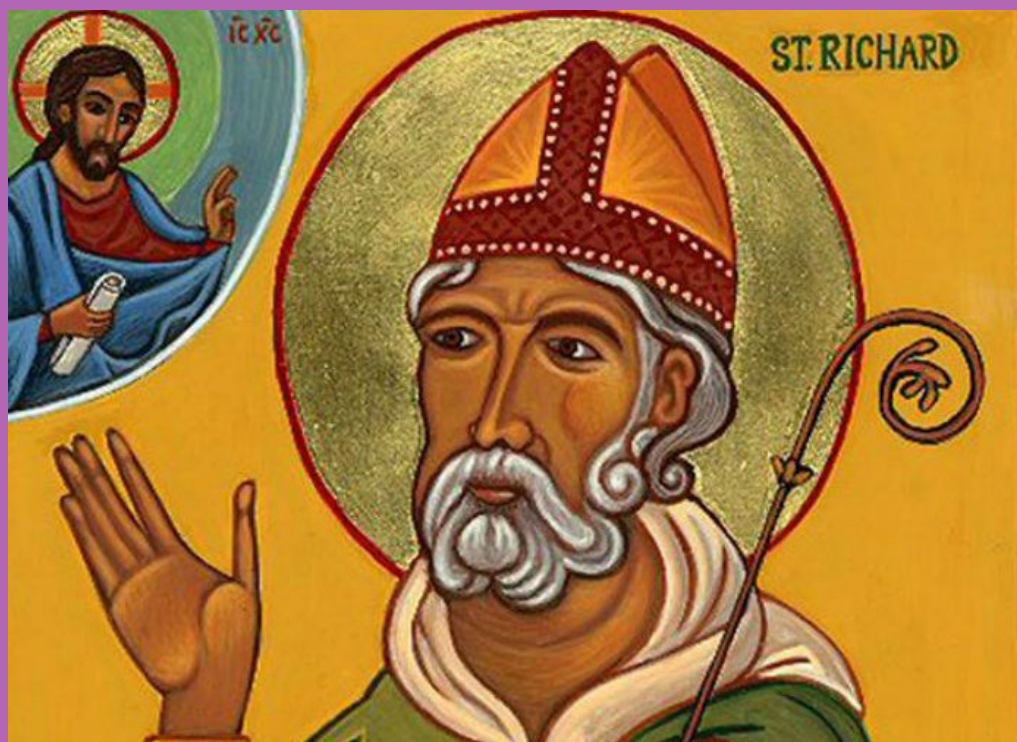
Get involved! Next Friends meeting will be on Thursday 25th April at 7pm



Our prayer for April is the prayer of St Richard of Chichester whose feast day is the 3rd April. I would be very impressed if the children could find out some facts about St Richard over the Easter break as well as learning the prayer.

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.

Amen



Important future diary dates

Tuesday 23rd April—Start of term Mass at 9.30am in Church

Tuesday 30th April—Year 4 Class Mass at 2pm in classroom (parents and family welcome).

Thursday 9th May—Ascension Thursday - School Mass in Church at 9.30am

Mon 13th—Thurs 16th May—KS2 SATS week

Saturday 18th May—FSCS Bingo Night in Parish Hall (5-7pm)

Friday 24th May—Staff training day

Wednesday 12th—Friday 14th June: Yr 6 PGL

Sunday 9th June - Holy Communion at St Catherines Church

Thursday 13th June - Year 2 trip to Windsor castle

Sunday 16th June—Holy Communion at St Catherines Church

Tuesday 18th June—Year 3 class Mass at 2pm (in classroom)

Wednesday 19th June - Life of Christ at Wintershall (Year 5)

Saturday 6th July—Community Stay and Play morning 10am-12noon

Sunday 7th July—School Summer Fayre 12-3pm

Friday 12th July—School reports sent home

Tuesday 16th July—Optional Parents Evening (3-5pm)

Thursday 18th July—Year 3/4 trip to Woburn Safari

Tuesday 23rd July—Year 6 Leavers Mass in Church at 9.30am

Tuesday 23rd July—End of term—**finish at 1.30pm**

Wednesday 24th July—Staff training day

