

# St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

*'Love one another as I have loved you'*



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**Virtue to Live By: Love**

## **Head Teacher Newsletter 11** **Monday 2nd March 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers

As we begin the second week of Lent, Sunday's Gospel reminds us of Jesus' transfiguration on the mountaintop — a powerful moment of light, hope and transformation. In this special season, Catholics around the world take time to pray, fast and give to others, preparing our hearts for Easter and following Jesus more closely through self-reflection and acts of love. Lent is a deeply important period in the Church's year, reminding us that small sacrifices and kind actions can make a big difference.

**CAFOD Visit and the Big Lent Walk:** We are delighted to welcome CAFOD into school today. They will lead a whole-school assembly and launch this year's *Big Lent Walk*, before working with Years 3 and 4 in workshops all about global justice and community. Their visit links beautifully with our Catholic Social Teaching, giving our children the chance to live out our faith by supporting others in need.

**Lent Fundraising:** Our Lent fundraising officially begins this week. You'll receive a calendar outlining the events and activities we have planned. Every penny raised will go to the *Good Shepherd Fund* at the Diocese of Leeds, helping us make a meaningful contribution this Lent.

**Year 5 Nell Bank Residential:** On Wednesday, Year 5 will head off to Nell Bank for their three-day residential in Ilkley. The highlight will be the much-loved walk to the Cow and Calf rocks — always a wonderful experience. These residential visits are a key part of school life, helping children grow in independence, teamwork and confidence. A heartfelt thank you to the staff who give up time away from their own families to make these experiences possible.

**Book Week and World Book Day:** We'll be celebrating *Book Week* and *World Book Day* on **Tuesday**, so that our Year 5 children don't miss out while away. Children may come dressed as their favourite book character or, for a cosy twist, in their pyjamas! Reading is not only vital for learning — it's also a lifetime source of joy and imagination. KS2 will enjoy an exciting "Play in a Day" or a workshop with *Konflux Theatre*, while KS1 and Reception will be transported into stories by the visiting *Tiny Tales*.

**Book Fair – Friday 13th March:** Our *Scholastic Book Fair* arrives on Friday 13th March. This is always a brilliant opportunity to choose a new bedtime story or discover a new author together.

**Reception and Year 6 Health Visit:** The school nurse will be spending time with our Reception and Year 6 pupils on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March as part of their regular health programme.

**Staff Training and Writing Development:** Our teachers spent last week's training day deepening their work on writing across school. We reviewed how children are taught to write, with a particular focus on handwriting. Good handwriting underpins clear communication and is a key part of transcription, so it remains an important skill in our curriculum. As always, our aim is simple — to keep improving so every child can achieve their best.

**Sports News:** Our football team are in action today, playing their postponed match against Whitkirk at home. We're sending them lots of luck! The next fixture will be on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**, away at Roundhay.

**Year 6 Lifesaving and Safety Workshops:** On Wednesday afternoon, Year 6 will take part in a *Little Lifesavers* session, learning essential first aid skills, including CPR — knowledge that could one day help save a life. On Thursday, our PCSO Luke will visit to lead an important talk about *County Lines*, helping pupils understand how to make safe and responsible choices.

**Reception Mother's Day Assembly:** Reception will be leading a special *Mother's Day Assembly* on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 9:10am**. Families are warmly invited to join us for what is always a lovely and heartfelt celebration.

**Easter Production Preparations:** Years 3 and 4 are now busy preparing for their annual *Easter Production*. Details about tickets and performance dates will be sent home soon — it's already sounding wonderful!

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
Mon 2 Mar	CAFOD Visit & Big Lent Walk Launch
Tues 3 Mar	Book Week & World Book Day celebrations
Wed–Fri 4–6 Mar	Year 5 Nell Bank Residential
Wed 4 Mar	Year 6 Little Lifesavers
Thurs 5 Mar	PCSO Luke with Year 6
Mon 9 Mar	Football Match – Roundhay (Away)
Thurs 12 Mar	Reception Mother's Day Assembly 9:10am
Fri 13 Mar	Book Fair Arrives

As always, thank you for your warmth and support in all that we do. This time of year is wonderfully busy, and together we continue to give our children a joyful, faith-filled and memorable school experience.

With every blessing,

Mrs Burns  
Headteacher

