



St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School
A Community of Faith and Learning Following Jesus in all we think, do and say

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back everyone and we hope that your Easter holiday were filled with peace, joy and happiness! It has been lovely to see all the children return back to school with smiles on their faces for the beginning of a very busy summer term here at St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School.

Hérons Trip – Royal College of Music: Thursday 16th April

The Year 5 Herons class were treated to a trip to the Royal College of Music for a Gamelan workshop on Thursday 16th April. The Gamelan is a beautiful indigenous Indonesian instrument dating back to the 8th Century. The children learned about folk music, the country of Indonesia and were able to play a short piece of Javanese or Balinese music by the end of the workshop. They spent time exploring the instrument, then they re-created jungle sounds collaboratively with their instruments. They learned a traditional Balinese melody and performed together beautifully in unison. The children were complimented on their excellent questioning and curiosity, as well as their teamwork when playing together. Well done Year 5, we're very proud of you!

Miss Hulands – Herons Class Teacher



Science Fair: Monday 20th – Friday 24th April

This year's curiosity-themed science fair was a fantastic celebration of discovery. It featured volcano eruptions, practical magnetic activities, a rotating solar system and plenty of curious questions. Thank you to everyone who submitted entries and to all who came to support and take part. Your enthusiasm made the event truly special, and prizes will be awarded to the winners in each class. Each person who took part will also receive a certificate to recognise your participation and achievements.

Miss O'Brien – Science Lead



Kingfishers Forest School: Wednesday 22nd April

Kingfishers had a wonderful morning at Forest School on Wednesday, enjoying the glorious weather. They explored the pond and were excited to discover creatures such as tadpoles, water boatmen and pond snails. The children also enjoyed learning the Scottish story of the Ghillie Dhu, a shy forest fairy who protected the woods near Gairloch. Inspired by this tale, they were challenged to create their own mythical forest protectors using clay. Each child carefully crafted their character and chose a special tree where it could "live" and watch over the forest. It was a fun, imaginative day enjoyed by all!

Miss Cox – Kingfishers Class Teacher



Swifts Class Assembly: Friday 24th April

The Swifts class assembly was a joyful and memorable celebration, where the children confidently shared what they had learned about St George's Day. They spoke clearly about the legend of St. George and the values it represents, especially bravery and courage. A highlight of the assembly was their beautiful singing, as they performed two wonderful songs all about being brave, which filled the room with enthusiasm and pride. It was wonderful to see their confidence and teamwork shine through.

Mr Drury – Swifts Class Teacher

Uniform

A reminder that pupils in Years 1 – 6 should be wearing the school's summer uniform, more information about which can be found by clicking [here](#).

After School Clubs

Reminder, bookings for after school clubs for Term 5 is open and places can be booked via www.schoolgateway.com

April Dates

Wednesday 29th

Swifts Forest School (all day)

May Dates

Friday 1st

Robins (Reception) Class Prayer Service – 3.00pm

Monday 4th

May Bank Holiday – School closed

Wednesday 6th

Hummingbirds Forest School - AM

Wednesday 6th

Kingfishers Forest School – PM

Friday 8th

Swallows Class Assembly – 9.10am

Wednesday 13th

Robins (Reception) Forest School – AM

Monday 11th - Friday 15th

Year 6 SATS Week

Thursday 21st

Kestrels Class Assembly – 9.10am

Thursday 21st

Hummingbirds Class Prayer Service – 3.00pm

Friday 22nd

Ducklings (Nursery) Class Prayer Service – 9.10am

Friday 22nd

School closes at usual time – End of Term 5

Monday 29th May - Friday 29th

Half Term – school closed

June Dates

Monday 1st

School reopens: Start of Term 6

Friday 5th

Swans Class Prayer Service – 3.00pm

Monday 1st - Friday 12th

Year 4 Multiplication Check

Monday 8th - Friday 12th

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Monday 8th - Friday 12th

Year 6 Residential to Fairthorne Manor

Wednesday 10th

Swallows Forest School (all day)

Wednesday 24th

Hummingbirds Forest School - AM

Wednesday 24th

Kingfishers Forest School – PM

Friday 26th

Robins (Reception) Class Assembly – 9.10am

Catholic Life and Mission of the School

Message from the Caritas Ambassadors

On behalf of the Caritas Ambassadors, we would like to say a huge thank you to the pupils of St. Mary of the Angels Catholic Primary School for all their fundraising efforts last term and for their very kind donations towards our chosen Lenten Appeal for 2026: Catholic Children's Society (CCS). We will announce the total soon! **If you still have any boxes at home, please hand these into the offices ASAP.**



St. George's Day

This week we had the great joy of celebrating the Feast of St. George. St. George is, of course, the patron saint of England, and also of several other countries. Over 1700 years ago, George was a soldier who was sentenced to death for refusing to deny his



Christian faith. People were so inspired by George's courage in standing up for that he believes in, that legends began to develop – including the most famous one where Saint George rescued a village by slaying a fierce, fire breathing dragon! Catholics often ask the saints to pray for us, and what we ask them to pray for depends on what they were famous for, so we can ask St. George to help us fight bravely in the struggle between good and evil and not to be afraid to give everything for Jesus. We can also ask him to pray for our country always to defend the weak from those who oppress them.

Catholic Life Resources at Home

Families are invited to use the Wednesday Word, published weekly, and the Ten Ten Parent Newsletter, published monthly, to support you practise your faith together at home. [Click here](#) to access the Wednesday Word Gospel reflection.

Ten Ten Parent Newsletter April 2026

The April newsletter for parents/carers can be viewed by clicking [here](#). A reminder that these monthly newsletters include an overview of our Gospel assemblies and prayer resources you may wish to use at home with your child.

Assemblies and Prayer Services

Please click [here](#) for upcoming dates for the Summer term.

May the Month of Our Lady

May begins next week and we are still in the season of Eastertide. As we continue to celebrate the Risen Jesus, we are invited to get to know Him; to recognise Jesus in our lives, listen to His voice and follow Him.

May is also known as 'The Month of Our Lady', a time to remember that Mary is Jesus' mother and our mother too. Throughout this month, we will be reflecting on these important liturgical celebrations.

During this month, we especially ask for Mary's prayer, blessing and intercession.

May Our Lady continue to watch over us and protect us.

Mary, Queen of Peace - pray for us.



Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus,

Give us the bravery of St. George,
to stand up for what we believe in.

Give us the strength to overcome the 'dragons'
in our lives and in the world

When we see people in distress,
give us the compassion to help them.

Amen.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Alley

Mrs Hough

Miss Hulands

Headteacher

Deputy Headteacher

Assistant Headteacher