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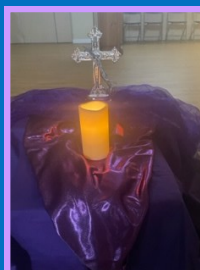
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# NEWSLETTER

Friday 31st March 2023

Newsletter No 26

Interim Executive Headteacher : Mrs H Milligan  
Interim Head of School : Mrs L Husted



We strive to follow Christ example , to always do our best

## Mrs Milligan and Mrs Husted's Message

We know that love makes families and friendships flourish; but it is good to remember that it also makes social, cultural, economic and political relationships flourish, allowing us to construct a "civilization of love" Pope Francis

...and this is exactly what our children have done this half term... they have shown a love for those in our local and global family, carrying out acts of service for those in our society who are poor and/ or vulnerable.

This Lent, we pledged to Pray, Give and Fast

Thank you to

- Reception who visited and told us what we needed to know about Hodge Hill Grange Care Home
- Year 1, who visited, donated to and shared with us what we needed to know about St Chad's Sanctuary
- Year 2, who visited and donated to Kingfisher Food Bank
- Year 3, who fundraised and raised awareness for Teddy Rose Foundation
- Year 4, who visited and donated to Caflo Food Bank
- Year 5, who raised awareness of and funds for Shelter
- Year 6, who worked at The Pantry
- The whole school who raised funds for and awareness of Father Hudson's and Cafod.

The important part to all this is that this support does not end just because Lent will soon end. These relationships will continue throughout the year and beyond.

Our beautiful Holy Week Liturgy took place yesterday—a wonderful way to finish off our Lenten journey together.

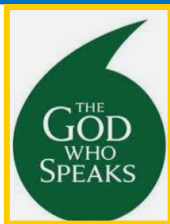
Mass times for St Wilfrid's are posted lower down on the newsletter.





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## The God who Speaks

This week, we heard another miracle story. The Raising of Lazarus from the dead. We reflected on all we had heard about Jesus over the past few weeks and how this enabled us and others to have faith in Him as the Son of God.

**"Your brother will rise again" - John 11:23**

**We pray for Pope Francis, who is unwell in hospital, at this time.**

## Virtues Award

### Infants

Eesa (2B)

### Juniors

Lucy, Hadia and Hiba (Y5)—Steward of Creation work, William (6W)

Right of the

Week



**One of our favourite rights for the school holidays...**

**Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)**

**Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.**

**Try to vary what you do during the holidays—a walk, or a trip to the park or the library, or a visit to a friend costs very little or nothing...put down those devices and enjoy Spring appearing (slowly!)**



## Virtues of the Half Term



### Learned and Wise

At the beginning of the half term we talked about our children being learned and wise ...learned about the most vulnerable in our society and wise in how they can help. And they have certainly proven that.

Well done everybody!





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## Dates For Your Calendar

Date	Event
Monday 17th April 2023	Back to School
To take place on Tuesday 18th April	Easter Bonnet /Whacky Headgear Parade parade on junior playground
Entries in on Tuesday 18th April	Decorate an Egg Competition
20th April	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day
25th April	Year 3 First Holy Communion Workshop 2pm
25th April	Year 5 maths challenge
27th April	Year 4 trip to Islamic Experience
3rd May	Year 3 Hinduism Workshop
5th May	School celebration for King's Coronation—more details to follow
8th May	BANK HOLIDAY FOR KING'S CORONATION—SCHOOL CLOSED
9—12th May	KS2 SATS (Year 6)
16th May	Reception classes—animal man
23rd May	Daniel Thompson— visiting poet
23rd May	Year 6 Confirmation Workshop
25th May	Year 3 Reconciliation—10:30am. Parents welcome
26th May	Year 6—DT trip to Drayton Manor
26th May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 5th June	School INSET day—closed to pupils
Tuesday 6th June	Pupils return

## DECORATE AN EGG COMPETITION

Decorate a hard-boiled or blown egg in the most imaginative and beautifully decorated way you can.

You may decorate your egg using any medium you choose: paint, pencil, felt-tip pens, paper, etc., and you may use any theme that inspires you... faces, patterns, animals, flowers, famous people. You decide!

Please bring in your decorated eggs into school next week and the judging will take place on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Winners will be announced on that day-time to get cracking!

After Easter,—Jesus is risen - a new celebration of life!

Only one entry per child. Please make sure that your name and class is clearly marked on your entry.

**Chocolate and house points to be won!**

## A Reminder of our Teacher Days for the Coming Academic Year

~~Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022~~

~~Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022~~

~~Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022~~

~~Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023~~

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023





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## Awards

Class	Name/s
Nurs	Muntaha
RNM	Whole class
RCT	Grace
1DG	Inioluwa
1M	Zoya
2B	Rayyan
2G	Alfie
3PB	Mujtaba, Reico-J
3M	Ashayla
4B	Irfa
4P	Camilla
5P	Antonia
5W	Sophia, Whole class
6G	David
6W	Iga
Wise Owl	Aryan (6W)
Music	Wind ensemble
Sport	TAG Rugby teams
Lunchtime	Anastasia (2B), Kamara (6G), 1DG

### Star Awards—well done everybody!



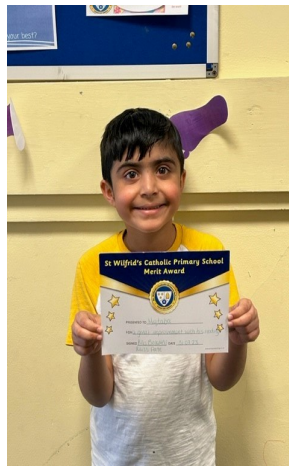
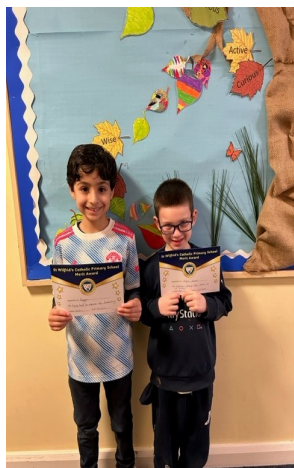
Each week, we celebrate our children's achievements in our Friday assembly and award them with certificates.

Well done to everyone

### Miss Turner's Walk Once A Week Award



Keep walking!  
Save the planet!





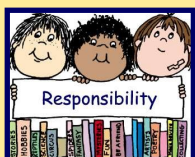
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## Options for the Poor and Vulnerable, striving for The Common Good

"We know that love makes families and friendships flourish; but it is good to remember that it also makes social, cultural, economic and political relationships flourish, allowing us to construct a "civilization of love" Pope Francis

This half term, we are putting a focus on Options for The Poor and Vulnerable, The Dignity of the Human Person and striving for The Common Good.



We are invited by God to care for those who need the most help. In scriptures, Jesus is always spending time with those who are cared for the least. We follow his example to strive for the Common Good—we try to make life equitable for all.

This week we have started our Big Lenten Walk.

WE HAVE ARRIVED!

Thanks to Mrs Gregory, who has been cheering on our walkers each lunch time; we have finally walked, during Lent, 206 miles and arrived at Notre Dame Cathedral in Rouen, France...not quite Rome, but a great effort! Thank you for all your kind donations on a Friday for non uniform to donate to the CAFOD Big Lenten Walk campaign. This will go towards helping families in Bangladesh cope with extreme weather brought on by climate change.

### Year 3 Lenten Act of Service

Last week, we reported that Year 3 had raised £190 for Teddy Rose Foundation...but they are STILL going! Yesterday they held a fundraising disco ...we do not have the final total yet, but all money will go to this wonderful cause!

### Year 1 Lenten Act of Service

DON'T FORGET, YEAR 1 ARE, FOLLOWING ON FROM THEIR TRIP TO ST CHAD'S SANCTUARY, LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF MENS' JEANS. PLEASE SEND THEM INTO SCHOOL IF YOU HAVE ANY! THANKS!

### Reception Lenten Act of Service

They finally made it to Hodge Hill Grange Care Home! The children spent time with the residents and took them cards and gifts. The children were delighted to find they also had activities organised for when they arrived! They will tell us more after Easter and we will find out how we can continue to build this relationship as a school.



### Year 5

Year 5 have powered away raising awareness of and money for Shelter. Inspired by the Christmas story when Mary and Joseph had nowhere to stay, they wanted to support those who did not have a regular place to live. They have raised money through cake sales and there is even word of taking this forward to a 'camp out at home'...watch this space.





## Attendance

It's the end of the half term, so it's time to find out who the half termly winner is! If your child had the best attendance for the week in their class, their name went into the jar for that particular week and the winning name was pulled out of the jar today!

CONGRATULATIONS TO  
Kaiden (2B)  
WHO WINS A FAMILY TICKET TO Drayton Manor!

The overall winning class for this half term, who got the highest attendance overall and, therefore, got to

SPIN TO WIN  
today was  
6W  
They spun the wheel and won a games afternoon!  
Who will it be next half term..

Remember...  
**YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN TO WIN!**

Attendance—period 27th—30th March 2023

Our whole school attendance target is 96%



Class	%
RCT	90.2%
RNM	85.2%
1DG	94.3%
1M	93.5%
2B	90%
2G	91.1%
3M	90.5%
3PB	86.9%
4B	90.9%
4P	87.5%
5P	87.1%
5W	96.7%
6G	90.4%
6W	87.9%

This weeks whole school attendance is: 90.2%





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## Pupil Ambassadors

Be leaders wherever it behooves you to be - Pope Francis

### Stewards of Creation

We are Hadia, Lucy and Hiba . This week we made our corner of the world look even more beautiful, by putting stones down along the entrance pathway. We are investigating environmentally friendly chalks in order to make the pathway more welcoming!

We will be running a fundraiser after Easter to collect money to buy

A planter, compost and plants for the front entrance

Grow bags for our school potato competition

Plants for the Faith Space we have planned

We will also be putting boxes in the school entrance and church porch to collect good quality, clean, pre loved books ,toys and clothes for a swap-shop.

### Faith Team

We have been busy this week leading Liturgical Prayer and The Stations of the Cross. After the holidays, we will be leading the school in celebrating Easter joy!

### School Council

We are busy planning the celebrations for the Kings Coronation...watch this space!

### House Captains

We are running our Easter Competition—please see the poster.





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## Extra Messages

### Mass Times over Holy Week and Easter

Maunday Thursday—5:30pm  
Good Friday—3pm  
Holy Saturday—5:30pm  
Easter Sunday—9am  
Please do come along



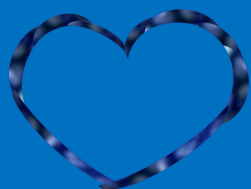
We are delighted that Miss Clohessy has returned to work today, after maternity leave. She will be working in Reception alongside Miss Turner.

...and a huge  
**CONGRATULATIONS**

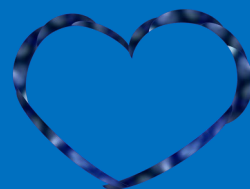
to Miss Turner who gets married over the Easter Holidays!

We wish her and Mr Dunleavy a wonderful wedding day and lots of love and happiness for their future together.

After the holidays, Miss Turner will be returning as Mrs Dunleavy! We hope to be able to share some photos with you on our return!



Have a Happy and Holy Easter, and stay safe.  
We thank our children and staff for all of their hard work this term and look forward to seeing you all on the 17th April at 8:55am







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## Easter holiday Family Activities



Castle Bromwich  
Historic Gardens

**1ST - 16TH APRIL - 7 DAYS A WEEK**

We're open EVERYDAY for Percy Trails and Egg Hunts  
No need to book for these.



There's a new **Percy the Park Keeper Adventure Trail** based on the story "One Springy Day".

Follow the **Egg Hunt Activity Trail (£3)** and pick up your chocolate egg prize too.  
(non dairy alternatives available)

*Outdoor Cafe open each day. Picnics welcome*

**also on... SAT 8TH AND SUN 9TH APRIL (EASTER WEEKEND)**

### Colonel Pickering's Regiment of Foote

Living History encampment: sights, sounds and smells! English Civil War re-enactors takeover for the weekend. (free with entry)

### Bookable sessions:

**4TH & 11TH APRIL**

#### Pond Life & Minibeasts

Adventurers and explorers, this one's for you, discover the tiny world of bugs at your feet

**5TH, 6TH & 13TH APRIL**

#### Percy's Spring Workshop

Activities, Crafts and Stories with Percy the Park Keeper

**7TH & 12TH APRIL**

#### Woodland Wizards

Witness the magic of nature, train as a Wizard's apprentice and carve your own wand.

**IDEAL FOR AGES 2-11**



Pick up a picnic lunchbox. Just like Percy's  
**£5 at the Cafe Cabin Available everyday**



**Children £3**

**Adults £5/£4.50**

**Lots of free activities included with entry fee**





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Birmingham  
**forward  
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The best start for our children

Hodge Hill District Children's Centres

## English Classes

For parents of an under 5 with activities for children

**Starting April 2023**

**Every Thursday 1pm till 3pm**

**You will learn how to -**

- **Speak with the doctor/teacher**
- **Learn greetings/introductions**
- **Learn the days of the week and time.**



**To register please call Gurdip on 07870981288**

  
**spurgeons**  
children's charity







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## 8-14 Easter Sports & Media Camp

Bring Brum!

Does your child qualify for free school meals? if so they are entitled to a fully funded place to our action packed sports camp at Jaffray Playing Fields from 10am - 2pm every day! Non-eligible children £20 per day or £60 for 4. Call 0121 622 1992 for details.

April  
**11-14**  
2023!

### Activities include:

- |                 |                 |                        |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| ✓ AQA Learning  | ✓ Laser Tag     | ✓ T-Shirt Printing     |
| ✓ Football      | ✓ Trampolining  | ✓ Hat Printing         |
| ✓ Bowling       | ✓ Team Building | Places are limited, so |
| ✓ Rock Climbing | ✓ Broadcasting  | act fast!              |

<https://external-forms.viewsapp.net/forms/v/1a000ed3-7ac7-4f68-93c1-f31526eeb805>





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Live sustainably

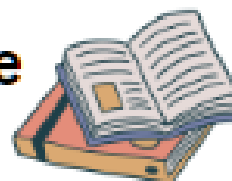
## COFFEE MORNING

pre loved  
clothes  
books  
toys

27TH  
APRIL

9am  
school  
hall

If you would like  
to, bring an  
offering of food  
from your  
culture to share!



Any donations will go to







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## Online Safety Newsletter

April 2023

### Sendit

Sendit is an add on app to Snapchat and it allows users to play games together. Sendit state on their website that the app is not intended for children under the age of 13.

The games include Q&A games including ask me anything. A user asks a question and players can respond **anonymously**. As with any anonymous element, there is an increased risk of cyberbullying.

The app does contain in-app purchases ranging from £0.99 to £29.99. There is also a weekly subscription service available, which provides users with enhanced features. It costs £8.49 per week. Ensure payment details are not stored/accessible on your child's device to avoid unexpected bills.

If you know that your child is using this app then you can contact Sendit to ask them to disable their account.

#### Further information

<https://www.getsendit.com/parents>

### Anime TV

Anime refers to animations originating from Japan. Due to its cartoon style, your child might inadvertently watch it when it isn't appropriate for their age. Some Anime contains adult themes. It is important to check age ratings so a starting point could be Common Sense Media. They have created a list of some Anime TV with reviews/age ratings:  
<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/lists/anime-tv-for-teens-and-tweens>

### Being unkind online

It can be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they wouldn't if they were face to face with each other.

Talk to your child about how they speak to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect and kindness, like they would

if they were face-to-face. How they act online should be how they behave on the school playground when they are following school rules. Here are some examples of what being unkind looks like online:



- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies

The above might happen whilst your child is gaming online or whilst using social media or messaging apps e.g. WhatsApp.

### Top Internet Manners



Internet Matters have produced a list of 'manners' that we all should follow to create a safer and kinder online world:  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/top-internet-manners/>

### What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

Ensure that your child understands that if they receive unkind messages or see something that worries them, they should not reply or engage in conversation with the perpetrator. Instead, they should tell a trusted adult. You can use the tools within an app to report any offensive or hurtful content as well as block people so they cannot contact you again in the future.

### Further information

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with/how-do-i-know-if-im-being-mean-online>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into.  
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## BeReal

You must be 13+ to use BeReal. BeReal is a social media app. It notifies you once a day to upload an image of what you are doing. Once you receive the notification, you have two minutes to capture and share what you are doing at that moment. All your friends post at the exact same time and once you have posted, you can then see what your friends have posted. If you do not post, then you cannot see your friend's BeReals from that day or access the discovery tab.



### What do I need to be aware of?

BeReal is private by default and only visible to your friends. However, it is possible to share with all users by selecting the public option. If selected, your BeReal will appear in the Discovery tab so all users can see and interact with it, therefore there is the possibility of strangers contacting your child via this app.

There is also an option to share your location. Chat to your child about location sharing as it is important that your child understands the risk of location sharing and when it is and is not appropriate to share.

Discovery tab – this is the area where you can view all other BeReals that have been made public. There is an element of risk that your child may see an inappropriate image depending on what others have uploaded.

If your child is using BeReal then talk to them about what they share, what they should do if they see something inappropriate or that they find upsetting and that they know how to use the reporting tools.

### Further information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/is-bereal-safe-for-my-child>

## Snapchat Update

### Family Centre: New Feature

Snapchat launched Family Centre last year, which includes features such as allowing you to see who your child is friends with on Snapchat and who they have been communicating with (you will not be able to see the contents of conversations).

Snapchat have now announced their latest feature for Family Centre - Content Controls. Content controls will allow you to limit the type of content your child can watch on Snapchat by filtering out stories.

You can find out how to set this new feature up here:  
<https://values.snap.com/en-GB/news/introducing-content-controls-on-family-center>

## TikTok update

You must be over 13 years of age to use TikTok.

**60-minute screentime notification**  
TikTok are introducing a 60-minute screentime notification for teen accounts (accounts with users under 18 years of age). When the time limit is reached, the user will be asked to enter their passcode to continue watching.

### Family Pairing: new features

This allows you to link your own account to your child's account. TikTok have now added three new features:

- **Custom daily screen time limits:** this option includes choosing different time limits depending on the day of the week as well.
- **Screen time dashboard:** this provides a summary of time spent on the app, the number of times TikTok was opened and a breakdown of total time spent during the day and night.
- **Mute notifications:** this setting will enable you to mute notifications at set times. Accounts aged 13-15 already do not receive push notifications from 9pm and for accounts aged 16-17, notifications are disabled from 10pm.

You can find out more here:  
<https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-us/new-features-for-teens-and-families-on-tiktok-us>

## When should a child get their own phone?

If you are thinking about giving your child their own phone, then you might find the latest article from the Education Team at Childnet useful:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/experts-answer-when-should-my-child-get-their-first-phone>



Dates	Parents' Meeting	Celebration/Mass
<u>Thursday</u> <u>17<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> <u>2022</u>	<u>Via TEAMS</u> 4:15pm  Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and Confirmation:  General Introduction to Sacramental preparation	
<u>Thursday</u> <u>24<sup>th</sup> Nov</u> <u>2022</u>		9:05am  Reconciliation and First Holy Communion and Confirmation  Sacramental Preparation Induction Mass  All parents welcome
<u>Thursday</u> <u>25<sup>th</sup> May</u> <u>2023</u>	10:30am  Sacrament of First Reconciliation for Year 3 pupils  Parents Welcome	
<u>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></u> <u>June</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Via TEAMS</u>  Join at 4:15 for Confirmation Meeting: Update on Sacramental preparation that has been taking place Arrangements for the day  Join at 4:40pm for First Holy Communion meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Sacrament of First Holy Communion</li> </ul>	
<u>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></u> <u>June 2023</u>		7pm  Sacrament of Confirmation for Year 6 pupils  In church with Bishop
<u>Saturday</u> <u>17<sup>th</sup> June</u> <u>2022</u>		9:30am  Sacrament of First Holy Communion for Year 3 pupils  In church
<u>Thursday</u> <u>13<sup>th</sup> July</u> <u>2023</u>		9:05am  Going Forth Mass  Year 3 and Year 6 pupils  In church Parents Welcome