

ST JOSEPH'S LENTEN JOURNEY

During this Lenten season, our whole school has been journeying together with hearts full of hope and purpose. The children have made thoughtful promises to pray more, fast in simple but meaningful ways, and find opportunities to give to others. Our KS2 pupils have also experienced the special gift of reconciliation, taking time to pause, reflect, and open their hearts to God's forgiveness. It has been a beautiful reminder that Lent is not just about giving things up, but about growing closer to God and one another.

As part of our Lenten journey, each class has been using our new "handprint boxes," where children and staff write down how someone in our school community has left a handprint on their heart through kindness, friendship, or support. Every week, names are drawn from each class box, and those children proudly receive a special badge in celebration of the positive impact they've made. This simple activity has helped us recognise the Christ-like love that is already alive in our classrooms and encouraged everyone to look for ways to make a difference during Lent and beyond.



PRAYERS THIS TERM:

OUR SCHOOL PRAYER

St. Joseph's is our school.

Teach us Lord, to Love, Learn and Grow together.

Just as you guided your beloved son, Jesus.

Open our hearts to your plans for us and

Show us your path to follow.

Each day, help us to feel your presence among us,

Protecting us on our journey.

Holy Spirit be with us.

St. Joseph pray for us.

Amen

**I want to follow in your
footsteps
because I trust in you.
Slowly I discover your path
and I move forward,
keeping my eyes fixed on
you.**



KINDNESS PRAYER

Dear God,

Thank you that we can be kind to one another.

Thank you for our teachers and family who
teach us why we need to be kind.

Thank you God, for the kindness and love that
you show us.

Please help us to forgive our friends for any
fallings-out.

Please help us always to give people a second
chance.

Please help us to say sorry and start again.

Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Faith Leaders led the Ash Wednesday liturgy with great reverence and confidence, guiding the school community in prayer as we began our Lenten journey together. They helped us reflect on how Lent calls us to return to God with open hearts, a theme beautifully echoed in our readings and prayers during the service.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

& END OF TERM MASS

Father John visited Years 4, 5 and 6 for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The children thought about what they wanted forgiveness for and shared The Act of Contrition.



Our End of Term Mass was a wonderful celebration of the term. All the children entered the church beautifully and participated well in the Mass. We once again thank the parish and our priests for allowing us to celebrate in the church and regularly visiting the children at school.

PASSION PLAY

Well done to Years 3 and 4 who delivered a beautiful Passion Play. It is always so important to remind ourselves of the story that led us to Easter celebrations. The children spoke clearly and sang so well.



Thank you to everyone who donated to The Dementia Café! £283.53 was raised which will be used to buy activities and crafts for attendees.

CARE HOME VISIT

Year 2 had a truly heart-warming visit to the care home, where the children brought smiles and joy to the residents through their kindness and enthusiasm. The room was filled with chatter, laughter, and gentle moments of connection as the children shared their stories and conversations. It was a special experience that lifted the spirits of everyone involved and beautifully showed how even small acts of friendship can brighten someone's day.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

This term, our school has been deepening its understanding of Catholic Social Teaching by focusing on two important themes. In February, the children explored *Human Dignity*, learning that every person is precious and deserves to be treated with kindness and respect. In March, we turned our attention to *Option for the Poor*, encouraging pupils to think about how we can share what we have and make choices that support those most in need.



Everyone is special

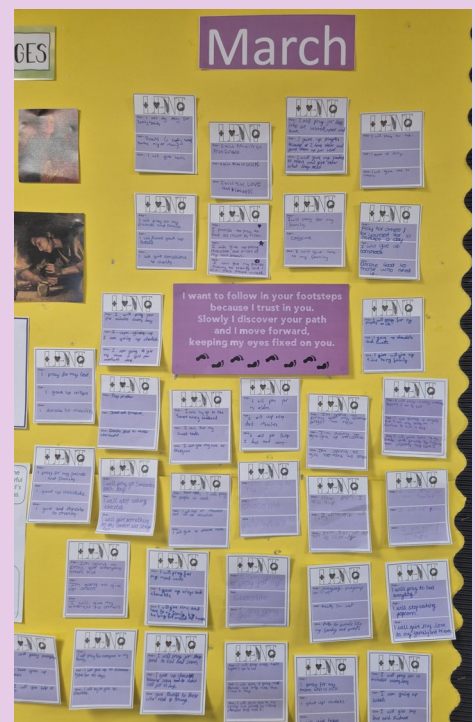


Human Dignity

Putting people most in need first

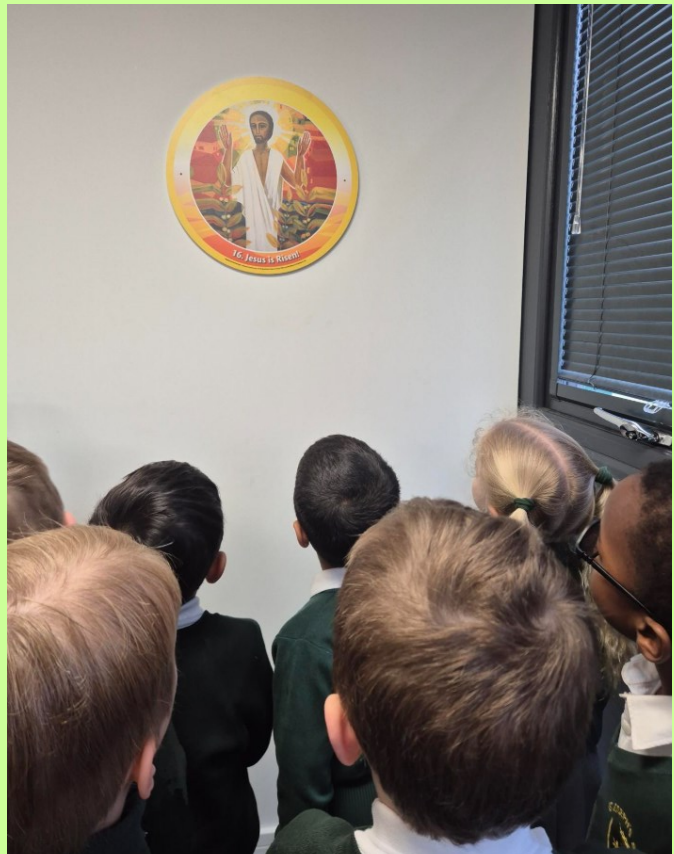


Preferential Option for the Poor



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As part of our Lenten journey, we visited our school prayer space, creating a quiet and thoughtful atmosphere for the children to pause and reflect. The children had the opportunity to walk the Stations of the Cross, taking time at each station to think about the moments of Jesus' final journey. Moving slowly and reverently, they reflected on how painful and difficult this path must have been for Jesus, and how His courage and love guide us in our own lives today. It was a meaningful experience that helped the children connect more deeply with the true message of Lent.



YEAR 6 CHARITY DAY

Year 6's Charity Day was a wonderful celebration of teamwork, generosity, and fun. The children organised and ran their stalls with such professionalism—welcoming visitors, explaining their activities, and handling money with impressive confidence. The whole school enjoyed exploring the different games and challenges, filling the school with excitement and laughter, all while raising money for numerous great causes. It was a joyful reminder of how capable our pupils are when given the opportunity to lead.



ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE AT ST. JOSEPH'S
WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND HOLY EASTER.

