

Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

14th March 2024

This newsletter will again record the achievements of the children over the past fortnight, remind you of upcoming events and celebrate the Catholic life of the school. However, again time this week has also been spent managing the fallout of children's use of their mobile phones in school.

Parents can't have failed to notice the debate and growing backlash that is occurring about mobile phones and young children. I am old enough to remember the first mobile phone and the first smart phone and the first children in Y6 receiving such a phone. I remember the arguments about children needing a mobile phone to keep in touch with their parent. Those arguments were not about uncensored access to the internet and rapidly developing media.

In school your children are NOT allowed unrestricted access to the internet or social media. The iPads and Chromebook they use are subject to safeguarding and safety restrictions. The staff monitor their use at all times and ensure all language and access is appropriate. We are able to filter all material and record who has accessed what.

Yet some children go home and all these rules go out the window. It is our job as teachers to support children with technology and it your role as parents and carers to do the same at home!

World Book Day Quiz – A Page-Turning Success!

Last week, we celebrated the magic of books with our World Book Day events. One of my favourites was the **World Book Day Quiz**, and what a fantastic event it was!

A team of reading ambassadors devised the Quiz and a selection of KS2 pupils put their literary knowledge to the test, answering questions about their favourite stories, authors, and characters.

A huge congratulations to our winning team 'Brian's Boys', who demonstrated an impressive knowledge of all things book-related.

Well done to everyone who took part – we loved seeing your enthusiasm for reading!



Learn 2 Love 2 Read

We are delighted to be extending our relationship with this local reading charity. They have supported a number of adult volunteers to hear children read in school and organised a number of events. Here we see one of their team delivering a wonderful reading session to the youngest children and their parents.

<https://www.learn2love2read.org.uk/>



Wandsworth Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Gabriel, Ivo, Raoul and Leo who represented Sacred Heart at the Wandsworth Year 3 Spelling Bee on Wednesday. The words got progressively harder and sadly we did not make it to the podium, but they all did very well regardless.



Sport at Sacred Heart

Girls' Football Team Scores a Big Win! 🏈🏆

A massive **congratulations** to our **Girls' Football Team**, who triumphed in their latest competition with a stunning performance. The team showcased incredible teamwork, skill, and determination, securing a well-deserved victory. They won all seven games, no goals conceded but 20 goals scored! Players of the Tournament were Martina 6G and Kacie 5L



Keep up the fantastic work – we are so proud of you all!

In more sporting news.

Tag Rugby Team to Represent Wandsworth! 🏉👏

Our **Tag Rugby Team** has been selected to **represent Wandsworth** in the upcoming London Youth Games. This is a huge achievement, and we couldn't be prouder of our players for their dedication and hard work. The team is looking forward to competing at the highest level. Let's all wish them the best of luck as they prepare for this incredible opportunity!

Gymnastics

Tuesday sees 20 gymnasts perform in a Wandsworth competition at Istock Place. We are delighted to put forward gymnasts again. They come from Billie's gymnastics lessons after school and children from other clubs. We wish them the very best.

Keep the dates

London Mini Marathon Saturday 26th April.

Run Battersea Run Family event (major fundraiser for the school) Sunday 8th June.

Catholic Life of the School

Each Friday morning of Lent (after Family Prayer Group) the KS2 children celebrate the Stations of the Cross. It is a reverent end to the week and reminds of the events of Jesus's journey through Jerusalem on that fateful day.

During the period of Lent the KS2 children are also making their Act of Reconciliation. This week was the turn of Y6. We are very grateful to Fr Peter and Fr Francis for supporting the children.



The Wednesday Word this week is **Encouragement**.

"If God can work through me he can work through anyone," St Francis

Mass at the Cathedral

On Wednesday 19th March children from Year 4, 5 and 6 will join children from across Wandsworth Catholic Schools to celebrate Mass for the Year of Jubilee.



The mass starts at 10.30am and parents are welcome.

The Cathedral is going to open the pilgrims' door for the children to enter the cathedral. The door is to the left of the main doors.

There is a pilgrim's stamp and pilgrims pack which will be made available on the day for any adult who wants them, for a small donation.

Many of the School's Parish Priests will be there and it promises to be a great occasion.

Dates for Spring 2

Date	Event
Monday 17 th March	Class photos
Tuesday 18 th March	Gymnastics competition at Ibstock Place school
Tuesday 18 th March	3M to Battersea Power Station
Wednesday 19 th March	Y4, 5 & 6 to cathedral for Year of Hope mass (pilgrimage)
Tuesday 25 th March	Separation Anxiety workshop - run by Battersea Trailblazer team (invitation) See Mrs Chowdhury for more information
Wednesday 26 th March	Y4 Celebration of the Word in the hall 9.15am. Parents invited. Sacrament of Reconciliation
Tuesday 1 st April	Eco Club trip to Wandsworth Recycling Centre
Wednesday 2 nd April	Y5 Celebration of the Word in the hall 9.15am. Parents invited
Thursday 3 rd April	Lentern Service in the hall for Y2-6
Thursday 3 rd April	Reception trip to Bocketts Farm
Friday 4 th April	School closes for Easter holiday at 1.30pm
13 th -20 th April	HOLY WEEK
Sunday 20 th April	Easter Sunday
Monday 21 st April	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 nd April	First day of the summer term - school re-opens
Wednesday 23 rd April	Y3 Celebration of the Word in the hall 9.15am. Parents invited